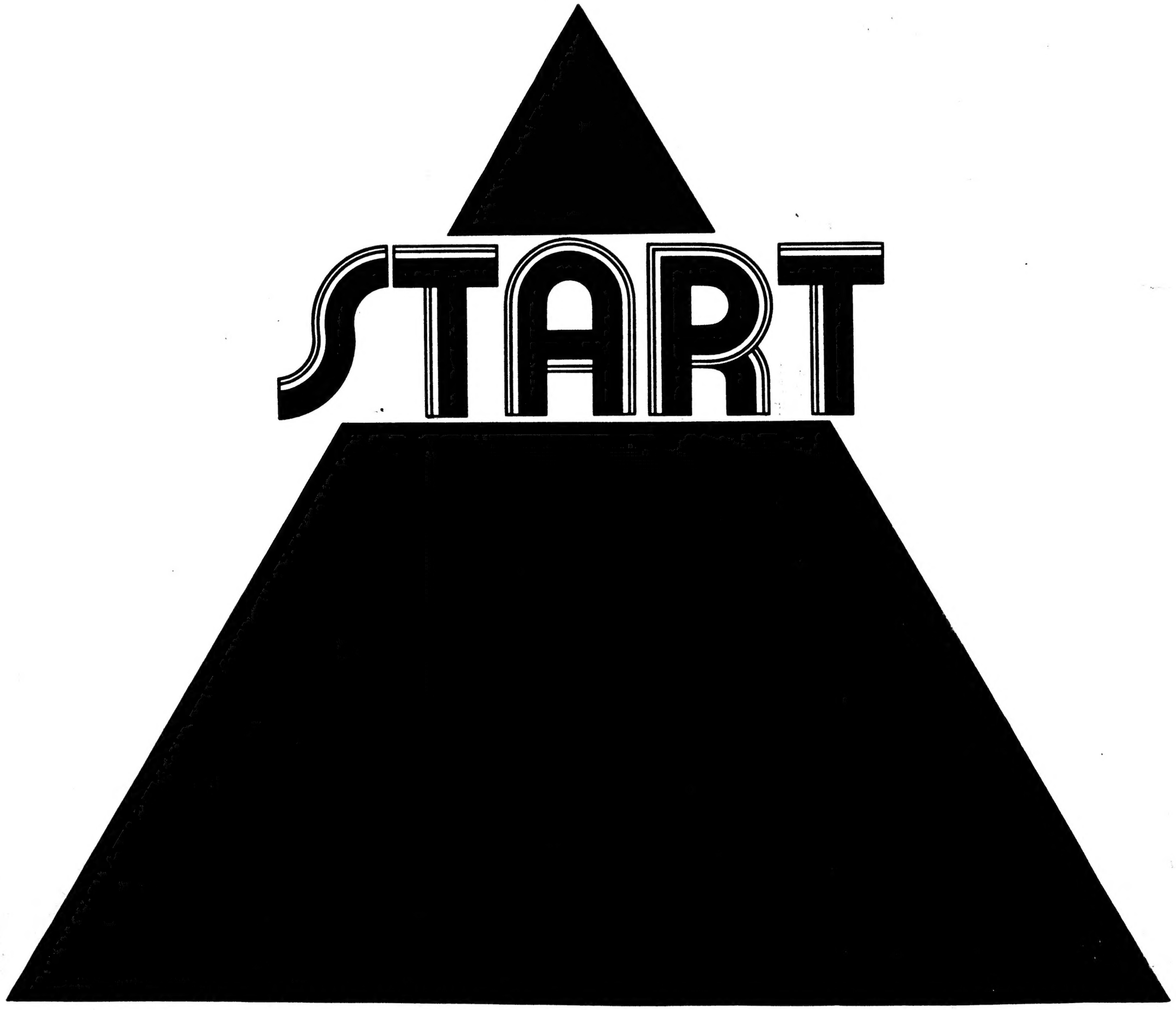
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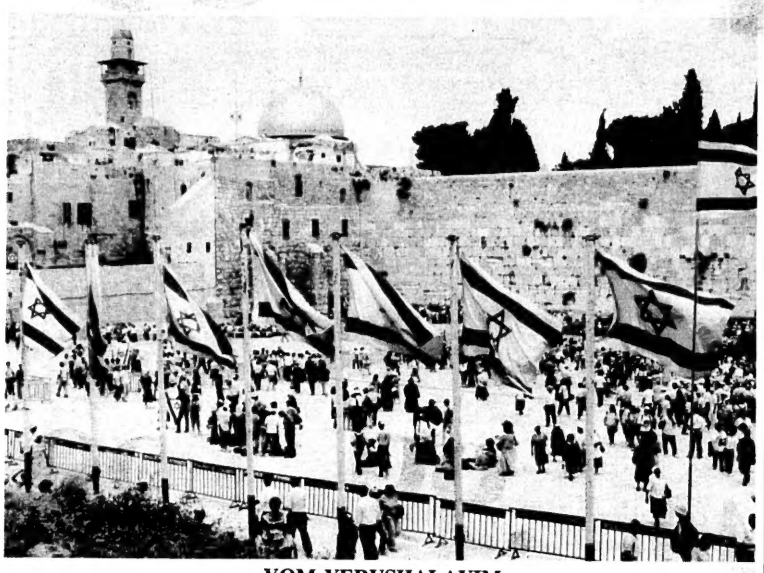

YOM YERUSHALAYIM

The plaza overlooking the Western Wall in Jerusalem is expected to be packed to capacity this Monday, when the city will celebrate the 27th anniversary of its reunification following the 1967 Six-Day War. [IPPA Photo]

Muhammad's audience gets that long distance feeling

CJN Staff

TORONTO — Khalid Abdul Muhammad didn't need to enter Canada to deliver his latest diatribe. He used the telephone.

The former aide to Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan was supposed to speak last Sunday at the University of Toronto.

But earlier in the week, Canadian immigration officials, acting on a complaint from Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), said they would turn Muhammad back at the border because of his 1987 fraud conviction and the chance he might violate hate laws by expressing anti-Semitic, anti-gay and anti-Asian views.

In a letter to Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi, CJC president Irving Abella called Muhammad a "racist agitator" and a hatemonger.

Instead of appearing in person, Muhammad, 45, addressed more than 300 people over the phone at a west-end Toronto social club.

The crowd cheered as Muhammad made his feelings clear in his 20-minute speech. Whites and Jews are the "enemies and the oppressors" of the black race, he said from somewhere in the United States. Audience members paid $10 to hear him.

Muhammad said there is "no comparison" between the Nation of Islam and the Ku Klux Klan because "no one ever put them in slavery for 400 years."

Muhammad made similar statements to a Montreal audience last May, when more than 500 people turned out at Concordia University to hear him call Jews "lying, hypocrite, no-good bastards."

Muhammad later failed to appear at an immigration panel after he left Canada of his own accord.

He also made headlines in November when, at another college campus — this one in New Jersey — Muhammad referred to Jews as "bloodsuckers."

The comments, officially condemned by the U.S. Congress, caused Farrakhan to suspend Muhammad as his national assistant.

But Muhammad said he was not coming to Canada "to teach black people to hate white people, nor am I coming to teach black people to hate Jews. I'm coming to teach black people to love self.

"We want to be sensitive to [Jewish] suffering, but they and others must be sensitive to ours."

That "sensitivity" was demonstrated last month, after Muhammad toured the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

Commenting on that visit in an April 19 address at Howard University, he said, "They had piles of shoes, as if I was supposed to be impressed. We didn't even have shoes."

He also referred to Jews as "swindlers," adding, "You have your Schindler's list but it's really a swindler's list."

The League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada expressed concern over Muhammad's proposed Canadian visit.

"There is no room for hatemongers in Canada," said the league's national chair, Steve Scheinberg.

Scheinberg said he heard Muhammad speak last May at Concordia University and described the speech as "the worst outpouring of anti-Semitism and homophobia ever to hit my ears."

Gerda Frieberg, chair of CJC's Ontario region, said she was thankful Muhammad couldn't show up but "we continue to be disturbed that there are people who would entertain his hateful message by other means."

Analysis:

Israel, PLO 'concessions' lead to signing

By DAVID LANDAU
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The long-awaited agreement that Israel and the PLO are signing in Cairo this week is the result of significant concessions from both sides.

In reaching the agreement, Israel granted some PLO demands that would give the Palestinians the symbolic trappings of statehood — including their own postage stamps and international telephone codes.

But the measures do not go so far as to imply Israeli recognition of Palestinian sovereignty.

The Israeli cabinet and officials at PLO headquarters in Tunis gave their approval Sunday for their respective leaders to sign the agreement, which will usher in a new era of Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

The agreement by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat clears the way for the implementation of the broad principles of Palestinian autonomy that were signed last fall in Washington.

Some 2,500 guests were slated to be at the Cairo ceremony, hosted by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and attended by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, who is touring the Middle East on a fresh round of shuttle diplomacy.

The final, unresolved points in the agreement were to be hammered out at an 11th-hour "summit meeting" between Rabin and Arafat this week.

Both sides have agreed that these final points — which include the precise size of the autonomous Jericho district and the deployment of Palestinian police on the Allenby Bridge between the West Bank and Jordan — would not be allowed to hold up the signing.

Agreement on the final document was reached at the talks in Cairo following a trade-off of significant concessions between Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Arafat.

With Rabin's prior approval, Peres agreed to let the Gaza-Jericho self-governing authority issue its own postage stamps, have its own internationally recognized telephone dialing code and issue travel documents that were described as both a laissez-passer and a passport.

The PLO gave in to Israel's insistence that Israeli nationals come solely under Israeli legal jurisdiction for any crime they might commit inside the territory of the self-governing districts.

While the full text of the political and security agreements was not to be published until after Wednesday's signing ceremony, it is believed to contain the following main elements:

- The Israeli army withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho will be completed within 10 days of the agreement's signing.
- The temporary international presence to be stationed in Gaza and Jericho will hail from six of the countries which are contributing materially to the Palestinian self-government, but not from the United States. There was no agreement yet on their exact number.
- Residents of Gaza and Jericho will be issued a travel document, labeled "Laissez-Passer" with the word "Passport" printed below. It will be valid for three years.
- Arafat, who will be free to visit or take up residence in the self-governing districts, will continue to call himself "chairman of the PLO" — or, if elected chairman of the Palestinian self-government, that title — but not "president of Palestine."
- The Palestinian postage stamp will bear the legend "Palestinian Authority."
- The next session of the Palestine National Council, the PLO's so-called "parliament-in-exile," will take up the question of abrogating the sections of the Palestine National Covenant calling for Israel's dismemberment. This was a commitment undertaken by the PLO in the agreement on mutual recognition that accompanied the Declaration of Principles signed last September in Washington.
- Palestinians will be guaranteed unfettered freedom of movement between Gaza and Jericho, under detailed arrangements that have been hammered out.
- Another issue reportedly resolved in principle, but not yet published, even informally, is that of air-space rights and arrangements, over both Gaza and Jericho, and other parts of the West Bank that may revert to Palestinian self-rule in the next phase of the peace process.
- The "Cairo Agreement" reached earlier this year, mainly regarding arrangements at the Allenby Bridge crossing between Jordan and the West Bank, has

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Yesha spokesman says peace will lead to 'bloodiest war yet'

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Capitulation. Jews as lampshades and soap. Arafat collaborating with Hamas. Jews slaughtered by Arab terrorists. Israel committing suicide. Arafat on trial for crimes against humanity.

Yesha spokesman Yechiel Leiter pulled out all the rhetorical stops last week in sounding a dire warning that Israel is rushing headlong into disaster through its negotiations with the PLO.

Speaking in the last of Holy Blossom Temple's lecture series on Israel, Leiter presented an impassioned critique of the process he said will inevitably lead Israel not to peace but to its bloodiest war yet.

"This process is based on a fallacy, a myth called incremental implementation," he asserted. Granting sovereignty to the Palestinians and ceding territory will lead to heightened expectations of statehood, he said. If Israel does not grant them that statehood, their frustration could lead to the outbreak of war in which Israel's Arab neighbors will join in, he predicted.

Leiter, a riveting spokesman for Yesha, a Hebrew acronym for the settlers' movement in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, said the PLO has failed to implement its part of the Declaration of Principles (DoP) signed in Washington last September. Soon after singing the DoP, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat appeared on Jordanian television and asserted it did not contradict the Palestinian covenant, which still calls for the eradication of Israel, Leiter said.

Perhaps what Arafat says to his own people is more telling than what he says on the international stage, he suggested.

There have been 39 cases in which Fatah, the segment of the PLO under Arafat's control, abrogated the DoP by attempting to murder Jews, he continued. Six have been successful. If Arafat can't end the killings, then how can he deliver on a peace treaty, he asked.

Recounting the many PLO terror attacks that have claimed scores of lives over the years, Leiter said Arafat should be brought to trial for crimes against humanity. Later, when commenting on the Hebron mosque attack, he wondered why the government of Israel and Jews elsewhere were quick to apologize for something they did not do. Where were the nations of the world when Jews were turned into lampshades and soap?, he asked. Why did it take his arm being twisted before Arafat would halfheartedly condemn one of the murderers by his own men, he asked.

Leiter said the peace negotiations envision a 9,000-man "police force" — really an army of PLO murderers who will patrol the streets in areas given to the Palestinians. That is the first time since the Holocaust that Israel has willfully put the security of Jews into the hands of others, he added.

Leiter claimed recent evidence shows the PLO and Hamas are collaborating in a "good cop, bad cop" scenario. With every Hamas attack that kills Jews, Arafat says he needs extra forces to control the situation. But, Leiter claimed, Arafat is informed prior to every Hamas attack.

A master orator who combined biblical references to Judea and Samaria with current security concerns, Leiter said these areas were essential for Israel's safety.

Furthermore, there is no consensus in Israel to give up the land. "You can't make peace externally at the price of peace internally," he said.

Leiter said the solution to the Israel-Palestinian imbroglio is turning Jordan into a state for the Palestinians. He suggested that King Hussein step down and and Palestinians take over, satisfying their desire for sovereignty.

When asked whether that approach was "fantastic", he replied that depending on Arafat to deliver peace is "secular-messianic thinking" that is not rooted in the real world.

Leiter was preceded by Yehudit Tayar, a leader of the Beit Horon settlement. Using a map of Israel with plastic overlays as a visual aid, she showed how 70 percent of Israel's population and 80 percent of its economic infrastructure are dominated by the mountains of Samaria and Judea. In addition, "whoever sits on the top of the land [the Samarian mountains] will ultimately decide who has the water," she said.

Leiter and Tayar also spoke last week at the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am synagogue at an event that was also sponsored by Adath Israel Congregation, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation and the Beth Sholom Congregation.

Racist rock concert draws U.S. band

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

Bernie Farber

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish Congress is questioning why an American band was permitted to enter Canada to perform at a racist rock concert held shortly after Hitler's birthday.

Immigration authorities were informed that the band, Maximum Resistance, would be entering Canada, said Bernie Farber, director of community relations for Congress.

Not only was the band permitted to enter but members weren't arrested for selling merchandise without a permit at the concert site near Brampton, he said. The goods included neo-Nazi T-shirts.

Farber said immigration authorities have stopped other bands from entering the country and expelled others soon after they arrrived.

While he was critical of immigration officials, Farber was quick to praise Toronto law enforcement officials. Police acted quickly to track down the original location of the concert and to persuade the owner of the Latvian Hall on College Street that the booking was for a racist rock concert. That led to the immediate cancellation of the concert, Farber said.

A "Rock Info Line" which publicizes similar concerts claims that "CJC ordered the police to do this." It said the owner of the Latvian Hall cancelled the booking when police warned him that members of Anti-Racist Action (ARA) were planning to confront concert-goers at the Hall.

Members of ARA did gather at Christie Pits, site of a 1933 riot in which Jews and others from minority groups fought a pitched battle with members of the Swastika Club. The ARA gathering fizzled out before any confrontation could take place.

Toronto student is number one

MONTREAL —Tzemah Yoreh, a 16-year-old high school student of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, recently won the first prize as the highest scorer for the Jewish Diaspora in the International Bible Contest held in Israel.

Yoreh outscored 50 contestants from 28 countries to capture the coveted award.

He is the son of Dr. Harry Fox and Dr. Tirza Meachum, both Talmud professors at the University of Toronto. He is the grandson of Bella and Benny Fox of Montreal.

The Canadian segment of the contest is sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation, the Jewish National Fund, the Jewish Educational Council of Montreal and Board of Jewish Education of Toronto.

Hatemongers head to campus in search of new recruits

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Hatemongers in search of new recruits are now targeting college and university students, said Bernie Farber, national director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress.

Farber presented a workshop on racism and its impact on the Jewish community during the seventh National Jewish Education Conference held recently in Winnipeg.

He noted that, while hate groups are not growing significantly overall, increasing numbers of young people are turning out at their meetings.

"It is frightening going to a racist meeting and seeing 120 young people seig heiling," he said. "It is as frightening today as it must have been in 1939. Racist violence is also growing."

Although hate groups have never been represented in mainstream Canada, Farber observed, they are becoming more emboldened of late. Economic conditions are such that for the first time in Canadian history, the next generation will have fewer opportunities for success than their parents. Unemployment among young people is around 18 per cent. Violence is increasing.

"Rose-colored glasses are no longer for sale," he said. "Hate groups are taking advantage of these conditions. They give young people hope for the future based on hate, racism and discrimination. Modern neo-Nazis, have learned from the past. They have repackaged themselves in candy-coated names like White Rights activists, the Church of the Creator or the Heritage Front."

Farber suggested that Jewish educators seem to think their students are immune from being taken in by such groups. The schools do not deal with racism.

He also admonished the Jewish school system to chip away at our own biases and tendencies to intolerance.

Israeli consul general sees hope for new peaceful relationships

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritime Correspondent

HALIFAX — Good intentions and good will can overcome the obstacles to peace, an Israeli diplomat told a Halifax audience April 26.

Itzhak Levanon, Israeli consul general in Montreal, said he sees no "technical problems in reaching a peace with the Palestinians and Arabs but mature people and mature states need a change of mentality."

Levanon was speaking to a group of Jewish communal leaders.

He said Israelis are sincere in their desire for peace but want every detail addressed. "We want security," Levanon said. "The accord will be irrevocable later on so we have to be cautious."

Levanon, who will complete a four-year term in August, participated in the first round of PLO-Israeli peace talks in Washington a few months ago.

"I don't see any other alternative than to shift from the violence to a more peaceful relationship with our neighbors," he said, tying Syria, Lebanon and Jordan into his discussion of Middle East peace.

Meanwhile, Levanon expected Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's trip to Russia last week would foster positive Russian activity in the peace process with Syria.

Itzhak Levanon

"Without Syria, we can't reach a comprehensive peace," he said. "And the international situation is the best right now to reach peace. If we miss it now, when might we have another chance?"

He is frustrated that extremists want to derail the peace process. He emphasized that Israel wants a peaceful Gaza Strip, "not a land from which will come a killing squad. We want a peaceful neighbor with more autonomy and that can mean a new life for both peoples, with cooperation, open borders, business between them and a life together."

In a two-day visit to Halifax, Levanon met with Nova Scotia premier John Savage, toured the Nova Scotia legislature and met with the mayors of Halifax and Dartmouth. He also spoke with the editorial board of the Halifax *Chronicle-Herald* and *Mail-Star*.

He and Savage discussed areas of common trade interest between Israel and Nova Scotia. "We will work on those areas and try to match those interests," said Levanon.

He asked the mayors to consider naming a street or square in their cities after Jerusalem, which will soon celebrate its 3,000th birthday. Halifax, a port city, was also approached to twin with a seaport city in Israel, although no specific site was mentioned.

Levanon later told the Jewish leaders the Atlantic region was doing well in fostering the relationship between the Diaspora and Israel "and it goes beyond fundraising or the work of any organization.

"The region is doing well, increasing visits by its youngsters. There are special ties that we must enhance and the leaders of the Jewish community have a pivotal role to play."

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South African Jewish emigres take part in historic vote

'Genuine sense of excitement'

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Their votes may have been different but South African Jewish emigres here had one thing in common when they cast ballots last week in their homeland's first all-race election: an overwhelming sense of history.

"It was like I was voting for the first time," enthused Denise Bagley, who left South Africa for good in 1984 and is now executive director of the Canadian Zionist Federation. "The feeling I had was a genuine sense of excitement, that [voting] was not just by a privileged minority."

That giddiness seemed to pervade the roughly 12,000-strong South African Jewish community in and around Metro Toronto, especially those who went to vote at South Africa's consulate.

As "someone who believes in the future of South Africa," Bagley, 50, cast her ballot for African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, the best man, she feels, to begin the country's long healing process.

Bagley seemed unmoved by the fact that, among the first people Mandela received after his release from 27 years' imprisonment was PLO leader Yasser Arafat, and that the ANC leader, while professing admiration for Jews and Jewish values, has made a number of questionable remarks about Zionism.

Be that as it may, Mandela "has sound judgment," Bagley said, adding she believes the situation in her birthplace cannot get much worse.

The biggest challenge ahead, most observers agree, is that posed by extreme rightist whites, especially the para-military, pro-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWM), led by Eugene Terre'Blanche.

"The AWM is heavily armed and well-trained," Bagley said. "The militant arm of the ANC and the [far-left] Pan African Congress youth wing won't stand for it."

Gavin Rome, a 28-year-old lawyer who quit South Africa almost four years ago, agrees that President F.W. de Klerk is headed for a cabinet post in the new government, possibly that of vice-president.

Rome voted for the centre-left Democratic Party (formerly the Progressive Federal Party), whose best known representative has been Jewish anti-apartheid legislator Helen Suzman.

"My sympathies are with the ANC but it's important in the new South Africa that there be some form of opposition," said Rome, explaining his choice.

Rome too fears what he calls "the loony right," but he added that the new government will likely have to expend a lot of energy satisfying Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi that the elections were free and fair.

He feels "very few" of South Africa's remaining 100,000 Jews voted for Mandela and the ANC.

Jews turned away from ANC

The Jewish vote, Rome surmised, was likely split between the Democractic Party and de Klerk's National Party, the latter ironic, since the National Party did not admit Jews until 1958.

Jews turned away from the ANC because it is still perceived by them as "a black party," he explained.

The shared opinion is that the leftist Pan African Congress and the far-right Conservative Party probably received hardly any Jewish votes.

Rome said voting in the historic election "felt tremendous, very civilized. It was like, 'Welcome to the real world.' "

Colin Baskind, president of the South African Jewish Association of Canada (SAJAC), said he did not vote "because I'm now a citizen of Canada. It just didn't feel right."

But had he cast a ballot, Baskind "would have given the ANC very serious consideration. I have a personal belief in Mr. Mandela and I don't believe in Mr. de Klerk." Mandela "is just miles above anybody else."

South African Jews are still leaving but most will stay, Baskind feels, because of well-entrenched lives and professions that are not readily exportable.

In a separate development, talks between Israeli President Ezer Weizman and other Middle East leaders are expected to coincide with the inauguration of South Africa's new president on May 10, which Weizman is slated to attend.

Israel's ambassador to South Africa, Alon Liel, said there is confidence in diplomatic circles that visiting leaders will meet for talks about the Middle East peace process.

Liel said Israel has established better relations with the African National Congress since last September, when Israel signed the self-rule accord with the PLO.

In fact, some 20 Israelis were in South Africa over the past week to help monitor the country's elections. Six were part of an official United Nations monitoring team.

The UN monitors included three Knesset members: Naomi Chazan of Meretz, Saleh Tareef of Labor and Eliezer Sandberg of Tsomet.

The other monitors included former refusenik Natan Sharansky, Prof. Itzhak Galnoor, a prominent academic, and Arik Bachar, foreign editor of the Hebrew daily newspaper *Ma'ariv*.

Two of the monitors have close connections with prominent Jewish South Africans.

Chaim Slovo, commissioner for the southern region in Israel's Interior Ministry, is a cousin of Joe Slovo, chair of the South African Communist Party and a leading figure in the African National Congress.

Another Israeli monitor, Nicole Goldstone, is the daughter of Judge Richard Goldstone, who has played a pivotal role in the transition in this country as head of a commission of inquiry, bearing his name, into the causes of violence in South Africa.

— With files from JTA

JIAS tries to help Russian family

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A last ditch effort to save a Russian Jewish family of four from deportation is being made by the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society (JIAS).

The deportation order, signed April 26, is being appealed directly to Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi on the grounds of new information unearthed by Amnesty International about torture in their homeland of North Ossetia, said Susan Davis, JIAS national director.

Tribal warfare is rife in North Ossetia on the border of Georgia and the family fears for their lives if they are deported.

Felix Gogniev, 56, an economist, his ex-wife Dina Tsallaeva, their daughter, Tima, 27, and another daughter, Zalina, 25, must leave Canada by May 26. They have been in Canada on visitors' visas since 1991.

Zalina refused to sign the deportation order on the grounds she married a Canadian citizen, Gera Roth, in August, 1992, and has a permit authorizing her to work. However, Immigraton Department adjudicator Sylvanna Gratton said she will still be deported.

Tima Gogniev became ill at the deportation hearing and was excused by Gratton. However, she must reappear May 5 and as the evidence is the same in her case, the deportation order against her is only a formality.

Though Gratton said the deportation orders do not prevent the minister of immigration from interceding on humanitarian grounds, Vern Greco, the department's representative at the hearing, told the hearing that late last week he was told that the minister's office did not intend to take any action at this time.

Gogniev and Tsallaeva told the original Refugee Board hearing that they were tortured by anti-Semites in North Ossetia. Gratton refused Gogniev the right to make a statement about his torture, saying her obligation is only to rule on whether she should make an order for deportation or an order for departure. The much more stringent order of deportation she issued does not allow the Gognievs to reapply for admission to Canada without the minister's permission.

None of the Gognievs have passports and they told Gratton they do not know what country will admit them. Their counsel, Christine Kurata, said "their own country dissolved beneath their feet as the result of events in Russia."

Gogniev told the adjudicator that he does not wish to go to Israel because of recent events there.

"They are extremely fearful of what will happen to them if they are deported to Russia," said Davis.

Both Gogniev and Tsallaeva told the hearing that they have voluntarily given up their right to welfare. All four said that if deported they will apply to come back to Canada. Tsallaeva said she has become familiar with the Canadian way of life and now has a Canadian son-in-law. When he signed the deportation order, Gogniev wrote a note on it that he was doing so because he had no choice, but he is not angry with Canada or Canadians. He worked for several months as a volunteer at the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, and fellow workers there have backed his plea to stay in Canada.

The board which turned down their original application as refugees said there was no proof they would be persecuted if returned to Russia and that they had not proven their Jewish origin beyond doubt.

Kurata said the deportation order will be appealed.

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Carleton school board rejects request to delay academic year

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — The Carleton Board of Education, which operates suburban and rural schools outside Ottawa, has rejected a request by the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa to delay the first day of school until Sept. 8.

The board was asked to change the school start date so Jewish students, who will be observing Rosh Hashanah on Sept. 6 and 7, will not miss orientation, when teachers assign books, desks, lockers and schedules.

A few weeks ago, trustees at the neighboring Ottawa Board of Education, on the advice of their multiculturalism advisory committee, voted to delay the school start date.

Only one trustee, Brian Mackey, voted against the move, saying a secular school board should not alter its schedule for religious reasons. He was also concerned that once the board set a precedent, other religious minorities would ask schools to close on religious holy days.

Indeed, a week later, the Ottawa Muslim association sparked a public debate when it applauded the decision to delay school for Rosh Hashanah and announced that it would ask the Ottawa Board of Education to close schools for two annual Muslim holy days. Trustees did not discuss or act on the formal request at a board meeting last week.

Ron Singer, chair of the community relations committee of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa, assured Carleton Board of Education trustees that Rosh Hashanah would only coincide with the first day of school every 30 to 40 years. The Jewish Community Council, he said, did not support permanently closing schools for minority holy days. He compared delaying the school start date to the Board practice of not scheduling exams or graduation on holy days.

"There is a clear distinction between rescheduling the opening date of school two times each century and shutting down the public school system for minority holy days on an annual basis," Singer said.

Several Carleton trustees argued the first day of school was not especially important. One trustee used school attendance figures to show that 10 per cent of the board's students are absent on any given day, including the first one. Others said they were concerned that a decision to delay school would set a precedent.

"The only precedent this sets is that flexibility can be exercised when faced with unusual circumstances," Singer told them.

In a 12-5 vote, trustees voted to open schools Sept. 6, but to repeat orientation for Jewish students when they come to class on Sept. 8.

Singer said he was disappointed with the decision and that repeating orientation will waste classroom time.

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The Metro Toronto-area Etobicoke Board of Education last week voted to accommodate Jewish students and staff by delaying the start of the school year to Sept 8.

With the vote, the Etobicoke board became the fifth of six Metro public school boards to delay the year until after Rosh Hashanah.

In Metro, only the Scarborough Board of Education has rejected pleas from Jewish groups to accommodate the Jewish new year, and will start classes Sept. 6, the first day of Rosh Hashanah.

The York Region Board of Education, north of Metro Toronto, will also begin classes Sept. 8.

The vote by the Etobicoke board came after submissions from Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith.

The board's decision is "an example of being flexible in terms of meeting the requirements of a diverse population," said CJC's Steve Shulman.

B'nai Brith seeks clarification on PQ's minority rights stand

MONTREAL — B'nai Brith Canada (BBC) has requested an "urgent" meeting with Parti Quebecois leader Jacques Parizeau to clarify his party's position on minority rights.

BBC is concerned about Parizeau's description of the PQ's goal of integrating ethnic groups into the francophone majority, made to the recent Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region plenary [*CJN*, April 28].

BBC's League for Human Rights Quebec region chair Allan Adel said the way Parizeau expressed his hope of creating a Quebec where everyone speaks French raises many questions.

BBC would like to know how this goal can be reconciled with the PQ's other recent statement, that it wants minorities to feel a part of Quebec, he said.

The letter to Parizeau reads: "We believe that all citizens of Quebec have a vital role to play in Quebec's future, and have sought to build bridges between different groups to this end."

BBC wants to hear firsthand from Parizeau where the party stands on minority rights and immigration "so that, if indeed there have been misunderstandings between us in this regard, these be promptly clarified."

The letter is signed by Rabbi Sidney Shoham, national vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada, and Adel, a lawyer.

"Integration can mean different things to different people," Adel told *The CJN*. "It may mean that for the PQ integration takes priority over the multicultural diversity that is Montreal today."

Adel said he did not want to "draw any conclusion" from Parizeau's exclusive use of French in his address to the plenary, but added, "some people wonder what message he is trying to send. It seems to be a change from his previous behavior. Was it haphazard or was it a sign?"

Parti Quebecois leader Jacques Parizeau receives a copy of The Stones That Speak, a bilingual history of the Jewish experience in Quebec, from Maryse Ohayon, an officer-at-large of Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region, at the recent CJC-Q plenary in Montreal. Parizeau's speech at the plenary, delivered only in French, has provoked controversy. [Howard Kay photo]

In other reaction, Robert Libman, the independent MNA for D'Arcy McGee, issued a statement blasting Parizeau for delivering an "insult" to minorities.

Parizeau's "decision to deliberately avoid uttering a single word in English before a predominantly English-speaking audience ... speaks clearly of the PQ's insensitivity toward non-francophone Quebecers."

D'Arcy McGee Liberal candidate Lawrence Bergman charged that Parizeau's French-only address has brought "shame" and "embarrassment" to the Parti Quebecois and all Quebecers and he should apologize to the Montreal Jewish community and the Quebec population as a whole.

"Mr. Parizeau lost an opportunity to make some friends, if not allies, in the Jewish community by his inexplicable behavior," Bergman said in a prepared statement.

As for Parizeau's explanation that he spoke in French because he had been invited in an "official capacity," Bergman commented: "What an outrageous excuse to hide behind. I wonder what he would be capable of in a more authoritative capacity?"

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Bosnian Jewish woman recalls flight from war-torn Sarajevo

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — Three months ago, Rachela Dzidic and her husband did what most of Sarajevo's citizens cannot do. They got out.

Dzidic, a Bosnian Jew, was in Ottawa last week to tell the story of her evacuation by the United Israel Appeal and the American Joint Distribution Committee to UIA leaders at the United Israel Appeal National Campaign Leadership Conference.

Dzidic said the 700 Sarajevo Jews were given a year's warning that war might break out in Bosnia by an official from the Jewish Agency in Israel. He urged them to leave the country. But Dzidic, an electrical engineer, said she and her husband weren't prepared to abandon their home and move to a country where they didn't speak the language.

"We had such a nice life there. We had our possessions, we had houses and apartments. The younger ones thought it was just propaganda to take people to Israel," she said.

When the war actually started in April 1992, the UIA and JDC organized an evacuation of Sarajevo Jews to Belgrade. Dzidic and her family were still not prepared to go. Her distraught father, a Holocaust survivor, gathered the family together. Dzidic said it was one of the few times she had seen her father cry.

"He said, 'Why is this happening to me again? First I couldn't persuade my parents to leave during World War II, and no one survived except for me. And now my children will not listen.'"

If his children refused to leave Sarajevo, he said, he would go himself and take all his grandchildren with him. Dzidic and her husband gave in.

Her two sons, Horace, 9 and Dennis, 11, her father, her sister and her sister's children left for what everyone believed would be a short visit with an uncle in Belgrade. Only 20 days later, the Serbian army surrounded Sarajevo, trapping Dzidic and her husband.

Children went to Israel

When it became clear that international forces were not going to get involved, the children went to Israel on a youth aliyah program. They left in June 1992.

They kept in touch by phone. When the Serbian army cut the phone lines, the Jewish Agency in Israel arranged for the children to say a few words to their parents on radio every Friday evening before Shabbat.

"It was only enough to hear them saying, 'How are you mommy, when are you coming?' but it meant so much to us," Dzidic said. "We knew that they were well and they knew we were alive."

In the meantime, Dzidic and her husband adjusted to life in a beseiged city. They stood in line for hours to get water. When the temperature hovered at -20 C, Dzidic's husband made a stove out of metal bookshelves and burned scraps of carpet, old clothes and shoes to keep warm. The couple were lucky enough to get food and medical supplies through the Jewish community centre.

"We were the only lucky ones [in the city] who knew that our suffering would end, " Dzidic said.

When a shell exploded in their apartment one day, the Dzidics decided the time had come to get out. They bribed local officials to get exit papers, and taking two suitcases and $1,200, joined a community-sponsored bus convoy leaving Sarajevo along with Bosnian Serbs. The Jewish evacuees went on to Israel; the Serbs stayed behind in safe territory as Bosnian refugees.

Three months ago, in February 1994, the Dzidics arrived in Israel on what they say was the happiest day of their lives.

"We saw our two sons, and they were so good looking, and so happy. We embraced, and kissed and walked and cried."

The family moved into a small apartment, complete with well-stocked fridge, at an absorption centre. Dzidic had nothing but praise for the organizations that helped her escape Sarajevo and ease the family's adjustment to Israel.

"My message to you all," Dzidic told moist-eyed UIA leaders, "is that you have changed history. For once in the whole Jewish history, it turned out to be good to be a Jew."

CBC threatened with lawsuit for report on Winnipeg rabbi

CJN Staff

TORONTO — The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) has been threatened with a lawsuit for defamation as a result of a report it aired which made a number of allegations against a former Winnipeg rabbi and educator.

A "Notice of Action" delivered to the CBC claims that the broadcast contained false and defamatory statements about Rabbi Ephraim Bryks, said Daniel Henry, senior legal counsel for the CBC.

The CBC has not made any formal response to the notice, he said. Instead, it has written to Rabbi Bryks' lawyer, Harvey Pollock, requesting further information. "I've asked for more precision in the notice as to which assertions in the program they are claiming as false and defamatory," Henry said. "It was a long broadcast and a lot of information was contained in it."

The notice stems from a CBC report titled "Unorthodox Conduct" broadcast in Winnipeg and later nationally three times in late February and early March.

The CBC report interviewed parents of three children who had been students of Rabbi Bryks during his tenure as head of the Torah Academy, which ended in 1990. Among those were Martin Levin and Kaye (Sara) Levin, the parents of Daniel Levin, who committed suicide on Yom Kippur last year, when he was 17. The other parents in the documentary were unidentified.

Both Levins were named in the legal notice, Henry said.

Under Manitoba's Defamation Act, the notice is intended to give an opportunity for a retraction or an apology, he added.

When contacted by *The CJN*, Pollock declined to comment.

The CBC's nationally-aired documentary was not the first investigation into Rabbi Bryks' conduct at the Torah Academy.

In 1988, Winnipeg South Child and Family Services investigated complaints regarding the rabbi. According to the provincial Department of Community Services, the agency investigation found no evidence of criminal wrongdoing and "insufficient evidence to pursue any proceeding under the Child and Family Services Act."

But it did find that "the acknowledged interaction of Rabbi Bryks with his female students involving tickling at the waist, kissing on the head, hugging, and students sitting on his lap were neither appropriate nor professional behavior."

As reported in the *Winnipeg Free Press* at the time, Rabbi Bryks said his style of teaching was warm and personal, but not inappropriate.

"This school welcomes that kind of conduct because that's what this school is," he is quoted as saying. "It's a warm, affectionate place for children."

Rabbi Bryks left Winnipeg in 1990, leaving behind a legacy of division and discord. He had been in Winnipeg since 1978, serving as spiritual leader of the Orthodox Herzlia-Adas Yeshurun Congregation. He started the Torah Academy as an alternative to the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education schools. Enrollment peaked at about 150-160 students.

When the allegations that prompted the Winnipeg South Child and Family Services investigation surfaced, the school became divided. Some parents came to Rabbi Bryks' defence while others pulled their children out. Enrollment dropped by about 50 percent in the aftermath of the controversy and 20 to 30 families left to form their own Orthodox congregation.

Rabbi Bryks is currently serving as principal of another Torah Academy he helped establish in Queen's, New York for Russian Jewish immigrant teens studying in Grades 7 to 12.

Ottawa planning measures against hate crimes

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The federal government is formulating legislation to make "hate motivation" an aggravating factor in the sentence imposed for criminal offences but it is not considering collecting statistics on the racial origins of criminals, federal Solicitor General Herb Gray said recently.

Speaking to a conference on hate crimes held in Ottawa, Gray added,"We are currently looking at ways to support the law enforcement community's efforts against hate crime."

In his formal address to the conference, Gray referred to Liberal MP Shirley Maheu's private member's bill that calls on Ottawa to collect statistics on hate crimes. "A number of community groups have asked for such legislation, and this is something I will be looking into," he said.

Internal round table

Speaking to reporters afterwards, Gray said national statistics on the victims of hate crimes would help throw some light on the extent of the problem in Canada. However, he opposed collecting statistics on the origins of perpetrators.

"I'm not persuaded that simply talking about ethnic origins is relevant to what's happening," he said.

"You have to be careful not to collect statistics in a way which creates stereotypes or which stigmatizes an entire group."

Gray said the government would be following through on its promise in the Liberal Party Red Book to take measures to combat racism and hate crime.

He said the government is "working on the establishment of an internal round table, headed by a minister and staffed by experts and other Canadians, to work towards developing solutions to the problems related to hate crime.

In addition, the Department of Canadian Heritage is attempting to educate young people about racism by distributing materials to students and teachers on the issue.

The RCMP, which comes under his ministry, "actively works to collect and share hate crime information with police services across the country," Gray added.

Commenting on the extent of hate-motivated crimes, Canadian Jewish Congress spokesman Bernie Farber said, "Hate groups are now permeating and pushing into the youth of our country. Ten years ago this wasn't a problem."

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Montreal's Baron Byng class of 1944 plans reunion

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Among the handful of what are considered Jewish institutions in Canada is Montreal's Baron Byng High School, immortalized in Mordecai Richler novels and claiming such alumni as Richler himself, poets A.M. Klein and Irving Layton and the late federal NDP leader David Lewis.

Baron Byng's class of 1944 was a remarkably homogeneous group. It was 100 per cent Jewish, the children of immigrants, mostly working class and growing up in Montreal's St. Urbain Street "ghetto."

They went to high school against the backdrop of World War II. Possessing youthful optimism, they desperately wanted to integrate into the Canadian mainstream, and to succeed.

Fifty years later, as they enter retirement, history shows the great majority did so.

The class of '44 will hold its first reunion in Montreal May 22.

Lawyer John Liberman, who heads the organizing committee, said all but one of the 95 kids in the class are accounted for, including five who are deceased. The missing one is Richard Davis, believed to have been a lawyer in Los Angeles.

A surviving teacher has also been tracked down, math instructor Amos Saunders, now 100 and living in Victoria, B.C. He's sent a letter for the reunion.

The class excelled academically; 82 of the 95 graduated on time (some dropped out to join the Army). The number going on to university was exceptionally high for the era and given that at McGill University, at least, Jews had to have higher grade averages to get in.

"I'll never forget the registrar of McGill coming to school and telling us what we are doing is motivating you to do well by setting higher standards," Liberman said.

It worked. About half of his homeroom class was accepted at McGill. Not only did Liberman earn a law degree, but also two bachelor and two master's degrees.

Isadore (Don) Albin, another organizer, has counted nine medical doctors, four lawyers and a high number of assorted scientists and professors. (Albin was an anomaly among his classmates — he went into the newspaper trade, starting at Canadian Press as a copy boy.)

Between 60-70 per cent of the class still lives in Montreal. The rest are scattered around the United States, Canada and Israel.

Among the prominent alumni are the late psychologist Sam Rabinovitch, who established the McGill Learning Centre; playwright Aviva Ravel; architect Harry Stilman; diplomat Robert Lederman; the late Harry Gonshor, a mathematician at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Myer Katz, former director of the McGill Social Work School; Ben Sedlezky, a pioneer in periodontics, now pursuing a fine arts degree; and biochemist Bernard Weigensberg.

It also produced an adventurer, Manny Weinstein, who is now Capt. L.E. Vongard. He changed his name while captaining ships carrying Jewish refugees through the British blockade of Palestine. Apparently, some of his missions took him through the Suez and he did not want to be identifiable as Jewish.

Baron Byng, which closed about 15 years ago, was a Protestant school and most of its teachers during the mid '40s were World War I veterans of British extraction with a remarkable dedication to teaching.

Not only do the graduates of that era feel they received a first-rate education, but they also now appreciate the role their teachers played in helping them make the transition from the world of their Yiddish-speaking parents to that of the new world, Albin said.

"They knew they had to help push us into this society, where we would not readily be accepted. They did a superb job."

They fondly remember art teacher Ann Savage and music teacher D. M. Herbert, who introduced them to a cultural life of which they had known nothing. Participation in Herbert's choir, for example, was virtually 100 per cent.

Boys and girls were segregated and rarely made contact with one another, even in the halls, recalled another organizer Sarah Kostisky Chad. They all did get together at the graduation dance, when she remembers the girls had to wear short dresses rather than long gowns because of the shortage of fabric during the war.

Boys were reminded that they might soon have to serve. Membership in the air cadets was compulsory and they had to take course in aircraft reconaissance and navigation.

Just staying in school was a sacrifice for their families.

In their spare time, many had part-time jobs. Liberman worked at the Steinberg's grocery at the corner of Bernard and Jeanne Mance after school Fridays until 11:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to midnight, all for $2.50.

He thought it was good pay because you could buy a hot dog and a drink at Fried's store for a nickel, and seven streetcar tickets for a quarter.

Although most have not kept in touch over the years, Chad said she was amazed at how easily she could pick up where she had left off with classmates she had not seen in a half-century.

She did not even recognize Liberman when they came together to organize the reunion, but no one would know it by the way they talk about their school days.

Planning the Baron Byng High School Class of '44 Reunion are: (from left in front) Millicent Labkov Goldman and Sarah Kositsky Chad; and in back, Leo Levy, Don Albin, John Liberman and Irving Gottheil.

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Jewish groups want Supreme Court to rehear part of war crimes case

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Two Jewish organizations are asking the Supreme Court of Canada to rehear portions of the Imre Finta war crimes case.

B'nai Brith Canada and the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association (CHRA) say that the High Court may have been misled into accepting an argument that would permit an accused war criminal to argue, in effect, that he was merely acting in conformity with anti-Jewish attitudes that were commonly held at the time.

The effect of the court's judgment could be interpreted to mean that anti-Semitism might be raised as a defence to war crimes, say legal documents filed with the High Court.

"Anti-Semitism can never be a legal excuse for the Holocaust," said a document submitted by B'nai Brith. "Racial prejudice can never be a defence to crimes against humanity. Yet the court appears to suggest they can be.

"To allow subjectively felt racial prejudice against a victim group to stand as a defence to crimes against humanity is so antithetical to international standards. . . is so outrageous, illogical and senseless that. . . the court could not possibly have meant it, even though the court appears to have said it," the document argues.

Finta, a former Hungarian gendarmerie captain, was acquitted of charges of robbery, forcible confinement, kidnapping and manslaughter in connection with the 1944 roundup and deportation of 8,617 Jews in the city of Szeged.

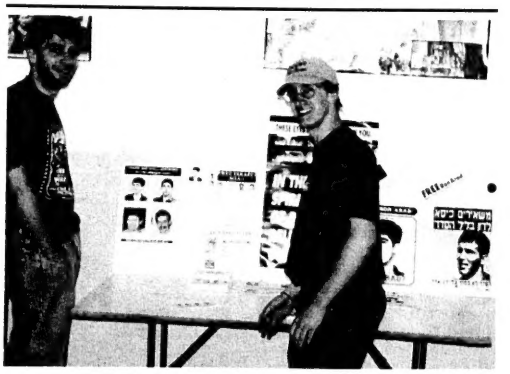
While the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the war crimes legislation, its rulings on esoteric areas of procedure have been criticized by Jewish groups and Justice Department prosecutors for making future criminal prosecutions extremely difficult.

B'nai Brith, which along with the CHRA was an intervener in the case, notes that the court cited a wartime Hungarian newspaper article as lending an "air of reality" to Finta's defence that he did not have the guilty mind to be convicted of war crimes. The article repeated numerous anti-Semitic canards that Jews were hostile to the country, were leftists, and were idle parasites and profiteers, B'nai Brith notes.

The court's decision seems to suggest that someone who commits crimes believing that Jews were hostile to Hungary may not have had the requisite mental intent to make their actions a war crime, B'nai Brith argues.

That sort of reasoning would excuse the very actions the war crimes legislation was meant to address, the documents say.

The CHRA argues that if the Supreme Court does not rehear that aspect of the case it would "leave open the future use of propaganda promoting hatred and distrust of Jews as part of a defence for atrocities which would otherwise be punishable. Virtually every accused would be able to point to such propaganda as a basis for his defence and possible acquittal by a jury."



CYJ EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN

Canadian Young Judaea recently conducted an educational campaign across Canada. The campaign focused on the fate of Israeli airman Ron Arad, held prisoner since 1986 and three Israeli soldiers, Zachary Baumel, Yehuda Katz and Zvi Feldman, who have been missing in action since 1982. The campaign culminated in a one day event in which people were asked to sign a petition with reference to the Israeli soldiers missin in action. Seen at the JCC North in Toronto are (from left) Canadian Young Judaea members Jordy Koffman and Stuart Lapowich. The petition forms were sent to Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

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Women push for changes to the get

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TEL AVIV — A group of women demonstrated here last week to support the rights of agunot — women whose husbands refuse to grant them religious divorces.

Protesting last Thursday in front of the offices of the Rabbinical Council here, a group of women who are barred from remarrying charged that the rabbinate is not willing to force their husbands to grant divorces.

There are an estimated 50,000 women in Israel who are locked into marriages that exist in name alone and who cannot remarry because their husbands refuse to divorce them or have disappeared.

There are no civil marriages in Israel. According to religious law, only the husband can initiate divorce proceedings.

Na'amat, a women's group that organized the demonstration, wants rabbis to take a stronger line with recalcitrant husbands and to agree to a form of civil marriage for women seeking to remarry.

There was no immediate response from the Rabbinical Council.

One of the demonstrators said her husband has refused to grant her a divorce since 1957.

"All our property is registered under the name of his girlfriend. She's accepted as his common-law wife, while I and my children starve," said Vicky Levy.

Keren Simantov's husband has sworn he will never give her a divorce.

"The case has been in the courts for 13 years. Every time I come before the rabbis and scream at them, they say I must be patient and that with G-d's help, it will all come out right. But it doesn't," Simantov said.

Two months ago, the rabbis offered her husband some $1,650 (U.S.) if he would agree to divorce his wife. The husband reportedly rejected the offer.

PLO members sentenced

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Three Khan Yunis men who were sent to Israel to murder Jews as an "admissions test" to the PLO's Fatah Hawks were sentenced last week to jail sentences ranging from 17 to 20 years by Tel Aviv District Court.

One of them, Salame Barbah, had been released from jail three months prior to an attack on a Jewish man as part of the agreement between the government and the PLO, the court was told.

Barbah, 20, Matzbah Barbah, 25, and a 17-year-old were convicted of the attempted murder of 65-year-old Avraham Shifrut, whom they attacked while Shifrut was reading his newspaper on the Bat Yam beach.

Salame Barbah has previous convictions for hurling stones and firebombs, and was recently released after serving only one year of a five-year sentence as part of an agreement between the government and the PLO.

He was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment, while his co-defendants received 17 years each.

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Jerusalem mayor Ehud Olmert (left) and the Rev. Jesse Jackson join hands in prayer before the Western Wall during the U.S. black leader's six-day visit to Israel and the territories last month. Jackson was invited by both the Israeli government and by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat and Hebron University. During a round of functions on both sides of the Green Line, Jackson spent an hour and a half with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in the presence of U.S. Ambassador Edward Djerejian. Jackson's visit was seen by Israeli political observers as an effort by Israel to cultivate its own relationships with an increasingly powerful black U.S. political leadership at a time of heightened tensions between Jews and blacks in the United States. [Israel photo]

Israeli opposition leaders slam plans for peace with Syria

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — As U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher was presenting Syrian President Hafez Assad with new Israeli peace proposals last weekend, Israeli opposition leaders here condemned the plan as a betrayal of the State of Israel.

After meeting with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Friday, Christopher flew to Damascus, where he met with Assad on Saturday and again Sunday evening.

Christopher, believing that negotiations between Israel and the PLO were well on their way to a successful conclusion this week, was eager to take advantage of momentum in the peace process by trying to bring Jerusalem and Damascus closer.

Israeli-Syrian negotiations have dragged on for months without any progress, and were suspended entirely by Assad in the wake of the Feb. 25 Hebron massacre.

During his meeting with Assad, Christopher conveyed Rabin's new proposals for peace with Syria.

The proposals reportedly call for a phased Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights over a period of eight years, in exchange for the establishment of a full peace between Israel and Syria, complete with open borders, free trade and the exchange of ambassadors.

No concessions on Golan

Christopher returned to Israel on Monday with Assad's response to Rabin's proposals.

But Israeli opposition leaders had their own responses Sunday — and they were far from positive.

Benjamin Netanyahu, leader of the opposition Likud party, accused Rabin of having "perpetrated the greatest political fraud ever in the history of our state."

Rafael Eitan, a former army chief of staff who heads the right-wing opposition Tsomet party, said no concessions should be made on the Golan.

"Our border with Syria has been peaceful all the time because Syria needs peace as much as we do. We are a two-hour tank ride from Damascus," said Eitan.

Israel, which captured the Golan in the 1967 Six-Day War, has long considered the strategic plateau as crucial to its security needs, though some Israeli generals have argued more recently that demilitarization of the region would assure Israeli security.

Rabin, countering a barrage of recent right-wing criticism of his efforts to re-establish negotiations with Syria, has said in recent months that he would call for a national referendum before offering to make any major withdrawal from the Golan in exchange for peace with Damascus.

Debate on Golan gets nasty as attacks on Rabin mount

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service and Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — A bill that would have required Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to get two-thirds support from the Knesset before returning any portion of the Golan Heights to Syria was voted down last week.

Knesset members defeated the bill by a vote of 57 to 46.

The bill had been introduced by Likud member Uzi Landau and National Religious Party leader Yitzhak Levy.

The debate prior to the voting was marked by vitriolic attacks against Rabin, who has recently stated that peace with Syria is more important than maintaining every settlement on the Golan.

Rabin has also stated recently that he would hold a national referendum before making any significant Israeli withdrawal from the Golan.

Syria has demanded the return of the Golan in exchange for any peace deal with Israel.

During the Knesset debate, Landau charged that Rabin was "not to be trusted."

Police Minister Moshe Shahal, who responded for the government, said Israel does not claim sovereignty over the Golan.

The law annexing Jerusalem includes the word "sovereignty," he said, but the law annexing the Golan does not.

He noted that Likud leaders, such as former prime minister Menachem Begin and former defence minister Moshe Arens, had said the law annexing the Golan would not stand in the way of negotiations with the Syrians.

Referring to Rabin's two-pack-a-day cigarette habit, Landau said the prime minister "suffers permanently from nicotine poisoning," which, according to Landau, has impaired Rabin's mental capacity.

That remark proved too much for Rabin's deputy at the Defence Ministry, former army chief of staff Mordechai Gur, who led the capture of east Jerusalem during the 1967 Six-Day War, when Rabin was chief of staff.

Gur jumped to his feet, demanding that Landau retract the comment and insisting the Knesset stenographers delete the remarks.

In reference to the failing health of Begin in the last months he served as prime minister, Rabin supporters called out: "What about Begin? For a whole year, you in the Likud covered up for him when he was so sick that he was absolutely out of action!"

Israeli soldiers load office equipment onto a truck as the IDF evacuates its main headquarters in the Gaza Strip, where Palestinian self-rule will come into force following this week's expected accord signing. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Israel set to release 5,000 PLO prisoners

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been reconfirmed and applied in virtually all its details to the Rafah checkpoint between Egypt and Gaza.

• Israel will release 5,000 PLO prisoners upon the signing of the agreement or immediately afterward. Israel also has agreed to release thousands of prisoners of the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas movement — but not those guilty of actual attacks on Israelis — as long as they provide a written pledge to refrain from future violence, to support the peace process and to accept the PLO's authority.

According to Israeli observers, none of the Hamas prisoners is likely to accept these terms; and so they will remain behind bars for the time being.

For its part, however, the PLO will gain political points in the territories for having negotiated terms for the release of Hamas members, thereby demonstrating its concern for all Palestinian prisoners, not just its own adherents.

In Paris, meanwhile, Israeli and Palestinian negotiators signed an agreement last Friday establishing the terms of economic relations between the two parties.

The 60-page agreement, signed after eight rounds of negotiations in the French capital, calls for open borders between Israel and the areas falling under Palestinian authority, and allows for the free movement of labor, services, most agricultural products and other goods between the two sides.

The agreement stipulates that Israel and the Palestinian authority will have similar policies regarding imports and customs.

The Palestinians will be able to import goods from Arab and Islamic countries in limited quantities.

Agricultural produce from Gaza and Jericho will enter Israel freely, except for five goods on which import quotas have been imposed for five years: tomatoes, cucumbers, potatoes, eggs and poultry.

The two customs authorities will jointly operate the border crossing in Jericho and Gaza.

The Palestinians will establish a monetary authority regulating and supervising all banks operating within its area of authority.

The two sides agreed to continue to discuss alternatives to a Palestinian currency. Until then, the Israeli shekel will continue to constitute legal tender in Gaza and Jericho, "side by side with other currencies," according to the agreement.

The Palestinian Tax Administration will conduct its own direct tax policy. Israel agreed to transfer to the Palestinians 75 per cent of income tax revenues collected from Palestinians employed in Israel.

It was also agreed that the Palestinians will establish a value-added tax system similar to that currently employed in Israel.

The agreement calls for the Palestinians to establish their own social security system.

It also calls for the Palestinians to set up their own tourist administration and allows tourists to move freely between Israel and the autonomous areas.

At last Sunday's weekly cabinet meeting, there was concern over the worsening economic situation in Gaza, whose work force has been hard hit by the closure of the territories that Israel imposed, following a series of suicide attacks that claimed the lives of 13 Israelis last month.

A number of steps to ease the closure have been introduced, but the closure will continue even after the start of the autonomy, Rabin said.

Later this week, the first contingents of Palestinian police were due to take up their posts in Jericho and Gaza: 500 going to Jericho and 1,500 to Gaza, complete with arms, jeeps and light-armored personnel carriers.

Also due to arrive in Jericho were administrative personnel from the PLO's Tunis headquarters. Contingents from the organization's security services were scheduled to arrive soon in Gaza and Jericho.

Yet even as these final arrangements were being made, talks were still proceeding in Cairo on some outstanding issues, including control of the territorial waters off Gaza and the granting of pardons by the PLO to those who have collaborated with the Israeli authorities.

Changes in travel arrangements in the Jericho area were to go into effect this week.

The Israel Defence Force commander for the central sector told Israeli settlers in the Jordan Rift north of Jericho on Sunday that they would no longer be allowed to drive through Jericho, and that if they wanted to travel to Jerusalem, they would have to use an alternative road network.

Settlers in both Gaza and the West Bank were increasingly nervous about their future as the date for the autonomy nears.

In the township of Kiryat Malachi, north of Gaza, anti-government feeling was running high, with residents protesting what they believe to be the government's intention to make the highway that runs past their township available for Palestinian passage.

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Russian crisis strong reality

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — Brace yourselves to respond to a crisis at any time, an expert in Russian history and politics warned delegates at the United Israel Appeal National Campaign Leadership Conference in Ottawa last week.

It could take a generation before the countries of eastern Europe recover from the turmoil that has followed the break-up of the Soviet Union, said Allen Pollack, a professor from New York state who is currently writing a book about the collapse of the former Soviet Union.

"People are not quite sure what's coming next," he told delegates. "Much of what they held onto that guaranteed their own security and self-identity is no longer there. And they are frightened and worried and unclear of what is coming next. Times like that are historically very, very dangerous for our people."

During times of rapid social change, people look for scapegoats, he said, and historically Jews have been the targets.

"It should give nobody any joy to say that the only reason there have not been mass pogroms in eastern Europe is because so far everybody has found somebody that they hate even more than they hate the Jews," Pollack said.

Pollack blamed the current racist and ethnic conflicts on communist leaders who have used nationalism to hold onto power by diverting attention away from their own failure to manage the economy.

Pollack identified four areas Jews should watch. The first is Hungary, which a few years ago was the most moderate, democratic country in the Soviet bloc. But economic reforms have not progressed well, Pollack said, and the people have become more nationalistic. Moreover, since Hungary was divided after World War II, there are pockets of Hungarians living in neighbouring countries.

"You have more than a million Hungarians now living in Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia. If you want to have an ultranationalist [leader] diverting attention in Hungary by talking about the need to take care of Hungarians, you have a formula for potential calamity."

In the event that ethnic conflicts erupt in Hungary, its 200,000 Jews will be threatened. And, he added, 200,000 is a conservative estimate.

"As this nationalism turns to racism and violence, the number of people who will be identified as Jews is going to be going up."

A second area to watch are those countries of the former Soviet Union where thousands of Jews live amidst Muslim majorities.

"Israel is desperately trying to help the present regimes of these countries hold on, because if they [do], they will become like Turkey — moderate majority Muslim populations being transformed into societies that can deal with the modern world. If they lose, we are going to have Islamic fundamentalists that are going to dominate ... It will be a catastrophe for the whole world."

A third area of concern is Russia and Ukraine, where there is a long tradition of anti-Semitism.

And finally, he said, we have to worry about the small towns in eastern Europe.

"In times of social distress like this, the smaller the community, the greater the danger because any attacks will not be reported [in the international press]."

Pollack predicted the years of social upheaval will see large migrations of Jews. When it's over, the Jewish world will be concentrated in North America and Israel.

He advised United Jewish Appeal leaders to be ready to evacuate Jews at any time. In the meantime, he encouraged them to spend their money on educational programs like summer camps and contact with Israeli shlichim (emissaries) that build Jewish identity. The worst way to spend limited resources, Pollack said, is to put up buildings to house Jewish organizations.

If Jews can stay peacefully in their communities, they will be better Jews, he said. If not, they might learn enough about Jewish history to know to leave before it becomes to late. Pollack, who for many years worked in the United Israel Appeal Office in Israel, said networks are in place in Eastern Europe to help Jews if there is a crisis.

"Take a deep breath, " Pollack warned. "We're in this for the long run."

NAME GAME

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Maslyanka is the word for buttermilk. Maslow is also a Polish village near Krakow.

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ייִדן זײַנען, ווי באַוואוסט, צעשפּרייט איבער דער גאַנצער וועלט. און דאָס שפּיגלט זיך ברייט אָפּ אין אונדזער ייִדיש-לשון. דער ייִד איז אַ גאַנצער שמעלקע מיט דער וועלט. צענדליקער אידיאָמאַטישע אויסדרוקן מיט דעם וואָרט וועלט! אויף-טריט און שריט ווערט דערמאָנט די וועלט, און יעדעס מאָל אין אַן אַנדער זין און מיט אַן אַנדער טעם. אָן דער וועלט קאָן די ייִדישע שפּראַך ממש קיין טראָט ניט מאַכן. טוט נאָר אַ קוק:

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כּמעט צו יעדן סובסטאַנטיוו, וואָס האָט צו טאָן מיט אַ מענטשן (אַ נאַר, אַ חכם, אַ פֿידלער, אַ דעמאַגאָג) — קאָן מען צוגעבן „אײנער אין דער וועלט“.

אַ סך קינדער — אַ וועלט מיט קינדער.
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עס קאָן אויך זײַן אַ וועלט מיט פֿרײַער צײַט.

איר גלייבט מיר נישט? נו דעמאָלט איז אויס וועלט! אָבער איך וועל אײַנלייגן וועלטן, כּדי אײַך צו דערווײַזן.

איר זײַט מיט מיר מסכּים? לעבּ איך דאָך ווידער אַ וועלט! צוריק גערעדט, ווען איר דאָך ניט וועלן צעקריגן מיך מיט דער וועלט. . .

מיינט ניט, אַז איך גיי קעגן דער וועלט, אָדער פֿאַרקערט — אַז איך וויל פֿאַרוואַרגן די גאַנצע וועלט. יעדן פֿאַל וויל איך ניט זײַן צווישן צוויי וועלטן. . .

איך ווייס דאָך, אַז פֿון ייִדיש האַלט איך אַ וועלט! אייניקע זאָגן, אַז איך ברען אַ וועלט, און אייניקע — אַז איך ווייס ניט אויף וועלכער וועלט איך בין. . .

נאָר אַבי איך נאַר ניט די וועלט, איך האַלט פֿון דער וועלט. צײַטנווײַז טראַכט איך: וואָס וועט זאָגן די וועלט?. . .

נאָר ווען איך קום צו פֿאָרן צו מײַן ברודער, טרעף איך דאָרט גאָר אַן אַנדער וועלט. מײַן ברודער טענה׳ט, אַז עס איז אַ פֿאַלשע וועלט. ער האַלט אין איין שילטן די וועלט. פּונקט ווי די גאַנצע וועלט איז אים שולדיק.

איך זאָג צו אים: „טו אַ קוק ס׳אַראַ ליכטיקע וועלט!“ און ער רעדט ווײַטער: די וועלט גייט אונטער, זאָגט ער. . .

פֿאַראַן מענטשן, וואָס פֿאַר זיי איז ענג די וועלט. פֿאַראַן אויך אַזעלכע, וואָס לאַכן פֿון דער וועלט. זיי מאַכן פֿון אַלץ חוזק אויף וואָס די וועלט שטייט.

אַזעלכע קומען און גייען אַוועק פֿון דער וועלט, ניט ווייסנדיק וואו זיי האַלטן אין דער וועלט. פֿאַר זיי איז אַ פֿאַרשפּילטע וועלט. און אַלץ הייבט זיך אָן פֿון דעם, וואָס זיי ווילן אַרײַנכאַפּן די גאַנצע וועלט. מיינט ניט, אַז איך זאָג עס גלאַט אין דער וועלט אַרײַן. איך וואָלט אײַך געקענט ברענגען אַ וועלט מיט בײַשפּילן.

מיר דוכט, אַז דער באַנוץ אַפֿילו פֿון דעם איינציקן וואָרט וועלט אין דעם ייִדיש-לשון זאָגט שוין אַ סך וועגן אונדזער פֿאָלק. אין אַלע הינזיכטן געפּענטעט, האָט דער גלות-ייִד געשאַפֿן פֿאַר זיך פֿון זײַן ייִדיש אַ מין באַזונדער קעניגרײַך. אַ קעניגרײַך וואו ער קאָן אויסלאָדן זײַן טעמפּעראַמענט, זײַנע עמאָציעס, לאָזן פֿרײַ זײַן פֿאַנטאַזיע, קאָמפּענסירן די אַרויסגעצוואונגענע אויף אים באַשרענקטקייט — אין דעם פֿאַל — מיט גוזמאות פֿון אַ וועלט-מאַסשטאַב.

פֿאַרוואָס ניט מאַמע־לשון?

-- פֿאַרוואָס רופֿט מען ייִדיש מאַמע-לשון און ניט טאַטע-לשון?

--ווייל אַז די מאַמע רעדט, שווייגט דער טאַטע!

The News in Brief

BBW Okay Name Change

ORLANDO — B'nai Brith Women will enter its second century with a new name.

Delegates to the organization's recent biennial convention held here unanimously approved changing the name. A new name will be submitted to the delegates for a vote next spring, following consultation with the membership.

The volunteer philanthropic organization, which will celebrate its centenary in 1997, works locally, nationally and internationally on issues concerning women, children and Jewish values.

The organization claims 3,000 members in Canada.

"The Canadian delegation...[is] excited about the future of our organization. A new name will enable us to forge ahead in our work for women, children and families," said B'nai Brith Women of Canada president Arlene Fagan.

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Eighth Victim of Afula Bomb

JERUSALEM — The eighth victim of the April 6 Afula suicide car-bombing died of her wounds last week.

Ahuva Cohen Onalla was buried in Ashkelon, her hometown, nearly three weeks after a member of Hamas carried out the bombing, which killed seven other Israelis and wounded more than 50.

But her husband Ad'il, an Arab, was not present at the funeral.

"I wanted her funeral to honor her. I am afraid that because of what my people did to my wife, some of her people will not tolerate my presence at the graveside and they will dishonor her memory," he said.

Ahuva had fought for her life since April 6, when she was badly burned in the car-bomb attack.

When Ad'il and Ahuva met, she was divorced and the mother of three children. Despite violent opposition from her family, she converted to Islam shortly before the Afula attack so that she and Ad'il could be married.

The family broke off all connection with her because of the marriage, but they did visit her at the hospital.

Her former husband and the children of that marriage never visited her bedside.

The Cohen family had been anxious that Ahuva be buried as a Jew, and Ad'il agreed.

He did so, he said, "for her sake, even though she did become a Muslim."

He also said he had agreed to stay away from the funeral on condition that the family raise no objections to his visiting his wife's grave in the future.

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Arrests in Hadera Attack

JERUSALEM — Israeli security forces last week arrested a group of Palestinians believed responsible for planning the April 13 bombing of a bus in the central Israeli town of Hadera.

Five Israelis died in the attack and 29 were wounded when a suicide bomber boarded a bus at the Hadera terminal and set off explosives strapped to his body.

Israeli security officials arrested 27 Palestinians, said to be members of Hamas, on suspicion of involvement in the attack.

Also arrested were two Israeli Arabs suspected of driving the suicide bomber to Hadera. The two reportedly acted on orders from Hamas and were paid for their services.

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Teens Arrested in Desecrations

PARIS — Police here have arrested two groups of youths for the desecration of two Jewish cemeteries in the eastern French province of Alsace.

The five young vandals, who range in age from 10 to 14, said they were not motivated by anti-Semitism.

The cemeteries are located in the villages of Merzwiller and Struth, near Strasbourg.

In Struth, 15 headstones were broken and at least 40 monuments were overturned. Three teens, ages 13 and 14, confessed to the crime.

In Merzwiller, where 12 headstones were broken, the two culprits are 10 and 12.

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Russians Mark Hitler's Birthday

MOSCOW — A small group of Russian neo-Nazis celebrated Adolf Hitler's 105th birthday last month by marching through central Moscow chanting anti-Semitic slogans.

Wearing camouflage-print military outfits, the 15 neo-Nazis shouted "Sieg Heil" and "Death to the Jews," as well as "Death to Yeltsin" and "Long Live Russia," as they marched along Moscow's main road, Tverskaya Street, toward the Kremlin.

The march ended near Red Square, where a handful of police officers observed the demonstrators but did not intervene.

The neo-Nazis said they belonged to Alexander Barkashov's Russian National Unity Organization, which was active in last fall's armed resistance to President Boris Yeltsin and used arms to defend Parliament when lawmakers refused to follow Yeltsin's orders to disband.

And in St. Petersburg, neo-Nazis also marked the April 20 birthday. Ten members of Smerch, a group whose name means tornado, met that day in front of Kazansky Cathedral.

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Agreement with Hungary, Slovakia

BUDAPEST — Jewish groups have reached agreements with the governments of Hungary and Slovakia for the restitution of Jewish property seized during the Holocaust.

The agreements reached late last month — the first such accords with former Communist countries in Eastern Europe — call for the return of Jewish property seized between 1939 and 1945 or for compensating the victims or their heirs for the value of the confiscated property.

Two weeks ago, Jewish groups in Hungary reached an accord with the Hungarian government that established principles governing the restitution process.

A similar agreement was reached the day before with Slovak officials in Bratislava.

The Jewish community in Slovakia is drawing up a list of some 300 properties that it hopes to reclaim under the terms of the agreement.

Approximately 3,000 Jews live in Slovakia. Some 70,000 Jews from there perished during the Holocaust.

According to the World Jewish Congress, final details for returning property to Hungarian Jews could be completed within a month or two. But the actual restitution process could take up to several years.

In February, the Czech Republic voted down a bill that would have restored property seized during World War II to the members of that country's Jewish community.

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Wiesenthal Documentary Premieres

AMSTERDAM — A documentary on the life of famed Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal premiered here last month.

Wiesenthal attended the April 19 opening, at which members of the invited audience included Dutch Crown Prince Willem Alexander and representatives of the embassies of the United States, Israel, Germany and Austria.

The film, titled *Freedom is Not a Gift From Heaven But Has To Be Fought For*, was made on the occasion of Wiesenthal's 85th birthday, which fell last Dec. 31.

The documentary will air on Dutch television this week and will also be broadcast in Germany.

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Immigration Law Extended

WASHINGTON — To the relief of Jewish groups and their supporters on Capitol Hill, the U.S. Congress has decided to extend a law making it easier for Jews from the former Soviet republics to enter the United States.

A House-Senate conference committee decided recently to grant a two-year extension of the law, which eases the requirements on members of certain groups seeking to enter the United States as refugees.

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Hamas Probe Sought

NEW YORK — The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations is calling on the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the House and Senate Intelligence Committees to investigate ties between Hamas terrorists in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and their supporters in America.

Lester Pollack, Conference chair, charged that Hamas has established "an international network of terror with direction from the United States."

Earlier this year, Canadian Jewish Congress called on Ottawa to investigate the possible activities of Hezbollah in Canada, following an order to deport a suspected member of the terrorist group.

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Former SS Guard Leaves

WASHINGTON — Mathias Denuel, a resident of Naples, Fla., who admitted to serving as an SS guard at a division of the Mauthausen concentration camp during World War II, has permanently left the United States.

The Justice Department announced last Monday that Denuel, 74, a German citizen who did not take U.S. citizenship, left the United States from Miami for Germany, where he will reside.

The government initiated deportation proceedings against Denuel last August.

During World War II, Denuel was a member of the SS Death's Head Battalion, guarding prisoners at the Gusen concentration camp, the largest subdivision of Mauthausen.

According to the U.S. Office of Special Investigations, abundant evidence exists about atrocities committed against thousands of civilians at Gusen.

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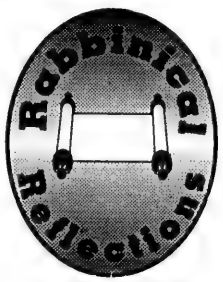

By RABBI PHILIP S. SCHEIM

A Midrash (Bereishit Rabba 65:20) preserves the minutes of a gathering of leaders of the nations of the world. They had invited a renowned consultant to the meeting, Bilaam ben Beor, the most sought-after prophet of those times. Their question to him: "Can we conquer the people of Israel?"

Bilaam answered: "Go pass by their synagogues and study houses. Should you find children's voices whistling there, you will never be able to conquer this people."

Bilaam was right. The secret to our survival has been the sound of the voices of Jewish children echoing from the Batei Midrash, the schools and study halls. It is our people's most precious sound, our greatest national resource. It is the sounds of children conversant in the language of their ancestors, knowledgeable in the melodies of Yiddishkeit, that let all of the other nations, friend and foe, know we are here for the long haul, that we are not going anywhere, that Israel is an eternal people.

Conversely, when our children's voices assume a non-Jewish character, when their idiom, their expressions, their concerns lose any Jewish connection, we are at risk. When our homes are devoid of Jewish books, Jewish symbols, Jewish ritual, we deprive our children of any hope of carrying a Jewish tune. When Jewish education focuses solely on the celebration of bar and bat mitzvah, with the minimum amount of learning in as little time as possible, we demean our past, trivialize our present and compromise our future.

Let us assume, hopefully, that we want our children to learn the melodies, the words, the spirit of our tradition. But we have to learn them first. We cannot expect our children to carry on any recognizable form of Jewish practice in their future homes, if they, at home, hear no melody, see no symbol, taste no tradition that link them to their Jewish souls.

We should know better. When all the superficiality of life is stripped away, either by history, by events, or by the recurring personal traumas and anxieties that we inevitably confront, it is our inner Jewish core that remains. The seriousness with which we pursue Jewish learning and Jewish living will determine the make-up of that core, and its ability to sustain us through all of life's moments, both good and bad.

My teacher, Rabbi Weiss Halivni, tells this story of his train ride to Auschwitz 50 years ago. It was, of course, a horrific journey into hell. The train reached its destination. The teenage boy David, in the midst of the nightmare, as he was being separated from his family forever, heard his aunt Ethel, a young woman in her 20s, call out to him: "Davidl: The Torah, over which you have labored so diligently — zol oif dir magen zayn — will protect you."

"I am that boy," Rabbi Halivni says, in telling the story half a century later, "and my aunt was right. It was the Torah that watched over me from one death camp to another. It is that Torah that still watches over me today."

As we prepare for Shavuot and its commemoration of the revelation of Torah through Moses at Sinai, we ought to consider God's charge to Joshua, spoken shortly after the death of Moses, and resonating in every Jewish generation since: "Do not let this Torah cease from your lips, rather, study it day and night . . . for only then will you truly prosper in your ways. Only then will you succeed." (Josh. 1:8)

Rabbi Philip S. Scheim is spiritual leader of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation in North York, and a member of the Toronto Board of Rabbis.

Mayor of Paris presented with French Steinsaltz Talmud

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

PARIS — Seven and a half centuries after King Louis IX ordered all copies of the Talmud burned, the mayor of Paris was presented last week with the first French edition of the Steinsaltz Talmud.

At a ceremony attended by Chief Rabbi Rene Samuel Sirat and other French rabbis, Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz handed the first volume of the French translation of the Talmud to Mayor Jacques Chirac.

The mayor, in turn, gave Rabbi Steinsaltz the Medal of Paris.

Chirac told the audience, "There is in the Talmud a particularly striking scene: The greatest of all prophets, Moses, listens to the teaching of the illustrious Rabbi Akiva and is astonished when he hears comments that he himself, the master par excellence, did not know.

"One cannot express in a better way the idea that the Talmud is an everlasting re-reading of the unfathomable Torah of Moses by qualified scholars," the mayor said.

He called Rabbi Steinsaltz "one of those doctors of the faith who, thanks to their intelligence, knowledge and wisdom enlighten the path of the Jewish people."

Leading rabbinical figure

In a reference to one of the greatest of all Jewish commentators, Chirac told Rabbi Steinsaltz, "You are regarded as one of the leading rabbinical figures of this century and the worthy successor of Rashi of Troyes."

The French version of the Steinsaltz Talmud is published by Jean-Claude Lattes with the help of the Fonds Social Juif Unifie, or the United Jewish Social Fund.

According to the bookshop Le Bibliophane, located in the ancient Jewish quarter of Paris, the first 150 available copies of the French edition of the Steinsaltz Talmud were sold out in a matter of hours.

The French version opens with the tractate Ketubot, or marriage contracts, and Rabbi Steinsaltz's handbook to the Talmud.

The Talmud is composed of six orders, which are further broken down into 63 tractates. In the original Hebrew and Aramaic, it consists of some 2.5 million words on 5,894 folio pages.

Two additional volumes of the French edition will be published every year during the coming decade.

Front Line

If countdown starts for Gaza keep fingers crossed

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

The much advertised "spirit of Oslo" was almost lost in months of feet-dragging, and hope of agreeing on details as well as on the original timetable were nearly drowned in an ocean of mutual accusations. Now, exhaustion has returned the parties to the table and they appear to be inching towards implementation. Although this promises to be much harder now than it would have been earlier, when popular support in both camps was much stronger, the recognition that further postponement can only ruin the chances and plunge the region into turmoil, forces the parties to restart the countdown at phase one. But distrust still runs very high.

Yeshayahu Anug

In Israel, despite the fierce campaign of the opposition against any agreement with the PLO, the government senses that the majority of Israelis are eager to get rid of Gaza and have also accepted the transfer of Jericho to Palestinian administration. Thus, redeployment in these two areas ought to be politically feasible. It is the sequence concerning the rest of the territories, which is to start once the first phase is out of the way, that will surely create more serious problems. And — we must not forget — the government still commands a tiny and not very stable majority in the Knesset.

The PLO leadership in Tunis has more severe problems. It must, at once, impose its untested clout in the territories. It has to prove to the Israelis, to the outside world and, above all, to the agitated population, that it can handle the inheritance, control civil unrest and at the same time quickly improve the lives of the impatient masses. Success or failure will depend not only on the ability of Chairman Yasser Arafat to administer the two first enclaves of autonomy — a formidable enough task for the leader of an organization with a rich record of terrorism and diplomacy, not of administration — but also on the amount of assistance he gets from the outside world. That, in turn, will be forthcoming only if he can maintain law and order, and if he can earn local support and international confidence.

The infrastructure of the Israeli administration will gradually disappear and a new one must be quickly in place. A convincing program of reconstruction, such as Gaza has never seen before, must create housing for the masses of refugees who live in appalling conditions. The program must also generate income for the work force that will cease to have easy access to the Israeli labor market. All these are not just matters of social justice or charity; but of essential, practical expediency. Only if Gaza becomes a bustling reconstruction site, is there hope that its misery will be gradually eliminated and the area eventually pacified. If not, it will explode. Gaza's Israeli neighbors cannot be indifferent to the developments in that overcrowded and violence-infested territory. What happens in Gaza, once autonomy is in place there, could well determine whether any peace plan for the Middle East can succeed.

When the coordinator of Israel's activities in the territories, General Dani Rotschild, pointed out in a recent interview how essential it was for the international community to massively assist the reconstruction efforts in the territories once Palestinian self-rule is established, the Israeli interviewer was surprised by — as he put it — "the general's good PR job for Arafat" and told him so. The officer replied dryly, that if the PLO administration fails in its effort to prove to the population that it is better than the Israeli administration, there is no chance for the peace to hold.

It is a new experience for the Israeli public to be told by its political and military leaders, who are even now engaged in the bitter repression of Arab terrorism, that the nation's well-being will be so dependent on Arafat's success in imposing control in the territories. To many, this reasoning sounds absurd and hard to swallow. But it is cold logic even if it clashes with the emotions of a large sector of the public and particularly with the aggressive campaign waged by the rightist opposition, which exploits these emotions rather effectively.

But the general's remarks also reflect the process of rethinking that is going on in Israel in spite of the acts of terrorism which are now, after Hebron, more frequent than before. The peace forecast does not look good, but to give peace a chance, it is advisable to keep our fingers crossed if and when Gaza changes hands and, whether one likes it or not, hope that Arafat will succeed there. It is uncertain, whether he is up to the task, if he really wants to go ahead, or simply wants to extract more concessions. But whoever, here or abroad, finds it preposterous or too disgusting to deal with Arafat, he should come forward with a better idea and do so quickly, because time is not on the side of peace. There were, in the past, better options but they were all wasted. Now, so late in the day, there seems to be no alternative, but to keep the present one alive, for it may just work.

Peace settlement is attainable if Syria wants it

By ITZHAK LEVANON

Presidents Bill Clinton and Hafez al-Assad met in mid-January in Geneva. At a joint press conference they implied that new understanding between Israel and Syria could open the road to successful negotiations. Now it seems that these expectations were premature. Evidently, Assad was more interested in impressing North American public opinion that he was in defining the nature of peace with the Israelis.

Recent events cause me to believe that Syria can consolidate a peace in the Middle East if only it wants to. Following the summit, Assad was thrown into grief by his son Basil's death in a car accident. With his death, Syria lost its legitimate and indisputable successor to Assad. During the 40 days of mourning for Basil Assad, Syria deferred its peace efforts. But Jerusalem took this opportunity to send a delegation of Israeli parliamentarians to Damascus to pay a condolence visit to the Syrian president. Assad received this mission and spent two hours with them discussing his perception of peace in the region without clarifying the kind of peace he seeks with Israel.

Foreign Minister al-Sharaa held a press conference during his visit to Bonn this past March on the premises of the Syrian Embassy. Contrary to previous practice, Israeli correspondents who had asked to cover the event were ultimately permitted to enter the building for the press conference. Although these are encouraging signs, nevertheless they are timid overtures and not sufficient to create a climate of confidence necessary to reach tangible results.

Israel signed a Declaration of Principles with the Palestinians as a step along the road to implementing the interim self-government arrangements. Israel has also reached a full verbal, albeit unofficial, understanding with Jordan. At this stage, I believe that the key to a comprehensive and stable peace lies in the direction of Damascus and Jerusalem.

Many might be surprised by Israel's generosity if Syria would publicly back the notion of peace, which includes open borders, full diplomatic relations, reconciliation and total normalization. Syria can contribute to stability in the region by ending the violence perpetrated against Israel by proxies like the Hezbollah in south Lebanon. Damascus should be aware that regarding the territorial aspect, the price paid by Israel for peace with Egypt cannot be set as a condition for achieving peace with Syria. Nevertheless, there are several options which can be discussed seriously. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has left open the possibility of a significant pullback, to be decided by the people in a referendum assuming a viable agreement could be reached. The people, and only the people, will decide.

Syria might benefit from the peace and improve its international stature. It might improve its economic position by generating a process which can lead the whole area down a more prosperous path. Hopefully, in a few weeks, an aggreement with the Palestinians will be finalized. Then all efforts should be focused on the Israel-Syria track. This time I hope that Damascus will be prepared for the kind of relations Jerusalem is offering for a total reconciliation and a full normalization.

Itzhak Levanon is Israel's consul general in Montreal.

Israeli Arabs cope with their national identity

By DAVID LANDAU
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

The split identity of Israel's nearly 900,000 Arab citizens was highlighted again recently, as Israeli Arabs seized the national consciousness by marking Land Day with a general strike.

Despite fears of unrest, however, the protests passed quietly, with the national police chief, Rafi Peled, praising the Arab community for its "maturity and responsibility" as the day drew to a close.

Land Day, held annually on March 30, commemorates violent protests against the confiscation of Arab land in the Galilee in 1976, in which six Arabs were killed.

This year, Land Day was a closely watched harbinger. February's massacre in Hebron had thrown the dual role of Israeli Arabs into the foreground with signs boding both good and bad for the prospects of continued coexistence.

As Palestinians, Israeli Arabs had reacted with an unprecedented wave of unrest when Muslims were killed by a Jewish settler while praying in Hebron.

But as an Israeli, an Arab judge from Nazareth is serving on the commission investigating the massacre, effectively sitting in judgment on the army and playing an unprecedented high-profile role in Israeli democratic life.

"We are dealing with an ultra-complex situation where different currents and contradictory trends all mix together," explained Elie Rekhess, a consultant to the prime minister's office on Arab affairs.

The result is that Israeli Arabs are experiencing both "a growing sense of Israeliness and at the same time a growing sense of belonging to the Arab nation and the Palestinian people," said Rekhess, who is a senior fellow at the Moshe Dayan Center of Tel Aviv University.

Rekhess said these processes have been accelerated by the accord signed last September between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

For Israeli Arabs, the accord recognized the Palestinian national identity. But they also see it as having eliminated the Israeli-Arab conflict long used by Israel as an excuse for avoiding the challenge of providing equality to Israeli Arabs.

The sense of a renewed Palestinian identity was evident in the traumatic bursts of hostility and violence that characterized the Israeli Arabs' reactions to the tragedy in Hebron.

For several days afterward, the scenes on the streets of Arab towns and villages inside Israel were reminiscent of the early days of the intifadah, the grass-roots Palestinian uprising in the territories that began in December 1987.

It seemed as if the Palestinian uprising had finally, and perhaps decisively, crossed the Green Line, the borders of pre-1967 Israel that separates the territories from Israel proper.

The Jews of Israel reeled in collective shock as this incipient mayhem even swept through Jaffa, now a mixed Jewish-Arab section of Tel Aviv.

The shops and restaurants of this bustling, picturesque section have yet to recover from the clashes between Arab youngsters and police that were widely televised during those tension-filled days in late February.

In the Bedouin township of Rahat, in the northern Negev, a young man was killed by police fire — the first Israeli Arab to die in this way in almost 20 years.

But in less than a week, the unrest subsided swiftly and totally, a fact likely linked to the naming of Judge Abdel Rahman Zouabi of the Nazareth District Court to the five-member panel investigating the massacre.

Indeed, that appointment may have been the first major achievement of Chief Justice Meir Shamgar, who heads the commission.

Israel's Arab citizens were profoundly, and positively, affected by the appointment.

It graphically symbolized the difference between the status of Israel's Arab citizens and that of the Palestinians living in the administered territories.

Within the Shamgar Commission, Judge Zouabi has been able to cross verbal swords with the Ehud Barak, chief of staff of the Israel Defence Force.

Zouabi has been the toughest interrogator of IDF witnesses throughout the hearings. And in his questioning of Barak, he made it blatantly clear to the chief of staff, and to the Israelis glued to their television screens, that he did not accept the logic that routinely allowed Israelis to carry their weapons into the Tomb of the Patriarchs.

At around the same time, the long-heralded potential of Israeli Arabs to serve as a bridge between Israel and its neighbors appeared to receive one of its biggest boosts in the first-ever visit by Israeli citizens to Damascus in early March.

The 50-member delegation of Israeli Arabs paid their respects to Syrian President Hafez Assad on the recent death of his son, Basil.

But this bit of history-making also reflected the ambiguous nature of Israeli Arab identity. Knesset member Abdel Wahab Darawshe of the Arab Democratic Party, a leader of the delegation, made statements in Damascus that seemed to identify him more with Palestinian nationalism than with the Israeli polity.

Another signal that the overwhelming sentiment in Arab public opinion is still a strong identification with the Palestinian cause came March 23 in a protest by Arab leaders against Israel's military operation against fugitives in Hebron.

The coordinating committee of Israeli Arab local authorities, under Islamic leader Ibrahim Nimr Hussein, sent a cable to the prime minister protesting the operation.

The cable, in its tenor and tone, was regarded as the most forthright public protest and denunciation of the army by the Israeli Arab leadership in recent memory.

Amid these conflicting signals, observers had feared that Land Day might reveal the quiet to be but the calm before the storm.

Indeed, tensions were primed. The leaders of the Israeli Arab community declared a full-fledged general strike, indicating a higher level of protest than usual.

And they centered their demonstration in the town of Rahat, where mourning was still underway for the Israeli Arab killed by police.

The quiet strike highlighted both facets of the Israeli Arab identity.

Through it, Israeli Arabs expressed their continuing solidarity with the Palestinians under occupation.

But, as Israeli citizens, the strike also afforded an opportunity to vent their grievances over economic and social discrimination, issues perpetually studied by Knesset committees but never fully redressed.

One reason for the calm was that police officials had learned the lessons from the late February violence and resolved to apply less force.

Intensive contacts with Arab leaders before Land Day helped both sides arrive at an understanding by which the Arab leaders promised to do their utmost to maintain calm and quiet, and the Israelis promised to keep police officers off the streets.

"A general strike is a serious event on its own," said Rekhess, "but it all took place within the boundaries of the law."

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Hungary's responsibility

Hungary, a nation ravaged by fascism and torn by communism, has yet to come to terms with the terrible legacy of the Holocaust. This was an event that decimated Hungary's Jewish community and exposed the heartlessness and tacit complicity of all too many of its Christian citizens in the face of Nazi and Arrow Cross brutality and butchery.

Despite the enormity of the Hungarian Holocaust, post-war Communist governments in Hungary studiously ignored it, consigning it to the dustbin of history. The result is lamentable. Two generations of Hungarians know practically nothing about this unprecedented catastrophe. Nor are they really aware of the role played by Hungary's Arrow Cross movement in the demonization, ghettoization and murder of Hungarian Jews.

The current right-of-centre Hungarian government, which swept into office after the demise of communism, has tried to rectify the situation, but these efforts have not been entirely felicitous. Last month, Prime Minister Peter Boross issued a statement expressing sorrow at the wanton loss of Jewish life during the Holocaust, and laid a wreath at the Jewish cemetery in Budapest. However, Boross failed to recognize Hungary's national responsibility for events in Hungary prior to and after the 1944 German occupation. Furthermore, Boross and his foreign minister, Geza Jeszensky, insensitively declined an invitation to attend a ceremony, sponsored by the World Jewish Congress, marking the 50th anniversary of the deportation of Hungarian Jews. Finally, Jeszensky stirred rightful indignation when, at a conference on the Holocaust, he equated the deaths of all Hungarians, Jews and Christians, who perished during the war. This flighty comparison raised eyebrows because Arrow Cross murderers, as well as Hungarian soldiers fighting alongside Nazi Germany on the Eastern front, were lumped together with innocent Jewish civilians who were rounded up and deported for no other reason than they were Jewish.

It was left to Hungary's president, Arpad Goncz, to try to make amends for their myopic blunders. Speaking at the World Jewish Congress ceremony Boross and Jeszensky had avoided, Goncz declared that far too many Hungarians had stood by indifferently as "their fellow countrymen" were marched away into oblivion. "It is our duty," he declared, "to look straight (at) the truth."

At a time of rising intolerance and anti-Semitism in Hungary and elsewhere in Europe, and at a time when Miklos Horthy — the Hungarian leader who collaborated with Hitler — is being rehabilitated as a Hungarian patriot, Goncz's thoughtful ruminations bear repeating.

Hungary did not acquit itself honorably, either before or during the Holocaust, and the least Hungarians can do now is to ponder these unassailable facts with courage and honesty.

Symbol of new age

While news reports from Germany are still dominated by stories about neo-Nazi hooligans and the rise of an extreme militant right wing political coalition, here and there one notes developments that signal Germany's more positive profile.

A case in point is the German government's reconstruction of one of the finest examples of synagogue architecture in that country, the famous Oranienburgerstrasse Synagogue, built in 1866.

The synagogue, partly destroyed by Nazi thugs during the infamous Kristallnacht pogrom, was used by the Nazis as a uniform depot. The structure was partially destroyed during Allied bombing raids in 1943. Because it was situated in what later became East Berlin, the site of the Oranienburgerstrasse Synagogue was ignored by the Communist authorities until 1988 when Erich Honecker, the head of the East German state, permitted the Jewish community to build a small Jewish centre there.

Now the authorities in Bonn have continued with the work started by moving to complete the reconstruction of the exterior and parts of the interior. The new building will not be an exact replica, but will house a modern museum of Jewish life. Work on the synagogue is slated to be complete on May 8, 1995, the 50th anniversary of Germany's surrender.

It is unlikely that German Jewry will ever again need this kind of a synagogue. Nonetheless, almost half a century after World War II, it is heartening to see the German government restoring one of German Jewry's most beautiful structures.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

TO BE A JEW

I want to share my experience with your readers. I am 27 years old, in the process of an Orthodox conversion. I had explained to my rabbi my deep concern in regards to being accepted and welcomed by the community at large.

This year, since I have made a true commitment to myself and to Hashem, I wanted to feel the true spirit of each and every day, especially the holidays. And what better way than to be with a family?

I have a friend who has been away from his family for the past six years. No matter where he is, be it in Britain, France or Switzerland, the community has always opened its hearts and most of all its homes to him.

My rabbi had informed me that there was no family willing to have me and others for the seders, for some people prefer to be with family only. I felt extremely sad. I thought if anyone would understand what it feels like being an outsider or alone, it would be this wonderful community that I am embracing with all my heart.

For the most part, Jews are there for one another. It is so odd; some of you would give funds and of your time to many causes, which is great, G-d bless you, yet some people forget it is a mitzvah to welcome people into their homes, be it Jew or gentile — anyone in need.

I am very proud to say I have the most loving, supportive family. (My father is Muslim, my mother Roman Catholic.)

Fortunately, the parents of dear friends who were away for the holidays welcomed not only me but two gentlemen into their home for the Passover seder. I truly felt comfortable, for I assisted my friends' mother with the enjoyable tasks that accompany any "family" gathering.

I hope and pray that by sharing my experience with your readers some of you will have learned and remember others who are in need of "family" — and most of all what it means to be a Jew.

Lisa Suarez-Khan
Toronto

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ISRAELIS STILL MISSING

Recently I met some members of the families of Israeli soldiers missing in action. They are concerned that in the rush to reach peace agreements, these soldiers will be forgotten. They pleaded with me to reach Canadian Jews with a request that they write the Israeli Embassy or their local consulate to ask for assurances that no peace agreements will be signed until the fate of these soldiers has been determined and any of them who are still alive are returned. I hope you will respond to this appeal.

Yacov Kruger
Jerusalem

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"YENTISHA BAROQUE"

Arnold Ages' article on Jewish civilization and architecture, while well intended, is badly skewed. To devote a third of the space to Morris Lapidus, whose style at best can be described as "Yentisha Baroque" (admirably suited to the culture of Miami Beach), but to omit any reference to the great architects such as the master Louis Kahn, or James Freed, the designer of the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, is a very superficial recognition of the contribution of architecture to Jewish civilization.

The practitioners named in his random list of modern architects, including some Canadians, were all commercially successful; but with one or two exceptions, their work is not particularly noteworthy. Of greater interest to your readers would have been the inclusion of one of the first Jewish architects to practise in Toronto, the late Abe Sprachman, and his son Mandel, who between them significantly influenced the design of theatres across Canada. In addressing Jewish civilization, Ages' most obvious omission is his disregard of the uniquely indigenous architecture evolving in Israel, designed for the most part by graduates of the Technion.

Jack Chisvin, P.Eng.
Toronto

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MACHAL'S CONTRIBUTION

As a member of Machal, North Americans who served in the Israeli War of Independence in 1948, I am very upset that Machal was not recognized, included nor invited to any of the Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations.

The 300 or 400 Canadians that served in the army, navy and air forces made more than a small contribution to the founding of Israel. In fact some of them lost their lives during this conflict.

Harold Kates
Toronto

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KUPER IS ALIVE

Having just been handed a clipping of an article in *The CJN* by your staff writer, Ben Rose, re Al Waxman and *A Shayna Maidel*, I wish to bring the following to your attention:

Sun In My Eyes was not an adaptation of the book, *Child of the Holocaust*, but an original play written in the '50s and produced on CBC TV in 1960.

Furthermore, Al Waxman did not portray the author as the article states, but the author's uncle, Moishe.

Lastly, both works deal with how the author survived, and to the best of my knowledge, as of this writing, he is still living. I think.

Jack Kuper
Toronto

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SISTERS AND STRANGERS

I want to thank Frances Kraft and *The CJN* for the excellent article on Avi Armoni, director of the New Israel Fund (NIF) in Jerusalem. I'm glad your readers had the opportunity to learn about the kind of activities which the Fund has undertaken in Israel to promote co-existence, tolerance and democracy.

The New Israel Fund has an office in Toronto, 1,500 donors who have supported NIF projects since 1989 and active committees in Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal. In fact, the New Israel Fund of Canada (NIFC) itself sponsors several fundraising events. The Sucah by the Water event in the fall supports the Israel Women's Network and emergency programs for Israeli women in distress. And, the NIFC Film Night (part of the Toronto Jewish Film Festival) raises money for the Israel Civil Liberties Law Program.

This year, to emphasize our commitment to co-existence, New Israel Fund of Canada is hosting a Meretz Member of Knesset, Naomi Chazan and a Palestinian Israeli and former lecturer at the University of Haifa, Dr. Mariam Mar'i. They will be in Toronto this June as part of a lecture tour called, Sisters and Strangers.

If your readers want more information, please call (416) 340-0507.

Marsha Slivka
Director, New Israel Fund of Canada
Toronto

Dry Bones

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Opinion

Some items that few people know about

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

The two items which I have chosen for this week's column have not (at least not to my knowledge) made it into the general press. One is from Germany, the other from Israel.

The German item may be subtitled "The synagogue that was spared." The locale is a little town in Bavaria that I had never heard about (and I am pretty familiar with German geography). Its name is Veitshoechheim, located not too far from Wuerzburg, where in olden days a famous rabbinical seminary was located.

Rabbi Plaut

It so happened that on November 9/10, 1938, when 1,100 German synagogues and places of prayer were destroyed during Pogrom Night (formerly known as Kristallnacht), the synagogue in Veitshoechheim was spared — but not because the town's population revolted against the idea of destroying a place of worship or because the local Nazis did not carry out their orders. The reason was simply that even before that dreadful night the synagogue had been expropriated and had been turned into a firehouse. Thus, it escaped destruction — but that is not the end of the story.

Recently, during some renovations which were designed to turn the building into a museum, synagogue fixtures and other ritual paraphernalia were discovered in a storage room, which also contained objects from the 18th century, along with historical memorabilia, such as a plaque remembering the Jewish veterans of World War I.

According to the person who has been put in charge of restoration, "there was no defilement through burning, or through unclean use as animal stalls." The city administration has now purchased the building next door which will be the new museum and the old synagogue will be restored to its former use.

The news item does not tell us how many Jews are now living in Veitshoechheim. My guess is that there are few or none.

The out-of-the-way item from Israel which struck my fancy has to do with organizations that are unpopular — not because they are violent or obstruct the normal carrying out of public business, but because they raise legal points designed to procure rights for unpopular groups.

Thus, there is an Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) as well as B'tselem, the Israeli Information Centre for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories.

Most people have little use for such organizations, which they accuse of pampering the enemies of the state by trying to secure rights for Arab detainees or other persons deemed dangerous. People also say that while Jewish Israelis come forward to protect Arabs, Arabs never stand up to protect the rights of Jews.

I am glad to report, therefore, that there is in fact an Arab organization in the territories which is called Al-Haq and may be said to be the leading Palestinian human rights organization. It has recently come out against detaining right-wing activists of the Kach and Kahane Chai movements. (This news was provided by Peter Hirschberg for the *Jerusalem Report* of April 21.)

Al-Haq is headquartered in Ramallah, and its spokesman Fateh Azzam said that "from Al-Haq's point of view, administrative detention must be rejected regardless of who is involved. It is a violation of civil rights."

There is also a Palestinian Human Rights Information Centre in East Jerusalem, and its director Jan Abu Shukah too has stated that she and her group oppose administrative detention — regardless of what political views the detainees profess.

Most people in Israel pay little attention to groups they consider to be on the fringe of society, even though their conscience may on occasion be pricked by the moral and legal arguments that are brought forward.

Before we turn and go to "more important" subjects, let us remember that right here in Canada, in our own midst, we have an organization of similar nature. Called the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA), it too promotes causes that no one else dares to touch, and is ready to protect persons whom the public has already judged guilty and unworthy of legal protection. In my opinion it is no accident that the CCLA is headed by a distinguished Jew, Alan Borovoy, C.M. [Member of the Order of Canada], whose views have often been either ridiculed or condemned by a lot of people.

But society needs voices like that, in Canada as well as in Israel or anywhere. It may of course be that "the people know best," but they don't always.

I salute those who have made it their task to prick the public conscience and test the law, even when it is less than popular to do so.

Jews are mute in face of Bosnian screams

By AVRUM ROSENSWEIG

One can't help wonder why the Jewish community invests so much time and so many hours into Holocaust education.

For years, we have attended lecture after lecture given by survivors and experts on Holocaust studies. We've viewed dozens of Schindleresque movies keeping us on the cutting edge of Holocaust issues such as Washington's refusal to blow up the tracks leading to Auschwitz.

When the '80s rolled around, we paid to send our community's teenagers to see Auschwitz, hoping to ensure Jewish continuity and an awareness of evil in our midst.

In the '90s, the Holocaust Memorial in Washington was added to our list of educational tools. Hundreds of our community's members travelled to the U.S. capital and spent a day viewing pieces of the Nazi killing machine and the destruction of European Jewry.

And as we educated ourselves, the thing which pained us the most was how any human being could have gone about their daily chores knowing what barbaric things were happening to our people. "Where was the world," we asked, "when we screamed for help."

The answer was hard to come by but we swore we would "never forget" and always be eternally vigilant of other's suffering.

Then on April 19, we awoke to the headline, Gorazde mayor pleads after 'night of screams'. Over our coffee we read how the mayor of this besieged Bosnian town pleaded with the world to stop the Serbian bombardment.

Sip after sip, we discovered his horror as he listened to the shrieks coming from the town's hospital as "parts of bodies are flying into the air." We read about the ceasefire breaches and the town's people begging to be rescued.

It was there in front of us, at our breakfast table.

And we realize that we've heard something like that before. It's a familiar phrase . . . flying glass . . . broken bodies . . . the night of crystal . . . Kristallnacht . . . Berlin . . . Germany.

God, we know that phrase. It once described us. Our own 'night of screams.' The terrifying cry of our people as they were beaten, murdered and their community broken like a pane of glass falling to the floor.

Yet, on April 19, we were mute. We were paralyzed at the mouth. The screams of the people of Gorazde did not move us, the Jewish people, the way we had demanded of the rest of the world.

Barely a word escaped the pens of our leading writers and journalists, demanding immediate action of our leaders. Not a Jew stood on a politician's porch refusing to let them sleep, until they forced the Canadian people to respond to 'the screams of Gorazde.' Not a rabbi insisted that their synagogue's lights burn all night, if need be, while committees worked to lobby governments, and to organize protests.

And through it all, the daily trips to Washington's Holocaust Memorial continued and the world's apathy enraged us. Our children returned from visiting Auschwitz, and were full of grief at the sight of the bunkers. Theatres burst at the seams holding overflow crowds to see *Schindler's List*.

One wonders, then, if all the Holocaust lectures, films and missions are not in some way calling us to action, then what are they doing? What do we mean when we keep saying we are eternally vigilant.

Eternally vigilant of what?

Is it enough to learn more and more about the Holocaust and simply say, "I'm angry. I'm not going to do anything about it, but I'm angry." Isn't that like watching your neighbor's house burn under the match of a pyromaniac, and telling them, "Yes, I'm terribly upset your home is burning, but don't expect me to put it out."

If the morning newspaper and its reports on 200,000 dead in Bosnia, and 100,000 massacred in Rwanda do not evoke an active response from us as individuals and as a community, then what of all this Holocaust education?

If our anger at the world's silence during the worst time in the history of the Jewish people does not force us to cry out in pain and rage and remembrance when we see it happening to someone else, Jew or non-Jew, then perhaps we should sit down and talk and maybe think this whole Holocaust education thing through just a little bit more carefully.

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Shavuot — a primer for the least understood holiday

By ALLAN GOULD

It's coming again!

Shavuot: The least understood holiday of the Shalosh Regalim (The Three Legs — which must refer to a rotten horse bet on by one of the great rabbis of the Talmud era.)

Every Jew — even the least traditional — is well aware of the most famous of the three major holidays — Pesach, or Passover. That's the holiday when the angels of HaShem "passed over" Jewish women, so they were able to leave Egypt. This interpretation is based on the fact that today, some 3,000 years later, they are unable to leave the kitchen from Purim until well after Pesach.

Allan Gould

And, of course, there's Sukkot — or Booths — when we recall how the ancient Hebrews lived in booths in the desert, because they were still unable to afford larger, suburban dwellings. (When you put down "slave" on your resume, your chances of getting hired, especially by Amalekites or Canaanites, are pretty slim.)

Anyway, Shavuot is rapidly approaching. Now Shavuot, as most readers of this fine periodical know, is the holiday of weeks, since it took weeks for us to change over the dishes from Pesach back to regular, everyday stuff, when the cups, saucers and plates actually match.

But Shavuot lacks the "grabber" image, the profound symbolism of Pesach's bitter herbs (not to mention Uncle Herb, whom you manage to avoid for the rest of the year, but always get stuck with on Passover). Shavuot also lacks the stunning and memorable metaphor of the sukkah, with its beautiful yet temporary walls, its fragile roof and charming icicles hanging from the schach, as well as your younger sister's braids.

No, Shavuot does not have the immediate recognition factor of the other two "legs." And so, to help you out, here is another of this writer's beloved quizzes. (Answers on page 125 in this issue, but no fair peeking!!)

1. What great event in the early history of our people does Shavuot recall?

A. The moment when the first Jew in history bought retail.

B. Moshe's bar mitzvah.

C. Moshe's wedding.

D. The giving of the Torah.

E. The giving away of Moshe's bride.

2. Near what mountain did the Israelites receive the Ten Commandments?

A. Mount Carmel.

B. Mount Sinai.

C. Now why would HaShem choose to give us the Law from the top of a HOSPITAL, of all places??

3. Who brought the tables of the Law to the Israelites?

A. Western Union.

B. Eastern Union.

C. Middle-Eastern Union.

D. Moses.

E. Morris.

4. How long did Moses remain on the mountain before he brought down the Ten Commandments?

A. Until he could get a room.

B. Until he managed to get the number down to five.

C. Forty days and 40 nights.

D. No, that's how long it rained on Noah's Ark.

E. 40 days and 34 nights; Moses had a lousy travel agent.

5. What ancient Jewish hero, according to the rabbinic tradition, actually died on the holiday of Shavuot?

A. Your late, beloved Bubba, Chaya Yiddis.

B. David.

C. Goliath.

D. You call Goliath a Jewish hero? Go back to Hebrew School, do not pass go, do not collect 200 shekels.

6. What is Tikkum Leyel Shevuot?

A. A special service which includes portions of the Torah and Prophets.

B. I was absent that day in Hebrew School; sorry.

C. Is there a time limit to this question??

7. What book is read only on the holiday of Shavuot in synagogue?

A. The Book of Esther.

B. The Book of Shirley.

C. The Book of Eve.

D. The Book of Ruth.

E. The Booker Prize.

8. In what month does Shavuot occur?

A. Sivan.

B. May, if late.

C. April, if early.

D. Can't these Jews do ANYTHING on time??

9. Why is this holiday called Shavuot, or the Feast of Weeks?

A. The Rabbis just couldn't pronounce "Pentecost."

B. If we called it the Feast of Months, we'd never be able to get any work done.

C. Because it occurs seven weeks after Pesach.

D. Because it takes place 11 weeks after Purim.

E. Because Jews are still "weak" from Passover.

10. What other names does Shavuot have?

A. "That Holiday After Pesach."

B. Chag Hakatzir, or the Feast of the Harvest.

C. "The Holiday When We Can Eat Grains and Actually Use the Washroom Again."

D. Chag Ha-Bikkurim, or the Holiday of the First Fruits.

E. Z'Man Matan Tora-taynu, or the Season of the Giving of the Law.

F. "The Holiday Where We Can Eat Inside and Not Freeze Again."

11. What special food is linked to Shavuot?

A. Hamentashen.

B. Latkes.

C. Pate de fois gras.

D. Chicken a la Melech.

E. Blintzes.

F. French Fries.

G. Leftover Matzah Farfel.

And finally, a question which a teenager I know wanted to challenge us all with:

12. "If Ruth was a Moabite, and Boaz married her, then why can't I date girls who aren't Jewish?"

A. Who let that kid in here?

B. Ruth might have been a Moabite, but you sound like an Amalekite for asking a question like that.

C. Because their marriage gave the world the Davidic line, from which the Messiah will come. Who knows where your line would lead, you rotten little thing!

Allan Gould is the author of 19 books. His latest is The Great Big Book of Canadian Humour, *which is an uproarious anthology of our finest comic writers, from Stephen Leacock to the Royal Air Farce; Wayne & Shuster to Second City; Atwood to Richler to Ritter to Zolf. So maybe it would be a nice gift for Shavuot, eh??*

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Nixon valued Israel

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

When Richard Nixon died last month, my thoughts turned to a warm mid-October afternoon in 1973 I will likely never forget.

I was standing near a bookshop on Allenby Street in Tel Aviv when I heard a muffled roar overhead. Looking skyward, I saw a formation of giant C-5A transport planes, and immediately realized that help was on the way.

The United States was finally sending badly-needed military equipment and ammunition to replenish Israel's dwindling supply.

It was the ninth or 10th day of the Yom Kippur War, and though Israel had begun to turn the tide against Egypt and Syria, the situation on the ground was still fairly desperate.

In the face of this crisis, Prime Minister Golda Meir asked the Nixon administration for tens of thousands of tons of weapons and munitions.

The request, formally conveyed by Israel's ambassador in Washington, Simcha Dinitz, was relayed to President Richard Nixon by his Jewish secretary of state, Henry Kissinger.

However, there were seemingly endless delays before the U.S. emergency airlift of arms got under way.

Twenty-one years later, the reasons for Washington's procrastination are quite apparent. The United States delayed the airlift because it feared that a clear-cut Israeli military victory would make it all the harder to find a political solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute and would poison Washington's relations with the Arab world.

In *Years of Upheaval*, published in 1982, Kissinger alludes to this strategy, while Nixon, in his own memoirs, states candidly that his objective was "a battlefield stalemate." Such an outcome, Nixon reasoned, would push the warring sides into peace talks at the end of hostilities.

As it turned out, he was right. Shortly after the Yom Kippur War, Kissinger launched a bold peace-making initiative which became known as shuttle diplomacy. Within a month of the October 1973 ceasefire, Kissinger made the first of 11 trips to the Middle East, which culminated in three interim accords, or disengagement pacts, involving Israel, Egypt and Syria in the Sinai Peninsula and on the Golan Heights.

The agreements were of crucial importance.

- They enabled Israel and Egypt to move from war to peace, a process that eventually yielded one of the diplomatic coups of the century, the 1979 peace treaty.
- They produced a durable truce between Israel and Syria on the Golan. This arrangement has weathered several crises, including the 1982 war in Lebanon.
- They sowed the seeds of reconciliation between the United States and the chief Arab combatants in the Yom Kippur War. By 1974, Washington had re-established relations with Egypt and Syria. Egypt became a key U.S. ally, although Syria did not.

Apart from these achievements, Nixon will be remembered as the first U.S. president to visit Israel while still in office, the first president to regard the Jewish state as a strategic asset, and the first president to institutionalize foreign aid to Israel.

When Nixon, the 37th president, took office in January 1969, the United States' relationship with the Arab world was frayed. During the 1967 Six Day War, several Arab countries had broken ties with Washington, absolutely convinced that the Johnson administration had tilted toward Israel. In fact, this was only partially true.

Nixon's Middle East policy hinged on his desire to reduce the influence of the Soviet Union, to weaken Arab radicals and encourage Arab moderates and to assure Israel's security.

Though not viscerally pro-Israel, and somewhat anti-Semitic, as the Watergate tapes revealed, Nixon held Israel in high regard. "We are for Israel because Israel... is the only state in the Middle East which is pro-freedom and an effective opponent of Soviet expansionism," he said.

Nixon, Kissinger writes in *Years of Upheaval*, "believed that Jews formed a powerful cohesive group in American society; that they were predominantly liberal; that they put the interests of Israel above everything else; that their control of the media made them dangerous adversaries; above all, that Israel had to be forced into a peace settlement and could not be permitted to jeopardize our Arab relations."

True to form, Nixon sought to impose a comprehensive Mideast settlement on Israel, a course of action it has always resisted.

Shortly before his inaugural, Nixon dispatched William Scranton, a hand-picked emissary, on a tour of the Middle East. During the course of his trip to Mideast capitals, Scranton declared that U.S. policy should be more "even-handed," a code phrase which could mean only one thing — a tilt away from Israel.

Nixon's first secretary of state, William Rogers, reinforced that disquieting impression by observing that Israel's post-1967 ceasefire lines with its Arab neighbors "should not reflect the weight of conquest."

Richard Nixon in Israel in June 1974.

Although Nixon did not publicly endorse Rogers' position, he instructed him to try to revive Gunnar Jarring's faltering peace mission. During the War of Attrition, which began soon after the Six Day War, Jarring — a senior Swedish diplomat — was chosen by the United Nations to seek an interim settlement between Israel and Egypt.

In May 1971, less than a year after the War of Attrition had wound down thanks to U.S. mediation, Rogers went to the Mideast to ascertain whether the Jarring mission could be resuscitated.

It could not be, but several months later Nixon agreed to sell Israel Phantom and Skyhawk fighter planes over a three-year period. Steven Spiegel, an authority on U.S.-Israel relations, claims that this was the first long-term arms deal signed by Washington and Jerusalem.

Nixon, Kissinger writes, respected Israel's military prowess, and "admired Israeli guts." Israel did not disappoint Nixon. In September 1970, Israel, in league with the United States, compelled Syria to withdraw a tank force from northern Jordan.

When that crisis erupted, Israel's ambassador to Washington was Yitzhak Rabin, with whom Nixon had warm ties. Rabin, the former chief of staff who would succeed the discredited Golda Meir as premier, thought highly of Nixon, and in 1972 he all but endorsed the Republican party during the presidential election campaign. Rabin's faux pas embarrassed Israel and Jews in the United States, but Rabin's remarks reflected the thinking of the Israeli government.

According to Kissinger, Nixon began his second term in 1972 with the firm intention of launching a diplomatic initiative for the Middle East. The Vietnam war still preoccupied Nixon, but he felt that the Middle East should have "a very high priority" in his administration.

As it happened, the United States completely failed to bring Israel and its Arab adversaries, particularly Egypt, closer to peace.

Indeed, Egypt and Syria made preparations for a campaign to wrest the Sinai and Golan from Israel once their leaders, Anwar al-Sadat and Hafez al-Assad, had concluded that only war could break the diplomatic logjam.

Nixon and Kissinger, having expected Israel to beat Egypt and Syria into submission, were genuinely surprised by Israel's military setbacks in the first week of the Yom Kippur War.

But they used the opportunity to wrest political and territorial concessions from Israel, a process that ultimately brought a measure of stability to the Middle East. In exchange, the United States increased, and regularized, aid to Israel.

In his final weeks as president, Nixon travelled to the Middle East to shore up Kissinger's diplomacy. He was well received by his hosts in Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Israel, but his triumphant tour did not diminish the desire of the U.S. Congress to impeach Nixon. Facing reality, Nixon stepped down in August 1974, his reputation in tatters.

Nixon, of course, is best known for his startling rapprochement with China and his policy of detente with the Soviet Union.

But lest it be forgotten, Nixon had a profound influence on events in the Middle East, an area that has confounded many.

He left an indelible mark on Israel and the Arabs.

Richard Nixon was U.S. president when Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir visited Washington early in 1973. Immediately behind the pair are Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's ambassador, (right) and Rabin's successor, Simcha Dinitz (left).

Mideast Analysis

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The peace process is beset by substantive and procedural difficulties, terrorism and delays. Nevertheless, Israel has begun to reap the dividends of peace.

Sixteen nations, mainly in Africa, have established or re-established diplomatic relations with Israel since Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat signed the Declaration of Principles (DoP) in Washington on Sept. 13. This means that 136 of the 185 member states of the United Nations now have formal ties with Israel. Diplomatically speaking, Israel has never been so blessed.

Within the Middle East, Israel is engaged in a process of creeping normalization with several Arab countries, and is upgrading its links with Egypt, the only Arab nation that enjoys full diplomatic relations with Jerusalem.

The most striking example of Israel's incremental rapprochement with the Arab world occurred last month in Muscat, Oman.

A large Israeli delegation, headed by Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin, arrived in that Persian Gulf principality to participate in multilateral talks on water resources in the Middle East, a conference attended by 37 countries.

The atmosphere was relaxed, and Oman and Israel reached an agreement to work together on a solar energy project. Praising the DoP as a step in the right direction, Oman's information minister declared: "We must forget the past. Progress is based on the future." Oman's foreign minister, however, made it abundantly clear that diplomatic relations with Israel are dependent on an overall Arab-Israeli peace accord.

Meanwhile, there are rumors that Oman's neighbor, Qatar, plans to sign an agreement with Israel under which Oman's natural gas would be shipped to Europe via an Israeli port.

According to reports, which Israel has not denied, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Energy Minister Moshe Shahal recently held talks in London with a senior Omani official to promulgate a deal.

Peace dividends

Progress has also been reported from Morocco, which is home to the largest Jewish community in the Arab world.

On his way back to Israel from Washington last September after signing the DoP, Rabin and Peres stopped over in Rabat to confer with King Hassan II.

Since then, Israel and Morocco have signed trade, banking, communications and transportation agreements.

Furthermore, Morocco has played host to the president of the Israeli Chambers of Commerce, the chair of Bank Hapoalim and delegations representing B'nai Brith International and the Jewish Heritage Council, which is exploring the possibilities of renovating and preserving Jewish institutions and sites.

Israel and Jordan are also moving from enmity to cooperation.

During a recent trip to Washington, King Hussein spoke of his wish for a "warm peace" and economic ties with Israel. As well, he said he hoped to meet publicly with Rabin soon.

There have been other encouraging developments. Jordan has agreed in principle to a joint economic conference with Israel in Amman later this year. Crown Prince Hassan, who appeared in public with Peres last September after Israel and Jordan signed an agenda for negotiations, has given Israeli journalists interviews. Jordanian officials have met with American Reform rabbis in Amman. And in Washington, Project Nishma, which works for peace in the Middle East, organized a dinner for American Jewish leaders, with the Israeli and Jordanian ambassadors as guests of honor. The event began in the Israeli embassy and ended in the Jordanian embassy.

The pace of change on the Syrian front seems glacial by comparison. But Syria's president, Hafez al-Assad, has characterized peace with Israel as a "strategic choice."

Until quite recently, Egypt and Israel were locked into a "cold peace." Of late, there has been a dramatic thaw. Israel and Egypt have signed cultural and scientific agreements. Plans are afoot to build a direct telephone link between the two countries. And Egyptians who want to visit Israel will no longer have to register with the security forces.

Problems with Islamic fundamentalists rooted in age-old dilemma: TAU expert

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It's not really the return to Islam that's the problem; it's the need for change, said an expert on Muslim countries.

David Menashri of Tel Aviv's Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies was speaking on Islamic fundamentalism at a recent membership reception for Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University held at the Inn on the Park hotel.

Muslim countries have faced the same dilemma for the last 200 years, said Menashri. With their ideology at variance with economic reality, "they started asking themselves, 'If we are so good, why is our situation so bad'?"

In countries such as Turkey, Egypt and Iran, Western military technology was imitated in an attempt to improve the lot of Muslim citizens. Local Muslims also tried instituting European-style school systems in the mid-19th century and European-style parliaments in the late 19th century. The most recent solution, says Menashri, stems from the reasoning, "We are weak because we stopped being good Muslims, not because we are Muslims."

Menashri is currently on sabbatical at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

Although Islamic fundamentalists "really believe," Menashri noted that their concerns encompass many non-religious issues. "Most of the fundamentalists have on their agenda to struggle against the political system in their own country," he said.

"Islamic Jihad, or holy war, for them, is not propaganda or ideology," Menashri noted. "I think it's time we take them seriously. . .They kill people. They punish people, and they educate people to view self-sacrifice as an ideal."

Menashri, who spent two years in Iran in the 1970s, said a typical Iranian death notice during the Iran-Iraq war would "congratulate the family" for having lost their son in the war.

Notwithstanding, the movement gives hope and comfort to Muslims, Menashri said. "There are several things in the Islamic fundamentalist movement I like very much," he confessed, citing fundamentalist efforts to provide food for the poor and comfort for the sick and needy. "People need this."

The Islamic fundamentalist threat in Israel, as in other countries, symbolizes a need for social, economic, cultural and political change, Menashri said.

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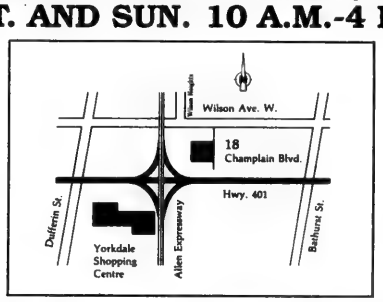

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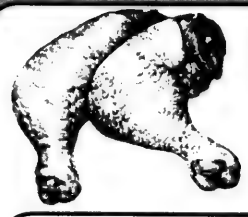

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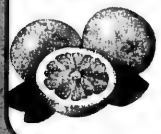

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Rabbi Soloveitchik lauded as 'a rebbe par excellence'

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

Rabbi Julius Berman

TORONTO — The towering genius of the late Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik was combined with a very human personality, full of principle, compassion and humor, says a long-time student who was also his legal advisor.

Rabbi Julius Berman talked about "the Rav" as his followers called him at the annual Meyer Gasner Memorial Lecture, sponsored by Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, which hosted the event, Mizrachi of Canada and Canadian Jewish Congress.

Rabbi Berman, an attorney, is past president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and current chair of its Kashruth Commission, past chair of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations and founder and past president of the National Jewish Committee on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA).

The custom of putting up a headstone on a grave at the end of the first year, Rabbi Berman said, came about because "during the first year, we don't need a stone to remind us about the person. After 12 months, time heals the wounds, and that's when we need the stone."

In the case of Rabbi Soloveitchik, Rabbi Berman said in a choked voice, "the wound is still open — the wound is still raw."

Moses described to his father-in-law the requirements of a leader, Rabbi Berman said: someone who provides for the individual needs of the members of the community, who acts as a judge and posek (one who rules on halachic matters) and resolves disputes, and someone who builds a core of students who develop into leaders in their own right, but still remain his students.

Rabbi Soloveitchik was such a leader, Rabbi Berman said. "For a generation in such critical times to have had a leader who combines all those qualities is a zhus beyond compare."

The Rav, he said, was "an intellectual giant, a rebbe par excellence, a great Jewish philosopher."

But what the rabbi chose to talk about, often with a smile, a laugh and obvious affection, was the Rav's human side.

Although he was Chief Rabbi of Boston, and professor of Talmud and later Leib Merkin Distinguished Professor of Talmud and Jewish Philosophy at Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, Rabbi Berman said that he referred to himself as "a teacher, saying that if Hashem can refer to Himself as a teacher, so can I."

He spent a lot of time at the Maimonides School in Boston, the first day school in United States, which he founded. Rabbi Berman related the story of his finding a little boy sitting in the hall as punishment for some classroom infraction.

The boy responded to Rabbi Soloveitchik's offer to take him back in to the class with a woebegone explanation that he would not be able to pass a quiz the teacher gave at the end of every class. The Rav sat down and taught him the parsha being studied.

"Later he told his family, 'I think we passed!' "

He was a consummate teacher, Rabbi Berman said, able to accomodate all levels of student, from the smicha shiur (the class for those nearing completion of their rabbinic training) to an evening shiur, to a Jewish orientation seminar.

He had a firm grasp of the essentials of a situation. When asked if a woman could join COLPA, an organization of Orthodox lawyers, he asked; "Is she a lawyer? Is she Jewish? Is she Orthodox? So what's the question?"

He was a caring, compassionate man, Rabbi Berman said. He insisted that a young man staying with him (in a his later years he had someone stay with him during the time he spent in New York) could not wear white socks on a date; when the young man said he didn't have any others with him, the Rav gave him a pair of his own.

He said that he himself now wore only white socks, because his wife could no longer see well enough to properly sort socks by color, and he didn't want her to feel badly that she could no longer do a task she felt was important.

Rabbi Berman also noted that the Rav had a close personal relationship with the present Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, whom he had known since they were both students in Berlin. Rabbi Soloveitchik visited the rebbe on his 80th birthday, and it was noted that Rabbi Schneerson came personally to greet him, and escorted him to a seat of honor.

BBW/C expands housing for Jewish abused women

TORONTO — Alternative housing for Jewish abused women is being offered by B'nai Brith Women of Canada (BBW/C), in partnership with Jewish Family Services of Baron de Hirsch in Montreal and Alpha House in Winnipeg.

BBW/C and Baron de Hirsch's plans are underway to begin operating Alternative Short Term Emergency Housing (ASTEH) in Montreal early this summer. Modeled after the 6-year-old prototype in Toronto, ASTEH will complement existing services for Jewish abused women in the community.

ASTEH offers Jewish abused women who may have been in a shelter, a place where life decisions can be safely explored. In addition, ASTEH is a viable alternative to a communal shelter and may be used as a safe house in a community distant from one's own.

ASTEH is a two-bedroom, kosher apartment in which clients will use the counselling services of Baron de Hirsch social workers and receive practical support from trained BBW/Canada volunteers. BBW/C is currently seeking furnishings for the apartment, as well as volunteers for the project.

Until recently, Winnipeg had no secure place specifically for Jewish abused women while they explored their options. BBW/C has united with Alpha House, a shelter with eight individual units, to operate a kosher facility for Jewish abused women. At Alpha House clients receive counselling from social work staff on the premises, and support from BBW/C volunteers. As well, BBW/C will be responsible for ensuring that kashrut is observed in the apartment.

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Halton Peel lodge joins B'nai Brith

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

BRAMPTON — B'nai Brith Canada's Halton Peel lodge became the newest charter member of B'nai Brith International in a recent celebration held at the Brampton Golf Club.

"We are delighted that in the Halton-Peel region the B'nai Brith banner is unfurled and will join with the synagogues in bringing a presence of Jewish life to this region," said B'nai Brith Canada president Gabriel Nachman.

Mayors Hazel McCallion of Mississauga and Peter Robertson of Brampton welcomed the lodge to their communities, and a candle-lighting ceremony marked the installation of Steven Black as lodge president, Rochelle Guilford as vice-president, and Sharna White as secretary-treasurer by BBC executive vice-president Frank Dimant.

Black was presented with a gavel, a banner and a menorah — gifts from the Hamilton, Maccabiah and Mayvin lodges respectively.

The lodge, which has a heavy focus on multicultural activities, grew out of a meeting of a dozen people in a private home over a year ago. Today there are 32 members, representing an area that encompasses Mississauga, Georgetown, Brampton and even Etobicoke.

There are three synagogues in the Halton-Peel region: Solel in Mississauga, Shaarei Beth-El in Oakville and Har Tikva in Brampton. B'nai Brith's Halton-Peel office is located on Airport Road in Mississauga, where Joyce Aster serves as membership coordinator. Having a local presence is a key element in the lodge's success, believes Pearl Gladman, B'nai Brith's national director field services.

B'nai Brith Canada has 90 lodges, whose members number among the 500,000 members of BB International. The international organization marks its 150th anniversary this year. B'nai Brith activities include community volunteerism, interfaith and intercultural dialogues and combating racism and bigotry.

Reform congregation in planning stages for Durham Region

AJAX, Ont. — Yes, there is Jewish life east of Bathurst Street in Toronto.

To prove it, the Committee for a Reform Jewish Congregation in Durham Region is having its inaugural Friday night Oneg Shabbat service May 13, with a view toward establishing a Reform shul in the sprawling region east of Metro.

The service will begin at 7:30 at the Annandale Golf and Country Club on Bayly Street in Ajax. It will be led by Rabbi Daniel Gottlieb, director of the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism.

According to committee spokesman Harley Saltzman, there are about 80 Jewish families in Oshawa, 40-50 in Pickering and Ajax and some 20 in Whitby and Bowmanville.

Oshawa is served by Beth Zion Congregation, which is Orthodox.

The committee was set up late last year to explore the possibility of establishing a Reform congregation in Durham, which has experienced a mini-boom in its Jewish population over the past decade.

Organizers hope the Oneg Shabbat next Friday will become a regular service. Plans are underway to have a Reform congregation in place by this Rosh Hashanah, Saltzman told *The CJN*.

Talks are ongoing with the owner of a tract of land in Ajax, who is considering donating a private home for use as a temple, Saltzman said.

Jewish residents of Durham currently make the trek to various Toronto and York Region synagogues, and drive children to Sunday and evening classes, Saltzman said.

The committee is also hoping to have a religious school in place by September. Organizers will hand out school registration cards at the May 13 service to gauge demand for classes, Saltzman added.

In the meantime, the temple will be lay-lead. It's hoped a student rabbi will lead High Holiday services.

For more information, call Harley Saltzman at (905) 683-5646.

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Former envoy rejects more peace concessions

Arafat failed on promises: Blum

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Continued compromises with Palestinian leaders is making Israel seem like a pushover in their eyes, said the former Israeli ambassador to the United Nations.

"They think the more they try to push us in the corner, the more they can get concessions," said Yehuda Blum.

Blum was speaking at the annual Negev Dinner, which this year honored lawyer David Freeman. Blum was standing in for current UN ambassador Gad Yaacobi, who was in Israel for family reasons.

Blum said the euphoria among Israelis following the signing of the Declaration of Principles last September has evaporated. He said an Independence Day poll last month showed 58 per cent of the population is dissatisfied, while 41 per cent supports government policy.

The same poll showed 44 per cent would vote for opposition leader Benyamin Netanyahu as prime minister over Itzhak Rabin with 38 per cent.

"By no means are our people against peace," Blum emphasized. "But on what terms? Peace at any price? Obviously not."

Every Israel government has wanted peace, he said, and the present government embarked on the peace process with the best intentions.

But Blum said Arafat didn't deliver on his promise to Rabin that he would cease terrorizing Israeli Jews and rescind the PLO covenant calling for the destruction of Israel.

Now, eight months later, many in Israel believe the PLO is co-operating with Hamas, he said.

But despite all the problems, Israel is the big success story of the 20th century, Blum said. The Jewish population of Israel has grown from 600,000 in 1948 to 4.5 million today. In 1948 there were 600 students at the Hebrew University. Today 10,000 study at seven universities throughout Israel.

Israel's agriculture is the envy of the developed countries — 2 million flowers are exported to Europe every night — and the Israel Defence Force is the strongest military force in the Middle East.

Blum called on Jews everywhere "to share this great adventure with us to ensure the survival, identity and future of Jewish life."

Close to 500 filled the banquet hall of the Four Seasons Hotel for the event, including Vancouver Mayor Philip Owen. A major feature was the presentation of a memorial plaque to Norweigan ambassador Bjorn Kristvik, in tribute to the late foreign minister of Norway, Johan Holst, who helped the peace process. The presentation was made by Alan Posluns, Jewish National Fund (JNF) national president, and Norman Gold, Pacific region president.

Freeman, the Negev Dinner honoree, was introduced by former British Columbia Chief Justice Nathan Nemetz. Freeman, a native Vancouverite, said his ties to the JNF and Zionism runs in the family — his late father Max was a Negev Dinner honoree in 1957.

"I feel strongly about the JNF," Freeman said. "We need the state [of Israel] to represent us in international tribunals to prevent a recurrence of the kind of things that happened to Jews over the ages."

Allan Posluns (right) national JNF president, and Norman Gold (left), Pacific region president, present memorial plaque to Bjorn Kristvik in honor of Norway's late foreign minister Johan Holst, who helped negotiate Israel-PLO accord at the JNF Negev Dinner. [Robert Edel photo]

He said the JNF represents the eternal possession of the Jewish people.

Freeman said that despite World War II and the creation of the United Nations the world remains without essential sanctions. There are no sanctions to regulate genocide or prevent another Holocaust. "That is why your protection is to support Israel — not for nostalgia, but to secure your own future. You need the state to represent us in international tribunals to prevent a recurrence of the kind of things that happened to Jews over the ages. Israel offers potential as well as present protection."

He said the JNF represents the eternal possession of the Jewish people. As laid down by its founders, its funds could be used only for the purchase of lands in Palestine and Syria. The principle of eternal possession is based on Leviticus which says: "The land shall not be sold forever, for the land is mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with Me. And in all the land of your possession ye shall grant a redemption for the land."

Mr. Justice Bruce Cohen of the B.C. Supreme Court, was master of ceremonies.

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Organizations and People

Several Jews among recipients of Order of Ontario

Selma Edelstone, Ron Satok, 'Honest Ed' feted

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "As a blind person I'm not afraid to paint, mime or dance," says Toronto artist Ron Satok, one of three persons active in the Jewish community who received the Order of Ontario recently from Lieut. Gov. Henry Jackman at an investiture at Queen's Park. Also honored were Selma Edelstone and Ed Mirvish of Toronto.

Satok, 62, blind for 16 years, was recognized for a lifetime achievement in teaching adults and children with special needs at his studio in Cabbagetown. "There are other languages besides speaking," Satok told *The CJN*.

Ed Mirvish, the legendary Honest Ed of Bloor Street, was honored for "extraordinary charitable contributions and entreprenurial achievments in business and the entertainment industry." The owner of the Royal Alex and Princess of Wales theatres, Mirvish has an office crowded with awards he has won over the years.

Selma Edelstone was recognized for launching Interlink, a program that brings seniors and children together through words and music. She has also taken the program successfully to Israel and other countries. Interlink involves school children and seniors who rehearse a piece of music separately and come together for a joint concert. In the meantime they are "pen pals" and introduce their families to each other.

Others awarded the Order of Ontario were Dr. Prasanta Kumar Basu of Unionville, for ophthalmic research; Lorna de Blicquy of Dunrobin, for advancing women's rights in aviation; M. Joan Chalmers of Toronto, for supporting culture; and Martin Connell of Toronto, for philanthropy in Canada and the Third World.

Also honored were Nicholas Goldschmidt of Toronto, for achievements in music; Martha Henry of London for theatre; J. Conrad Lavigne of Timmins, for French-language broadcasting in Ontario; Donald C MacDonald, for leading the CCF and NDP parties for 17 years; Phillip Nimmons of Thornhill, a jazz musician; Theodore (Ted) Nolan, an NHL player; University of Western Ontario president George Pedersen; Dr. Nelles Silverthorne of Toronto, for medicine; Elizabeth Thorn of North Bay, for education in Northern Ontario; and Dr. Bryan Walls of Windsor, for increasing public awareness of black history in Ontario.

Ontario Lt. Gov. Henry Jackman (third from left) presents the Order of Ontario to (from left) Ron Satok, Selma Edelstone and Ed Mirvish. [Graphic Artists photo]

Popular Holocaust symposium forced to turn students away

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Close to 900 Vancouver high school students were turned away from the 19th annual Holocaust symposium because of a lack of space.

The two-day symposium, held May 4 and 5 at the University of British Columbia, was put on by Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region (CJC-P). Co-ordinator Marilyn Berger said more than 1,000 Grade 11 and 12 students did attend.

The symposium is fully endorsed by the Vancouver school board. Particpants are selected by their teachers.

A highlight of the symposium was the film, *The Courage to Care*, introduced by E. Dunner, a "Schindler" who resides in Vancouver.

Two videos were shown featuring interviews with Franz Suchomel, who had been a commandant at Treblinka. One of the interviews was done by Claude Lantzmann.

Dr. Graham Forst of Capilano College and co-chair of the Vancouver standing committee on the Holocaust welcomed the students and introduced a principal speaker, William Nicholls, the former head of the department of religious studies at the University of British Columbia.

Nicholls, who has written a book on Christian persecution of the Jews, spoke on the topic Why the Jews? 2,000 Years of Persecution.

Dr. Leon Bass, a Buchenwald liberator, spoke of arriving at the camp.

In other CJC-P news, the region is preparing a submission for a British Columbia Human Rights Act review. The review is being conducted by Bill Black, special advisor to Moe Sihota, the minister for Multiculturalism and Human Rights.

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Feminist movement said good for Judaism

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The feminist movement has had a positive impact on Judaism, says Arna Poupko.

Unlike Jewish men, women are asking questions. In their anger, they are demanding to be taught Chumash and Gemara.

Poupko, director of the Department of Living Judaism at the Jewish Education Council of Montreal and scholar-in-residence at the seventh National Jewish Education Conference in Winnipeg, was debating the question of gender issues in Judaism with Lisa Kogen, an educator at a Hebrew day school in New York State.

Kogen, whose husband, Rabbi Judah Kogen, was the spiritual leader of Winnipeg's Conservative Rosh Pina Synagogue for three years, started the debate by contrasting the joyous reception a Jewish baby boy receives on entering the world, compared with that given to a baby girl.

Throughout life, she said, she felt criminated against in the Jewish religious context.

"Our traditions with their ritual and learning were devised by men," Kogen said. "With few exceptions, women have been excluded from the process. It is time women truly participated in the process of shaping Jewish history. It is gratifying that women have made great strides in the Jewish community's religious organizations. We won't be fully equal however until we too can read from the sefer Torah."

Poupko felt there was "a certain dishonesty" in the debate. She said we live in a pluralistic society where Orthodox observance is not forced on anyone.

Poupko described her own path to Orthodoxy and learning. "I still have questions," she said, "but I have found many answers in rigorous study in the context of Halacha. For some questions, there are no answers. It becomes a question of faith."

She said Orthodox women have voices and can speak for themselves. "We don't need to be rescued from the system. We are owed respect for our choices.

"This should not be a question of gender," she said. "The voices of women are always heard in Judaism within their context."

Delegates demands

WINNIPEG — Jewish continuity is in danger of becoming a mantra, said British educator Clive Lawton.

Speaking from the floor at the closing plenary of the seventh National Jewish Education Conference Lawton was responding to delegates' demands that the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), the Canadian Zionist Federation (CZF) and the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) Canada take action on the issues identified at the three-day event.

Freda Steel, co-chair of the program committee (along with Gertie Begleiter) expressed her surprise at how little was done about the resolutions made at the previous conference three years ago. She proposed that the CJC, CZF and CJF form a steering committee and create a national Jewish educational program for recruiting and training Jewish teachers.

Professor Irving Abella, addressing the closing plenary as president of the CJC, also called for action on the serious matter of Jewish continuity. "We should begin now — in Winnipeg," he declared. "Seventy-five years from now, this conference should be seen as a turning point... There could be a synergy in combining the expertise of the CJC, the resources of the CJF and the CZF's Israel programs."

Speaking for the CJF however, Evelyn Katz, the Winnipeg chair of the national planning and priorities committee, disagreed. "I am a process person," she said. "I believe we must address the will of the people, but in a process way rather than shooting from the hip."

Abella also expressed his disappointment that there were no community planners at the conference — "the people who should have been there but weren't," he said — to hear the cries for help from small communities, the youth and campus organizations.

He urged action on their needs and committed Congress to the task.

Rather than waiting for cumbersome national organizations to take action to turn the glacier aside, Lawton suggested that action be taken on the ground; every local Jewish organization in the country should tax itself one per cent of its budget and put the money into a continuity project aimed at its own constituency. Six months from now, he said, the conference organizers or a national Jewish body should write a national newsletter listing what every organization has done.

"That would be a powerful statement," he said.

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Organizations and People

What's New

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, May 5, is deadline for May 19 issue, and Thursday, May 12, is deadline for May 26 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive calls and sort my mail. Phone number 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Friday, May 6

MUSICAL HAPPY HOUR

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** presents a program of semi-classical music 2-3 p.m., Lincoln Place, 429 Walmer Rd.

Saturday, May 7

CANTORIAL SHABBAT

At Beth Tzedec Congregation, the Victor and Renee Topper Cantorial Shabbat features **Cantor Abraham Lubin** of Bethesda, Md., 9 a.m.

Sunday, May 8

JEWISH STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY

Jewish Students at University Campus is the topic **Rose Wolfe**, University of Toronto chancellor, will address at the Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood Breakfast Club. Services 9 a.m., breakfast 9:30 a.m. (no charge).

JOURNALISM TODAY

Temple Sinai adult education seminar presents award-winning journalist **Harvey Schachter** speaking on Journalism Today: The Rise and Fall of the Whig Standard, 10 a.m. No charge.

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Guest speaker at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Brotherhood's annual Mother's Day program is **Art Eggleton**, MP. Time is 10 a.m. All welcome. $3 per person

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HEALING POWER OF LAUGHTER

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood breakfast meeting, 9 a.m., features humorist **Sam Teitelbaum** discussing The Healing Power of Laughter. Everyone welcome. Breakfast $3.

Monday, May 9

FESTIVAL YOM YERUSHALAYIM

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am's Festival Yom Yerushalayim features **Cantor Yehuda Rottner** and Israeli singer **Shelly Ovdat**, the synagogue's Adult and Children's Choir, and **Ted Labow** and his band, 8 p.m. Tickets $8 in advance, $10 at door (subject to availability), children 12 and under free.

Tuesday, May 10

SALUTE TO VOLUNTEERS

The board of directors of Jewish Family & Child Service invites you to join in a Salute to Volunteers at the annual meeting, 8 p.m., 4600 Bathurst St., 4th floor. For information, **Florence Weinberger**, 638-7800, ext. 214.

WOMEN IN THE '90S

Susan Jackson, director of Community Services and Youth Activities for Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, speaks on Women in the '90s at Shaar Shalom Sisterhood's meeting, 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S ROSH CHODESH

All women in the community are invited to join in celebrating Rosh Chodesh Sivan at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. **Laura Grysman** will deliver a shiur on Zelophehad's daughters at 7:30 p.m. Maariv for and by women follows the shiur.

Wednesday, May 11

BETH TZEDEC HIGH SCHOOL

Parents and prospective students are invited to Beth Tzedec's board room, 7:30 p.m., when the synagogue's congregational high school program of Jewish studies will be described. Tichon Beth Tzedec meets Monday and Wednesday afternoons, 4:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. under tutelage of outstanding faculty. A complimentary light supper is offered between the second and third periods. For information and to RSVP, call school office 787-0381. This is a non-credit program.

THE SHABBAT SEDER

The Shabbat Seder, a step-to-step guide celebrating a Shabbat seder (dinner), continues with **Rabbi Barry Schnider** at 8 p.m., Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. This is part of the Continuing Education Committee series, The Art of Jewish Living.

BAYCREST WATCH WEEK

Watchful Willy (far right) was on hand when North York councillor Judy Sgro (centre), speaking on behalf of Mayor Mel Lastman, officially proclaimed Baycrest Watch Week in North York recently. Baycrest Watch was designed in cooperation with the Metropolitan Police Service to make staff, volunteers, clients, families and visitors at the Centre more aware of security risks and what they can do about it. Representing the Metro Police at the launch were Staff Superintendent George Thompson and Superintendent Patricia Post (32 Division), shown above with Baycrest president and CEO Stephen Herbert (left).

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Pomegranate Guild of Toronto meets 8 p.m., Wagman Centre. Bring sewing kits to work on project for Baycrest Centre.

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PARENTS OF ASTHMATIC CHILDREN

Parents of Asthmatic Children of Southern Ontario meets 8 p.m., Hugh MacMillan Rehabiltation Centre, 305 Rumsey Rd., Room 1-106, when **Dr. Sasson Lavi**, allergist and immunologist, speaks on Management of Asthma into the 21st Century. New members welcome. For information, **Elaine Rose**, (905) 881-8416.

Thursday, May 12

HEBRON AND AFULA TRAGEDIES

Beth Tzedec Congregation Israel Action Committee presents a panel discussion, The Hebron and Afula Tragedies: Historical, Political and Psychiatric Perspectives, 7:30 p.m. with panelists **Prof. Alexander Bligh**, Department of History, York University; **David Goldberg**, director of Research and Education, Foundation for Middle East Studies; **Dr. Frederick Lowy**, professor of psychiatry, University of Toronto. Moderator is **Rose Geist**, chair of the Israel Action Committee. Public welcome. Admission free.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Violence Against Women Within the Jewish Community: Responsibilities and Responses, the topic of Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood's meeting, will be discussed by panelists **Mary Lou Fassel**, director of legal services, Barbara Schlifer Commemorative Clinic; **Lilith**, writer, activist; **Paula Klein**, social worker, board member, Criminal Injuries Compensation Board; **Ronnie Jaeger**, social worker, Jewish Family & Child Service. Moderator is **Lynn Cohen**, counsellor/advocate, Barbara Schlifer Commemorative Clinic. Time is 8 p.m. Admission free.

INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING

The last course for this semester is What Every Jew Needs to Know About Christianity with **Martin Lockshin**, 7:30 p.m., JCC North Y branch. Information/registration, 631-5660.

And What Else Is New...

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B'nai Shalom Hebrew School, affiliated with the Board of Jewish Education, holds kindergarten and Grades 1-7 classes at Yorkhill Elementary School, 350 Hilda Ave., Thornhill, Sunday mornings, Monday and Thursday afternoons. Students attend one, two or three times a week, according to grade level. Curriculum includes Hebrew, holidays, prayers, Israel, Bible, history, music, Israeli folkdancing. Remedial and enriched help is available. The bar/bat mitzvah program offers individual tutoring as well as a synagogue skills class. Carpool assistance available. Registration is now open for 1994/95 school year. For information, **Joseph Klinger**, principal, or **Sophie Domb** (905) 731-2797.

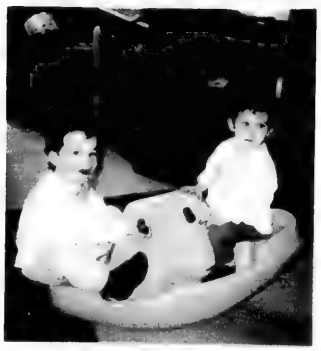
BETH SHOLOM EVENTS

Thursday May 5 — A travelogue and slide show by Toronto artist **Tutzi Seguin**, 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 29 — A concert with 11-year-old violinist **Jessica Bassil** and pianist **Viviana Sofranitskaya**, 8 p.m.

SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON

At the Beth Tzedec Congregation Shabbat Study Luncheon, May 14 at noon, following services, **Nathan Abramowitz**, Beth Tzedec executive director, speaks on Israel: February 1994: Insights and Inspirations. Reservations (paid) no later than Tuesday, May 10. Unpaid reservations cannot be accommodated. Call 781-3511.



FUN TIMES

Edith (right) and Baraki are enjoying a fun moment at the Jewish Youth Library of Ottawa. Sister and brother are seesawing together.

MATINEE THEATRE OUTINGS

Matinee theatre outings arranged by Kinnereth Club, Na'amat are *Front Page*, Shaw Festival, Thursday, June 2, and *Me and My Girl* (musical), Art Park, Tuesday, Aug. 9. Deluxe air-conditioned bus with facilities. Proceeds to Hand-in-Hand program of Na'amat Israel combating family abuse. New battered women's shelter and counselling centre being built in Tel Aviv. Tax exempt receipt. For tickets and information, **Rita**, 783-1656 or **Norma**, 633-8276.

FIDDLER IS HELD OVER

Due to the overwhelming response to the Leah Posluns Theatre's current production of *Fiddler of the Roof*, the show is extended to May 8.

OTTAWA NEWS

There's one-stop shopping for all your gardening needs — annuals, perennials, vegetables, shrubs, gardening tools and books, plus workshops on gardening problems, composting and floral display, hourly prizes, barbecue, and more at the Spring Gardening Festival, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 15, McDonald Park, Wurtenburg Avenue (off Rideau Street). Event is sponsored by Membership Committee of Hillel Lodge, the Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged.

FOR HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN

Calling all hearing impaired Jewish children, ages 7-12! Do you want to meet other kids just like yourself? Do you want to have fun "Our Way?" NCSY offers both of these. To find out more, just call NCSY Centre, 782-4426.

CANADIAN/AMERICAN HAVURAH

Share a dynamic weekend of egalitarian prayer and study, singing, dancing, and spiritual growth at the third annual Canadian/American Havurah Weekend Retreat, June 4-6, at a lakeside setting 90 minutes south of Buffalo. Open to all backgrounds and affiliations, singles and families. Kosher meals, vegetarian option. $130 per adult, $30-60 per child. **Hank Borden**, 422-1266.

AT SOLEL-MISSISSAGA

Events at Solel-Mississauga this week include an awards night honoring many congregants, Friday, May 6; family services, Friday, May 6, 7:30 p.m.; regular services Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m.; dance troup participation in the Rikudiyah at York University, Monday, May 9, 7 p.m.

LIVING WITH CANCER GROUP

The Living With Cancer group, sponsored by Canadian Cancer Society, provides an opportunity for cancer patients, family members and friends to meet with others who have also been touched by cancer. Group meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Central Toronto Unit, 20 Holly St., Suite 101 (Yonge/Eglinton area). **Fern Daiter**, 485-0222.

CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF MARKHAM

The Women's Institute of Advanced Torah — Mondays May 9, 30, June 6: Torah, 7:45-8:45 p.m. (Exploring Classic Jewish Texts on Feminine Spirituality-Part II); Halachah, 9-10 p.m. (The Jewish View on Contemporary Medical Ethics). Tuesdays, May 11, 18, Naveim, 7:45-8:45 p.m. (Through the Eyes of Prophets); Jewish Thought, 9-10 p.m. (Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism: What It Is and What It Is Not).

The Sisterhood invites you to an evening of Enchanting Illusion and Song Sunday, May 29, 8 p.m., Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., when the Community Chesed Award is presented to **Pnina Zilberman**, director, Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre, for her dedication and commitment to Holocaust education. Program features the Thornhill Jewish

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What's New

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Male Choir, and **Matt Disero**, master illusionist. Tickets $12.50 at synagogue office, (905) 886-0420, or call **Pam**, (905) 771-7097 or **Debbie** (905) 886-0765 evenings.

Open House for Torah Tots Pre-School is Thursday, May 26, 1-2 p.m. Program offers fun, crafts, music, free play, snack, and more. **Goldie Plotkin**, director, (905) 886-0420.

For registration details for Talmud Torah open house, (905) 886-0420.

THE DIASPORA AND ISRAEL

Patricia Rucker, editor of *The Canadian Jewish News*, will speak on The Changing Relationship Between the Diaspora and Israel at the Council of Jewish Brotherhoods breakfast meeting, Sunday, May 15, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. Services 9 a.m., breakfast 9:30. For reservations, **Joe Grossman**, 633-0479.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service groups — Single Parent Challenge (challenges, realistic expectations, balance between parenthood and personhood, begins May 12); Separation and Divorce (anger, lonliness, looking ahead, begins May 18). **Pat Liberman**, 638-7800.

JEWISH DATELINE

Jewish Dateline, a Jewish non-profit introduction service funded by Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, announces a one-time offer for new members to celebrate its 10th anniversary. Until the end of May, new members can join for three months at half price. Call **Debbie**, 789-0110.

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY

The Community Integration Program seeks Canadian families to reach out to recently-arrived Jewish families from the former Soviet Union. Join the Family-to-Family program. Be an important link for a Russian family and help them discover their Jewish heritage. This is an opportunity to develop a special friendship with a Jewish Russian family. At present there are many families from the former Soviet Union waiting to join this program. Call **Selena Kovshoff** at the CIP office at the JCC, 636-1880, ext. 261.

at the JCC

There's a free admission seminar on Nu Skin Wednesday, May 11, 7-8 p.m., Jewish Community Centre North Y branch, Room 206. Check details in What's New under date.

JCC New Leadership Division in association with Aish HaTorah presents the fourth informative round table discussion program, RSVP (Relationships Seen Through Varied Perspectives), for singles ages 30-45, Thursday, May 19, 8 p.m. (doors open 7:30 p.m.). Speaker **Mitch Mandel's** topic is In Love or Infatuated? What is the Difference? $10 per person. RSVP **Rosanne**, 631-5658. First 50 people to RSVP receive a JCC Health Club pass.

An art exhibit of watercolors by **Yanina Volski Cohen** is on view at the Bloor Y branch, May 5-26. Meet the artist Sunday, May 8, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For exhibit hours, **Luni**, 924-6211.

Downtown Jewish Community Council, Downtown Jewish Community School and the Bloor Y invite you to experience Israel at the Israel Fair, Sunday, May 15, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 750 Spadina Ave., with arts, tree planting, fun and games, book display and sale, and more. Admission free. For information, 924-6211.

Israeli dancing Mondays 8 p.m., Bloor Y, beginners and intermediate level with **Marco Ben-Shimon**. $5 per evening. **Luni**, 924-6211.

for seniors

A Time for Me is a unique personal growth workshop for seniors over 55. Meet with others and discover strategies which help you look at life in new and rewarding ways. Co-sponsored by Jewish Family & Child Service, Senior Care, Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, Baycrest Centre, with support from Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, it begins Wednesday, May 1 for eight weeks. Call **Ann Gieberzon**. 635-2883, ext. 800.

Book early for the Catskill trip to the Raleigh Hotel, Aug. 9-15, arranged by **Jewish Community Centre Senior Adult Services.** Tour includes transportation, accommodation, kosher meals, entertainment, medical insurance, and more. **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club events — Port Dalhousie trip Tuesday, May 24 (members $23, nonmembers $25); Sunday dance with live band, May 29, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; Father's Day dinner dance Sunday, June 12 (members $20, nonmembers $23); movie May 11, 2 p.m., *Bitter Sweet* starring **Jeanette MacDonald** and **Nelson Eddy**; all activities in full swing. Call 395-7881.

Funtime Seniors invites you to join a trip to Cape Cod leaving June 12; day trips to Stage West, Wednesday, May 11; Buffalo, Thursday, May 19; Elmira and St. Jacobs Thursday, May 26; *Lady Be Good* Wednesday, June 1; *Music Man* and cruise July 19. **Sylvia**, 730-0503.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is taking reservations for Western Canada trip June 5-15. Mother's Day luncheon with **Lenka Lichtenberg** entertaining cabaret style, Monday, May 9, 12:30 p.m. Catskills trip is in the planning as well as day cruises. For all activities, **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

LZA Seniors Club Mother's Day luncheon is Wednesday, May 11, 11:30 a.m., Borochov Cultural Centre. Guest singer is **Lenka Lichtenberg**. Register now for the show at Stage West featuring **Mickey Rooney**, and also for the trip to Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills July 20-26.

Young at Heart Seniors has arranged a Catskills trip at the fabulous kosher Pines Hotel (under K), 10 days, two weekends, Aug. 5-14. If money exchange goes down, price the same as last year. **Doreen** or **Helen** 635-6343.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Call 783-9453 or **Avner** (905) 771-0250.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Mother's Day luncheon at noon Wednesday, May 11 with **Marvin Rozenshein** accompanied by **Michael Khinkis**, members $7. Concert 1:30 p.m., members $2, non-members $3. Tickets at Information Desk.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band Sunday, May 8, 7:30-10:30 p.m., members $3:50, non-members $4.

Register early for the tour (members only) to the Pines Hotel in the Catskills, July 31-Aug. 4, $495 Canadian double, $555 single. For information or to register, **Barbara Zigler**, 225-2112.

A reminder about the book sale Tuesday, May 10, 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the foyer.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew-speaking adults, meets 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts, dances. Call **Anna**, 225-2112.

About People

HOLY BLOSSOM 1994 OFFICERS

Holy Blossom Temple officers for 1994 are **Diane Goodman**, president; **Elliott Jacobson** and **Gary Posen**, vice-presidents; **Mark S. Anshan**, financial secretary; **Ann Bederman**, treasurer; and **Robin Klotz**, recording secretary.

COUNCIL OF HAZZANIM

At the recent meeting of the Toronto Council of Hazzanim, **Cantor Yehuda Rottner** of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation was elected president. **Cantor Chaim Weiner**, Shaarei Tefillah, is vice-president; **Cantor Martin Rosenblum** of Adath Sholom is treasurer (Toronto Council of Hazzanim and Trust Fund); and **Cantor Efraim Sapir** of Beth Tikvah is secretary.

Yehuda Rottner

JEWISH WAR VETERANS

Lou Vandelman has been appointed executive director of National Command and Toronto Post of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada. Born and educated in Montreal (Concordia University) he brings with him a wealth of experience in organizational development, fundraising and creative management. A former executive director of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, Vandelman currently sits on the board of governors and is co-chair of the social action committee of Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

Lou Vandelman

FRATERNAL CONVENTION

Dr. Russell Leve (left) and Dr. Paul Okorofsky (right) of the Toronto Alumni chapter of Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity, are shown with Dean Adam Stabholtz of the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine, founded by Alpha Omega Fraternity. Meeting took place at the fraternity's 86th annual international convention held recently in Atlanta, Ga. Alpha Omega, in conjunction with the Alpha Omega Foundation and World Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Hadassah, is currently involved in a $3.5 million fundraising campaign to refurbish the dental school at Hebrew U.

QUILT RAFFLE

Winner of the Associated Hebrew Schools Parents' Association Quilt Raffle was Lori Disenhouse. Shown (from left) are Stephanie Kepecs, quilt designer; Wendi Morein, president, Parents' Association; and Lori Disenhouse. Proceeds from raffle went to purchase play and gym equipment for all branches.

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Danes helped, hurt Jews during the war

'Country had a dark side'

By LORI DENNIS
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The role of Denmark during World War II was the subject of a sermon during the 14th annual Christian service marking the Holocaust last month.

"During the Holocaust, Denmark passed one moral test and failed another," said Rev. Jens Back Nielsen, pastor of the Toronto Danish Lutheran Church.

"While Denmark was responsible for one of the most significant rescue operations during World War II, it was, at the same time, guilty of making German Jews turn back at the border and of issuing temporary visas only to deport them later," he said at the service held in the Church of St. Andrew's.

In 1943, Danes rallied to rescue 7,000 Jewish countrymen. "[But we must not lead] others to believe that all of our actions were pure and humane."

Sponsored by The Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto, the annual memorial service led by Rev. Joan Walters commemorates Yom Hashoah (Holocaust) Remembrance Day. More than 100 people turned out.

A native of Denmark, Rev. Nielsen said that while his country was once guilty of animosity toward Jews, Denmark was also a progressive country. "In 1600, for example, our king invited the Jews to live in our country. In 1814, Denmark was the first country to grant Jews full civic rights and protection. On the other hand, we were also guilty of smashing windows and throwing insults to the Jews, but we never killed anyone in such riots."

By World War II, however, it was clear where Denmark stood in their attitude toward the Jews. The German Foreign Office in Copenhagen was told any anti-Jewish actions would be met with the resignation of the entire Danish government.

"But our country also had a dark side," Rev. Nielsen said. "Throughout history, we formed a respect/hate relationship with Germany and consequently didn't believe that German Jews were entitled to asylum in our country. However, we did protect our own Jews with fierce conviction and determination."

In the autumn of 1943, through an intricate web of counterintelligence, subterfuge and clandestine resistance groups, the Danish population hid their Jewish countrymen, fed them, gave them work and finally helped them escape on a flotilla of boats to Sweden. Fewer than 500 Danish Jews were killed in the war.

But, until recently, this rescue operation remained shrouded in secrecy. "As a post-war child, I learned about Nazism and fascism and about the outbreak of war in '39. We heard very little about these heroic events. This robbed my parent's generation of the pride and honor they deserved," said Rev. Nielsen.

"In the Jewish bible it says, 'Love strangers in your country, because you were once strangers yourself.' This is the philosophy we try to live by," he said.

"In Denmark, we are human beings first, then we are Christians. This is life's order in our country. This our doctrine."

Rescuers motivations probed

By SYLVIA PAPERNICK
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — At a time when thousands looked away as Jews were led to the concentration camps and crematoriums, others took action and saved their fellow human beings.

What motivated these people was explored during a recent panel discussion sponsored by the Generation to Generation group of children of Holocaust survivors.

Psychologist Dr. Alan Bardikoff said those taught respect, individualism and independence are the most capable of rescue. He said coming to the aid of a classmate taunted in the schoolyard, or speaking up over an injustice, are actions that demonstrate one's code of ethics.

"People who act believe they have some responsibility to their fellow person," Bardikoff said.

Rev. Jens Bach Nielsen, pastor of the Toronto Danish Lutheran Church, said the ability to rescue stems from being able to "see yourself in the other person's predicament — you can assess what needs to be done."

Rev. Nielsen said the Danish people felt guilty for making a treaty with Germany, thus becoming "citizens of a country that had accepted an evil system from another country." That obligation, Rev. Nielsen said, was part of the motivation for the mass rescue of the Danish Jews in 1944.

It was that same system that victimized panelist Rabbi Erwin Schild. Rabbi Schild said the Torah instructs that one has a moral obligation to assist people in trouble. Yet nowhere in the Torah is there a situation like the Holocaust.

"The Holocaust was and is unique and is unprecedented. To be a rescuer under those conditions requires a particular kind of human being that is very rare."

Following the panel discussion, Israeli consul general Dror Ziegerman presented a Righteous Among the Nations medal to Joyce Miedema, who accepted on behalf of herself and her late husband, Rev. Pieter Miedema. The Miedemas hid a number of Jews in and near their home in Holland.

Mrs. Miedema was joined by some of her children and grandchildren. The medal was embossed with the Talmudic phrase, "whosoever saved a single life, saved an entire universe."

Health fair at Betel Centre

TORONTO — The Bernard Betel Centre is holding a health fair Thursday, May 12 on Canada Health Day, featuring exhibits and hands-on activities to help seniors maintain their independence.

Among the speakers will be a representative from the Metro Police Force, Reverend Lindsay King of the Family Life Foundation, and Sue Johansen, a lecturer on sexual topics.

In a statement announcing the fair, the Centre points out that over the next 20 years the number of people 65 and over will increase by almost 50 per cent. Despite the growth in the numbers of seniors, the Centre says the total number of beds in nursing homes and homes for the aged will not increase.

For information, contact Sharon Zeiler or Helen Issenberg at the Centre, (416) 225-2112.

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. **Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m. , 10 days preceding issue date.** For rates or to place an ad,please call Joe at 422-2528.

The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

Metro Toronto Singles presents our annual Victoria Day Long Weekend Party at Berlin, 2335 Yonge St. on Sunday May 22nd at 8 p.m. Traditionally our second largest party of the year.Also, our 3rd annual co-ed Softball begins in June. Call 222-7111 for both events.

*****Mix and Mingle Sunday May 8*****
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Earl Bales Community Centre 7:30 p.m. Tapes by Murray Jacobs. Refreshments. Members $2, guests $3. Come and enjoy! Catskill trip to the Granit, July 29-Aug.7 (10 days). Book early and get a good seat on the bus. Call H. PEARSON 633-0397. **Membership dinner (paid up members) June 5th, $10.**

Floating Jewish Singles (40-65) Oneg Shabbat **Friday May 13 at 8 p.m.** Beth Shalom Synagogue (Eglinton & Allen Expressway) Refreshments following services.

In Celebration Of Our 10th Anniversary, **JEWISH DATELINE** Toronto's premiere introduction service invites the community to THEATRE NITE '94 at North York Performing Arts Centre Studio Theatre for special preview of: Ready for Somebody Else, Wednesday MAY 18TH 8:00 P.M. Members $25, non-members $30--includes reception after performance. 416-789-0110

Mark and Ari invite you to...The Beach Bash! **Saturday May 14,1994** at The Opera House 735 Queen Street East (at Broadview) Beach volleyball competition! Door prizes and surprises. Great D.J. disco dance music, pool tables and more. Tickets $12 (advance/door). To avoid waiting in line, order an advance ticket from Ticketmaster today at 416-870-8000. Ari Huber, Mark Brodkin Hotline 416-733-1419.

R.S.V.P (Relationships Seen Through Varied Perspectives) **Thursday May 19, 1994**, Jewish Community Centre North Y Branch 4588 Bathurst St. JCC New Leadership Divison in association with Aish Hatorah presents its **fourth** informative, round table discussion for singles 30-45. **Speaker Mitch Mandel**. Topic: **In Love or Infatuated! What Is The Difference?** Room 206 Doors open 7:30 p.m. Program 8:00 sharp. Refreshments served, $10 RSVP 631-5658. **First 50 people to RSVP receive a JCC health club pass.**

Singles Dance May 7th, 8 to 1 (Coup Welcome) Sandwiches and coffee at 11p.m. $10 (2 for 1 before 8:00) DJ and live band. Cassino Place 72 Steeles Ave. W. at Yonge 886-2810.

The Adath Israel Synagogue Singles Committee -35+ (Bathurst and Wilson) presents: **Baseball Game**: Toronto Blue Jays vs Cleveland Indians. **Date:** Holiday Monday May 23rd, 1994. **Time:** 1:35 p.m. **30 tickets** available (cost $6 per ticket).Call Synagogue office to reserve--**Early.** Reservation required. Rabbi Sheldon Korn (416) 635-5340. VISA accepted.

Viewpoints will meet Thursday, May 5th. Beth Tzedec. Speaker **Janet Sulloway, Travel Agent.** Topic: **"Hot Travel Spots for Singles."** Also Janet will match people in the room with common travel interests. $5. Refreshments. 7:30 p.m. 781-9245

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Coronary artery disease strikes at women over 50

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Coronary artery disease is the leading cause of death in women over 50 years of age says a staff cardiologist at Mount Sinai Hospital.

Speaking at a recent meeting of Weizmann Women for Science, Dr. Jewel Gold said that the incidence of coronary artery disease in women is increasing and stressed that women should not ignore symptoms that may be linked to the disease. "The incidence of the disease in women lags behind men by about 10 years which means that it takes 10 years for postmenopausal women to catch up with men but as women get older they do catch up."

Among the risk factors linked to coronary artery disease, Gold cited smoking, hypertension, diabetes and a family history of premature coronary artery disease. "Smoking is definitely associated with the disease, and the incidence is increased by the number of cigarettes smoked in a day. The risk will return to baseline, however, within three or four years after smoking has ceased."

She said that high blood pressure increases the risk of heart disease in both men and women, but whereas before age 50 more men have high blood pressure, after age 50 more women are affected. Women with diabetes have an increased risk than their non-diabetic male counterparts in developing heart disease.

Obesity, said Gold, is something that potentiates other risk factors. "The distribution of body fat may be a better indicator of coronary artery disease than total weight."

As for preventative measures against heart disease, Gold said that women of all ages should try and reduce their risks by doing such things as dieting for weight control and fat redistribution, not smoking and taking part in regular physical activity.

Weizmann Women of Science is honoring Marvelle Koffler at a tribute dinner to be held May 30 at the Sheraton Centre. The dinner will mark the establishment of the International Weizmann Women for Science Research Fund which supports research at the Weizmann Institute and focuses on women's health issues such as cancer, arthritis, heart disease, osteoporosis and reproductive disorders.

Treatment of heart disease sees rapid growth in Canada

By JACK KOHANE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Toronto's top cardiologists got to the heart of the matter at a recent public forum on cardiovascular research and treatment.

The forum, held at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue, was hosted by the Toronto New Leadership Division of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, which is raising funds for the new Jesselson Comprehensive Heart Institute in Jerusalem, slated to open this spring.

Dr. Bernard Goldman, head of cardiovascular surgery at Sunnybrook Health Science Centre, moderated the discussion. About 300 people attended.

Goldman said nearly four million Canadians have some form of heart disease, which is the leading cause of death and disability in North America.

But Dr. Brian Gilbert, chief of cardiology at Mount Sinai Hospital, said no two heart conditions are identical. "Some people experience acute heart pains, the most obvious indication. Even headaches and nausea can be symptomatic of heart trouble," he said.

"Many others may show no visible signs at all of an underlying problem."

Treating heart disease is something Dr. Michael Sole knows about. Sole is director of the Toronto Hospital's new Cardiac Centre.

"We have made tremendous progress in the early detection and treatment of heart disease over the last 40 years," he said. "Canada leads the world in advancements made to enhance improvement rates for cardiac patients."

Sole predicted that by the year 2000, scientists will have identified the genetic code for heart disease.

Sole also said doctors in Canada, the United States and Israel are coming close to regenerating damaged human tissues like clogged or blocked coronary arteries, the heart's vital blood pipelines, through injections of genetically engineered material.

The same can be done following a heart attack, according to Sole. Weak heart muscles can be revitalized with the injections, which would eliminate the need for costly and very risky surgery. The techniques have been tested on laboratory animals with positive results.

Physicians may argue over various treatments, but the doctors at this forum were in accord on one thing. There is no better way to take care of your heart than preventive measures. Proper diet, frequent exercise at your personal level of comfort, regular medical checkups and, of course, no cigarettes (either first- or second-hand smoke), remain the best prescriptions for continued good health.

The 70,000 sq. ft. Jesselson Comprehensive Heart Institute will contain eight state-of-the-art operating rooms, and two levels of post-surgical intensive care.

The 200 members of the Toronto new leadership committee of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation are seeking to raise $35,000 for the institute.

The organization's fourth annual fundraising golf tournament will be held June 23 at the Kleinburg Golf and Country Club.

Kahane Chai, Kach leaders plan new party to overthrow Rabin

By AMY SATTIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The leaders of the Kahane Chai and Kach movements have patched up their differences and are forming a third party to advocate the overthrow of the Rabin government in Israel, says one Kahane Chai leader.

Mike Guzofsky, coordinator of Kahane Chai in North America, showed up in Toronto last Thursday night to fill in for Herbert Sunshine, once press secretary to the late Rabbi Meir Kahane, who missed his connecting flight from Cincinnati.

His appearance in Toronto was sponsored by the Jewish Defence League.

The 19-member crowd thinned even further after the change in speaker was announced. Only a dozen people stayed to welcome Guzofsky, who was an hour late, to the Zionist Centre on Marlee Avenue.

In his 30-minute speech Guzofsky confirmed the reconciliation between the Kahane Chai and Kach groups, which split after Rabbi Kahane was assassinated in New York City in November 1990. He said the move took place in an Israeli jail, where Kahane Chai leader Benyamin Ze'ev Kahane and Kach leader Baruch Marcel are detained for their involvement with the groups, now outlawed as terrorist organizations by the Israeli government.

The two groups are forming the Committee for Referendum to oust the Rabin government "with a campaign of civil disobedience," Guzofsky said. Part of the campaign will involve wearing buttons with the Kach logo of a clenched fist inside the Star of David. The logo is banned in Israel.

"No one is going to break us," Guzofsky told his audience. "Someday we will be anointed as the leaders of Israel."

Racquetball champ gets medal

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Long time Canadian racquetball champion Sherman Greenfeld won his first gold medal in international competition last month in Buenos Aires and, in the process, evened the score with two top American players he lost to last year.

Greenfeld, the Canadian men's racquetball champion for the sixth year in a row, led a Canadian team of five male and five female racquetball players entered in a qualifying tournament for the Pan American games next February and March, 1995, in Buenos Aires. It is the first time racquetball will be included in Pan-Am competition.

The Canadian team finished second to the American team. Greenfeld was the only member of the team to finish in the medals.

He is training three hours a day gearing up for the Pan-Am Games. "That is one of my goals right now," he said.

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TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

A legend in his own time, Toronto-based hotelier Isadore Sharp, CEO and moving force behind the international Four Seasons-Regent chain of about 45 luxury hotels, announced last month that he has started the process that will lead to his full retirement in three to five years. His plan is to release his controlling interest in the company in installments to an as-yet unknown investor-successor whom the management consultancy firm Goldman Sachs has been retained to find.

"I'm doing this out of a personal need, not a company need," the dapper, 62-year-old magnate said recently during an interview in his Toronto office. "I could wait and do nothing, and something could happen and there could be a change of control overnight. By doing it slowly and selling in stages, I hope to ensure stability."

Voted CEO of the Year by the *Financial Post Magazine* in 1992 and appointed an Officer of Canada in 1993, Sharp has provided a continuous shaping vision for what has become the largest luxury hotel chain in the world. The empire whose implausible beginning was an astonishingly ordinary Jarvis Street motel three decades ago now includes some very famous and elegant establishments indeed.

They include Four Seasons hotels in Toronto, Chicago, Boston, Hawaii, Santa Barbara, Dallas and Washington, the Ritz-Carlton in Chicago, and Regent properties in Sydney, Fiji and Hong Kong — all 11 of which were among Top 100 Hotels identified by the influential *Conde Nast Traveler* magazine last October. Its list of top 25 U.S. hotels included seven from the Four Seasons-Regent family, including the Regent Beverly Wilshire and New York's Hotel Pierre.

Sharp's management style is often credited with the success of his hotels. "You have to start treating employees as you want them to treat the customer," he says. "All of our corporate management policy is based on the golden rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. In most instances, it doesn't take a lot of deep thinking to know how you're expected to behave. Just put yourself in the other person's shoes."

Although luxury for its own sake is not widely pursued in the pared-down 1990s, Sharp's success rests on the observation that business travellers, who fill most of the rooms in his hotels, will gladly spend a few dollars more for a hotel environment that increases their efficiency, saves time, and is supportive of their mission.

All year long, anonymous inspectors travel from hotel to hotel, measuring each establishment's performance against a massive checklist. How many times does the front-desk phone ring before being answered? Does the bellman describe all the right features of the hotel while escorting guests to their rooms? Does the room-service waiter pour the coffee?

"They go through every department of the hotel in about a week, then meet with management," says Sharp. "It's not a fault-finding mission but rather a fact-finding mission. Everyone who is being scrutinized welcomes this as a means to improve their service."

With Four Seasons's acquisition of the highly reputable Regent chain in mid-1992 — *Maclean's* magazine called it "the hotel deal of the century" — the company attained a solid foothold in the Asian market, which Sharp sees as crucial in the coming century. "Asia is going to be such a dominant part of the world economy that you have to have inroads there," says the inveterate traveller, who spends about half his time visiting his company's properties around the globe.

No matter where they live or what their politics, people universally respond well when trust is placed in them and when treated with dignity and respect, Sharp contends. In Poland and other post-communist regimes, where some Western hoteliers find a tough challenge in teaching front-desk employees to smile, Sharp sees the implicit human element. "They know how to smile," he says. "You've got to create an environment in which they want to smile, in which they want to create good will."

That, seemingly, is what Sharp has been doing throughout much of his distinguished career. In an industry known for its glitz and glamor, he seems refreshingly down to earth, a mensch.

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BBYO program links parents and teenagers

Deals with issues

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Television sitcoms such as *All in the Family* and *Family Ties* are being used as springboards for parent-teen discussion in an innovative B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) program just launched in Toronto.

The Parent Teen Dialogue Program, which is a joint project of B'nai Brith's Washington-based Centre for Jewish Family Life and BBYO, deals with issues such as honesty and dishonesty, and drinking. Each topic is dealt with in two or three two-hour-long sessions, and as a rule, two topics are covered in a year. The program is already under way in at least nine American cities.

Although each session follows a structured format, with trained facilitators guiding the discussion, the atmosphere is informal. Ofra Fisher, program originator and director of B'nai Brith's Centre for Family Life in Washington, D.C., insists on holding the program in participants' homes, because that is where she feels dialogue *should* take place, she told *The CJN*.

Fisher was in Toronto recently to train Jewish family life educators from Jewish Family & Child Service as facilitators and again to attend the first Toronto session.

The dialogue at that session, run by facilitators Ferne Kappy and Anne Jacob, dealt with stereotyping and anti-Semitism. An episode of *All in the Family* in which the bigoted Archie Bunker comes face to face with black Jewish entertainer Sammy Davis Jr. served as the trigger for discussion.

"By laughing at someone else, we look deeply into ourselves," said Fisher. "It's much easier to start with Archie than with [oneself]." (Fisher has obtained permission to use the television shows in parent-teen discussion groups throughout North America, she said.)

Following a brief discussion about their reactions to the show, participants broke into two groups — one made up of teens, the other of adults — before reuniting for an intergenerational discussion on issues that had arisen in their respective groups.

Fisher explained the reason for the separate groups: people feel more comfortable with their peer group, especially in a new situation, she said, adding that when they summarize their reactions for the intergenerational group, they know they have the support of their peers.

"But the hope is," said Fisher with a smile, "that what will happen is what happened here [at the first Toronto session]." What happened here, and what has happened in all ten cities — albeit not always at the first session — is that participants request mixed-generation groups instead of segregated ones. Participants may choose not to be in the same group as their parent or child. "We have to respect their [rate of] progress," Fisher said.

"I'm very excited about the program. I have a sense of contribution to the future," said Fisher. In addition to promoting communication between parents and their teenage children, the program includes traditional Jewish commentaries on the subjects being discussed, which Fisher hopes will instill a sense of Jewish pride in the participants.

"The teen years are the most formative years of life," she says. "Both [parents and children] want to talk to each other, and even more, [they] want to listen to each other, but some don't have the tools to do it."

Fisher tells the story of a father in an American city who attended a session "only to prove that it [wasn't a good idea]." She says she received a short note from him a few weeks later in which he thanked her "for finding my daughter for me."

David Traub-Werner, 19, who has been involved with BBYO for seven years, notes that a lot of teens he knows who are heavily into drugs or drinking "have really terrible relationships with their parents." He feels that the program should be used in all BBYO regions. "BBYO can help in a big way," he says.

Toronto, with 300 members, is the largest city in the Lake Ontario region. The region also serves Hamilton, Kingston, Ottawa, London, Buffalo, N.Y. and Rochester, N.Y.

"I think the program would have an incredible impact on smaller communities," says regional director Miriam Pilc-Levine, who coordinated the program in Toronto and initiated it with three BBYO chapters. She hopes to expand the program next year.

Lesley Greenberg, a Grade 12 student, and her mother Tolsa, found the program interesting and enjoyable. Both were surprised to find that the two generations shared some reactions. "Isn't that amazing!" Tolsa said.

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Regal Kosher Caterers takes new directions, welcomes Joanne Katz as Catering Manager

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Joanne Katz has also come aboard as the new Catering Manager. Joanne is well-known in kosher catering circles, having served the community in that capacity for 12 years.

Since arriving at Regal in March '94, Joanne has been busy booking weddings, bar/bat mitzvah parties and other special occasions and reports that Regal is now heavily booked for the coming months. The company's attention to detail has paid off with a long list of satisfied customers and countless referrals.

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New chefs, expanded menu

New chefs hired by Regal to serve both the catering division and King Solomon's Table (and alluded to in a recent CJN ad titled "Who's Been Stealing the Great Chefs of Europe?") have more than lived up to their advance billing by serving up one winner after another, to the delight of patrons. Both individuals have a wealth of experience in some of the world's foremost dining establishments, and it shows. Try one of their creations from the newly expanded menu and see for yourself. The *Penne Al Salto* (fresh pasta tossed with olive oil, garlic, fresh tomato, basil and rappini) is a light and lively burst of Italian sunshine. The *Chicken Sorentina* (scallopine of chicken breast topped with eggplant, tomato and oregano) shows that there's a new and exciting way to serve chicken. And the *Veal Marango* (stewed veal with mushrooms, demiglace, tomatoes and herbs served with steamed rice and vegetables) will make you a veal lover if you aren't already one.

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Ely's Fine Foods is aptly named

A quick walk through Ely's Fine Foods is like a "Magical Mystery Tour" of culinary delights.

Ely insists there's no mystery, however. Just start with recipes and flavours from Europe and the Mediterranean (all natural, none artificial); use only the highest quality ingredients, like pure cholesterol-free canola oil, pure almonds, hazelnuts and Belgian chocolate; use only *real* liqueurs like Cointreau and amaretto in the baking; and no meat expanders. Be fanatical about freshness (like baking your baguettes fresh *hourly*, not daily, and bringing food hot from the kitchen several times daily, especially at suppertime).

First, there are the prepared main dishes of chicken, beef, and fish, elegantly presented and exquisitely seasoned – a fitting cornerstone for any shabbos meal. (If the kids want chicken wings, Ely has them – BBQ, honey garlic or plain).

Next you'll want some salad, and here there's an embarrassment of riches. From carrot spinach salad to eggplant & pepper salad, from Israeli salad to cucumber salad, from imitation shrimp & pasta salad to turkish salad, hoummos and tehina, Ely has everything for the health-conscious and the gourmet. If you just want colesalw, potato salad or macaroni salad, Ely has them too, along with a host of other everyday items.

You'll want bread with your meal, and here's where Ely's really shines, both taste-wise and price-wise. How about an extra-large chala or a dozen Montreal bagels for $1.49? You simply can't buy them for less – even in a non-kosher bakery. And they're **delicious**. The *pièce de résistance* is the fat-free French baguettes baked continuously around the clock, which Ely promises will be the most delicious and light-tasting you've ever had.

Ely's carries Central Smoked Fish products at guaranteed lowest prices, and cold cuts from Glatt's, Continental and Levitt's, each with their own special taste. (Weekly cold cut specials are featured).

There's also corned beef, pastrami, paprikash, smoked veal, or "Perla's own" pastellitos (the Moroccan version of a meat knish).

Are we finally ready for dessert? Ely's has cakes from ***Le Petit Théatre*** in Montreal, whose glatt kosher creations are internationally acclaimed. For example, the "Perigord" has a chocolate cookie-crumb base infused with almond musseline and a chocolate mousse filling with pralines and almond crunch. We won't even tell you about the "Ganache Cointreau" or the "Miroir Passion." They both should be outlawed, as should the fruit pies, the boston pies, the "mille feuilles" (custard slices), and the mocha cakes.

If a more simple dessert is in order, try the lemon-and-raspberry twist buns, cinnamon buns, or a myriad of other traditional baked goods. Muffins (only 49¢) and cookies are baked fresh daily in variety and abundance.

If you just don't have time to shop for the meal and prepare it, Ely has put together a fabulous "Shabbos value pack" for four.

Ely says "Good Morning!" with a coffee and croissant for only 99¢, and offers a number of terrific soup-and-sandwich and other lunch specials for only $4.99.

Catering is a specialty; Perla's family has 24 years of experience in glatt kosher catering in Montreal, and she will bring that knowledge to your simcha table. Weddings, bar mitzvahs and other affairs are expertly catered at reasonable prices. In-home needs and shiva catering are also handled with attention and care.

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The company has recently undergone major renovations to upgrade and modernize its processing facilities, so as to ensure quality and prompt service.

In this day and age, with health conscious consumers turning more and more to healthy, low-fat food, it is comforting to know that those who keep kosher can also get high quality, conveniently packaged poultry, prepared under the highest standards of kashrut and cleanliness.

A new look in town

Customers of TriElm Catering, headquartered at the Borochov Cultural Centre, will have more to be excited about than ever, when the newly renovated hall officially reopens next month.

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"We can accommodate functions ranging from 10 up to 300 people," owner Joe Elmaleh says. "We even have a skylight for chuppahs."

Executive chef, Arkadi Zimberg, works with the clients to provide a variety of sumptuous, delicious meals, from traditional to Chinese, to Israeli to Mexican.

TriElm garnishers dress up sweet tables with fruit and ice sculptures. "Its an added finishing touch of elegance to a function," Elmaleh notes.

They also cater at other halls, including the B'nai Brith building in North York and the Paradise Banquet Hall, or in your own home or office.

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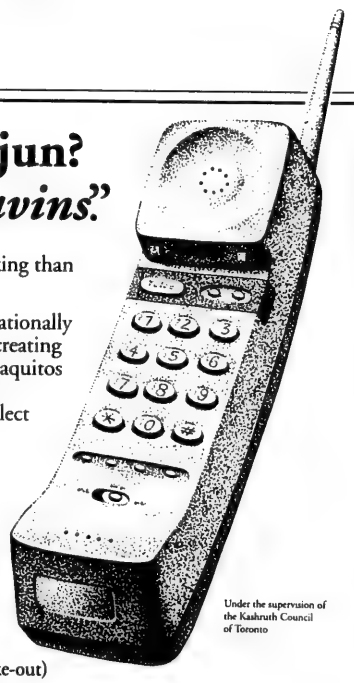

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Judit Adam didn't set out to specialize in shaatness, but to create a line of clothing that was both exciting and "respectful to women".

When her easy-wearing, easy-care knits hit the Toronto market ten years ago, the response was instant and emphatic. Women loved the ability to mix and match skirts, slacks, tops, and

sweaters that would carry elegantly not only from season to season, but also from day to evening, from home to office, and everywhere in between. The opportunity to create an entire wardrobe from a few pieces of impeccable quality and styling was – and is – irresistible.

Inundated with shaatness requests from day one, Judit decided to make the entire line conform to shaatness requirements. Since the line was already primarily 100% cotton, the transition was easy; today, every garment that Divine produces and sells at its Divine One stores is 100% cotton. No other fibres are allowed in the plant, ensuring that your shaatness needs are 100% met. That means no other fibres in the shoulder pads, thread, buttons or other fastenings.

If you haven't shopped at Divine One, you may think of it as a casual wear store; if you have, you'll know that you can also find an elegant outfit for shul or any other occasion. For example, there's a striking black cropped cardigan with white trim that goes beautifully with a black or white skirt. Full-length dresses and long skirts in every conceivable texture (a long cable skirt is particularly eye-catching, as is a soft, flowing front-pleated pant) will have you looking good and feeling good. Comfort, quality and style are the priorities; Divine knits are always flattering, and particularly forgiving during pregnancy.

As a designer, Ms. Adam feels it's "my job to give clients a wide range of choices and let them decide what's appropriate for their lifestyle and body shape. I'm not here to dictate my fashion taste. My clients have to be comfortable both **with** what they choose, and **in** what they choose. If they don't feel good, how can they look good?"

To that end, Adam offers some 40 styles of dresses, skirts, pants, sweaters, vests, tops, and leggings in sizes A, B and C. Colours include oatmeal, peach, silver, khaki, watermelon, green, and turquoise as well as the traditional black, white, brown, natural, and rust. Skirts are available pleated and unpleated, flared and straight, many in three lengths: long, above the knee and below the knee. Waist elastics are easily accessible through a hidden opening. Vests, sweaters and dresses often feature elegant matching covered buttons. Dresses and tops come in a variety of necklines including V-neck, turtleneck, and tiered, with sleeves full-length or cropped.

All garments are impeccably finished inside and out. Prices range from $40 for a camisole to $200-$300 for a two-piece suit: eminently reasonable when you consider the versatility of these garments and the ease with which they mix and match. Two pieces suddenly become four which become eight, and so on. And the clothes are made to last – almost **too** long.

"Customers come in raving about outfits they bought eight years ago," says Adam somewhat ruefully. "An accountant friend of mine once asked me, "Do you understand the meaning of *turnover*?"

With ten years of retail success (3 locations in Toronto and stores in Burlington, London, West Bloomfield (Michigan), and Williamsville (New York)), it's obvious that Ms. Adam's creations are turning over quickly enough to satisfy the fashion appetites of many style- and quality-conscious women. Shaatness, fashion and comfort in the same garment is truly a "Divine" combination.

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Service, variety and the ability to efficiently and effectively handle any size affair — these are the hallmarks of Rachel's Catering.

Competitive pricing and an exciting menu make Rachel's even more appealing to those planning a simcha.

They offer a variety of cuisines, including Oriental, Middle Eastern, Moroccan, Israeli, East European and French, and are happy to work with the customer to create the perfect menu.

Right now, Rachel's Catering has a special offer: a full meal, including bar service (mixes, soft drinks, nuts, chips, and pretzels — everything but the alcohol), appetizer, salad, entree and sweet table for only $49.95, exclusive of taxes.

This is not a set meal. The menu can be customized. You might, for instance, have pasta primavera as an appetizer, a salad with two choices of dressing, roast chicken with side dishes, and a spectacular sweet table.

Their specialty is their wide variety of Mediterranean salads, such as the famous spicy Turkish salad and babaganoush.

Rachel's Catering staff is prepared to advise customers on what choices would go well with other foods, so that the menu will be complementary.

This special offer is not restricted to weddings, but is available for bar or bat mitzvahs or regular catering as well.

Rachel's also does private parties. They are noted for their elegant, appetizing and efficiently arranged office parties.

Flexible as to location, they will make sure that everything is in place for your affair or event, and will do everything they can to take the load off the client's mind. The client, they say, (and they mean it) is number 1.

Rachel's works in conjunction with Pride of Israel Congregation at 59 Lissom Cres., whose facilities are available for affairs of different sizes.

Updated tableware

Rachel and Joe are continuing to offer something really special. After every 25 couples have had their weddings at the Pride of Israel synagogue, they are invited to participate in a draw. One of the couples will get a refund of the cost of their wedding, excluding taxes, up to $10,000.

Rachel's never rests on its laurels. They have recently updated their china and cutlery services to the kind of tableware you would be proud to use for your guests.

You can still get a wide assortment of delectable foods from their take-out store at the Bathurst Manor Plaza on Wilmington Avenue.

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"It's not fancy food," says Shalom Magazzinich, who operates the glatt kosher restaurant with his wife Linda. "It's simple, down-to-earth food at **down-to-earth prices**."

Since opening in November '93, the Chicken Nest has attracted droves of chicken lovers. Soon it will be the only "Nest" in town with a patio, allowing you to watch the Bathurst-Lawrence goings-on and enjoy the sunshine while you eat. (If you prefer to stay inside, the interior is warm and inviting, as befits a nest).

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While catering to Beth Sholom Synagogue, the Schaffers still specialize in in-house and corporate catering, as well as simchas.

They are glad to advise clients on the variety of different foods available. Each menu is customized to reflect the taste of the client, and uses only the best and freshest of ingredients.

Malmar can supply everything: staff, food, tableware, even rentals such as chairs, tables or if needed, a tent for outdoor functions.

"You will be proud to give your guests the food we have prepared, because of quality, freshness and presentation," Deanna Schaffer promises.

For those with special health needs, such as low-fat, low salt, dietetic or vegetarian diets, Malmar will make foods in quantity to be frozen until needed.

Some people use this service to stock the freezers of their elderly parents or children away at university, who find it difficult to prepare nutritious healthy and appetizing meals for themselves, Deanna Schaffer explains.

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Dairy Treats now also offers scrumptious European-style cakes, like chocolate truffle cake, raspberry mousse bombe, and chocolate daquoises.

This is the place to come for your Shavuos treats, as owner Shlomo Esses is planning to make plain, fresh fruit and marbled cheeseckes.

And don't forget the restaurant, featuring French onion soup, grilled salmon, stuffed baked potatoes, as well as salads (with Dairy Treats home-made salad dressings), sandwiches and other delicacies.

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Many kosher ingredients

Les Rosenberg and his wife Susan, owners of Boro Park Kosher Mart in the heart of the Bathurst-Lawrence shopping area, have a simple goal — to provide people who like to cook with as many strictly kosher ingredients as they need for their recipes.

"My wife Susan loves to cook, so she is always looking for new ideas and products. And our five children love to sample our new cheeses!" Rosenberg says.

They are constantly upgrading their services and selection. They already feature Kernel Bakery mouthwatering and wholesome breads and challahs; and many cheeses, such as feta cheese from Israel and Danish havarti, which are imported in bulk.

Rosenberg will soon also have on his shelves new French and Israeli cheeses, fresh pasta, Israeli caviar and bulk tofu.

As well, he is adding new European-manufactured machines which will slice, shred and vacuum pack cheeses.

The Rosenbergs even hope to build up their own line of spices.

"We welcome inquiries and requests for special ingredients," says Rosenberg. "Some may be difficult to fill, because we are strictly kosher (under the Kashruth Council), but we will always try our very best to accommodate you."

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Naturally, quality sells at Westhill Dairy

Stephen Waldman, president of Westhill Dairy, and his partner Abe Gomel (of Liberty Brands Montreal) believe in producing only *all-natural* quality dairy products.

Their feeling is the consumer wants dairy products with no additives or stabilizers, that still have a good fresh taste.

"Don't be fooled because products have longer code dates that the product is actually fresher," says Waldman. "Since we don't add any chemicals to our products, we may not have as long a code date as some of our competitors; read the ingredients and then compare the product's quality".

Abe Gomel, president of Liberty Brand Products spends most of his time in Montreal researching new products. Travelling throughout the United States, Europe and Russia, he has developed a variety of different flavors for yogurt, Russian kefir and quark. Gomel enjoys experimenting with new product lines to keep ahead of the marketplace. These products are also shared with Westhill for production or distribution.

The success of Westhill for so many years is due to the fact that they still produce the products the way they did 60 years ago when the company was originally started. Using cheese bags to drain the cottage and cream cheese means the operation requires a lot of manual labor but ensures the taste. Employees are still with the company after 20-25 years.

Flavored cream cheeses

"We are proud that these people, who have been with us for many years, still continue to contribute their ideas and knowledge" Waldman says. "If we automate too much, the product will loose the quality and taste we are after. Therefore, don't fix it if it's not broken."

Waldman's family, who started the business over 50 years ago, believed in operating the business in a family sort of way. Today that feeling hasn't changed and all the employees feel they are part of the business and know that they contribute to the success of Westhill.

"Stephen still comes in at 5:30 every morning and is there at 8:00 at night," one employee says. "He is involved with all aspects of the daily operation, which contributes to our success."

Waldman feels the experience he got from his family, taking courses at the University of Guelph and his employment at Astro Dairy helped him immensely. While at Astro, he was involved with the development of their cream cheese and pressed cottage cheese. This helped him when he returned to Westhill in 1988.

New products on the lighter side of the scale have sold well in the past year. Light cream cheese (15 per cent fat) and dry cottage cheese (0.1 per cent fat) have contributed to new successful product lines. Flavored light cream cheeses are being developed now and should be on the market by the time this article is in the paper. "They are great tasting and interesting flavors" Waldman says.

The distribution of other quality products has also helped Westhill's business. Tropicana Orange Juice,

Superb taste

Tasty Batter Muffin Mix, Snapple, Evian and Koala are just some the the lines Westhill sell.

Two products that have started to sell well lately are Fresh Fruit Salad CA Brand, and Metropolitan Ice Cream and Ices; these are of the top quality expected of Westhill. The fruit salad is freshly cut and tastes superb.

The fruit ices are also made from fresh fruit that has been strained and frozen. "The Metropolitan Rich and Creamy line of ice cream is rich and smooth and beats all other products out there," says Waldman.

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A Shayna Maidel unbelievable

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The trouble with *A Shayna Maidel* is that the 70-year-old father Mordechai Weiss is not a believable character. Is it possible that a father who has not seen his daughter for 16 years would not rush to embrace her, or that he would refuse the loan of money to rescue his wife from the Holocaust?

In this play, by Barbara Lebow, running until May 14 at the NYPA Studio Theatre, we are asked to accept that Weiss is so stiff-necked that, though living in New York since 1926 with one daughter, he turns down money offered to him by relatives to bring over his wife and an older daughter.

And we are also asked to believe that within a minute or two of hearing that her older sister, Lusia, was still alive and coming to New York, the younger sister, Rose, would complain that her apartment is too small for the two of them. "What am I supposed to do with her, it's not fair, it's all your fault, Poppa," she says.

Though the New Globe Theatre and its energetic artistic director, Janese Kane, are a welcome addition to the Toronto theatre scene, *A Shayna Maidel* is an unfortunate vehicle for its inaugural.

There is no solid core to the play. Granted, there could be resentment by one sister against the other, though their arguments over food and the American way of life must sound trivial to any Holocaust survivor. The plot doesn't hold water unless you can believe that Mordechai Weiss, for reasons unknown, abandoned the rest of his family to the Nazis.

An attempt to give depth by recreating the family's life in Poland, through Lusia's fantasies, fails because director Al Waxman does not sustain a clear demarcation between real life and fantasy. There are few lighting and sound cues to help the transition.

The cast principals, Sharon Bernbaum and Shannon Lawson, as the sisters, and Harvey Atkin as Mordechai, cannot be faulted. It is the play which sabotages their considerable efforts. The same is true of Andrew Akman, Henriette Ivanana and Maya Swadron in the lesser roles.

If there is anything to be learned from *A Shayna Maidel* it is that you can't design a worthwhile play about the Holocaust unless the elements are genuine. It pales into insignificance beside other Holocaust plays such as *The Deputy* and *Ghetto*.

Moroccan-born Bensimon heads province's French TV network

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO —"To be a francophone in Ontario is quite similar to my experience as a Jew in the world — you're constantly in the minority," says Moroccan-born Jacques Bensimon, managing director of TVOntario's French-language television network, la Chaine.

Well-spoken in both official languages, the 51-year-old Bensimon draws parallels between Ontario's native French-speaking population and its Jewish community. Both, he says, feel compelled to protect their somewhat precarious cultures from assimilation.

"(Ontario's francophones) need the schools, the community structures and other social elements so that the young people, although completely bilingual, won't be assimilated into the vast melting pot, American-style."

While studying film in New York, Bensimon distinguished himself as a filmmaker to such a degree that he was instantly snatched up on graduation by the National Film Board of Canada, where he made some 30 documentaries of various lengths. He also worked for the United Nations for several years, assembling a library of film on human settlements around the globe.

"Many of my films were attached in one way or another to my Jewish identity. One film in particular — *Twenty Years After*, which I made in the mid-1970s, caused some controversy in Quebec," he recalls. The film presented an uncomfortable portrait of the newly-arrived immigrant community of Moroccan Jews, caught between the provincial government's fervent pressure upon them to speak French and the equally fervent wish of the Jewish community that they join the Anglo-Jewish community.

Later, he completed *Moroccan Trilogy*, which partly told the tale of his own return as a Jew to the Arab land in which he was born. Welcomed into the inner court of Moroccan royalty, Bensimon won the confidence of King Hassan II and walked away with three hours of exclusive footage. The three-part documentary also focused on Moroccan independence and the Saharan conflict with Mauritania.

Bensimon joined TVO's French network in 1986, before it had started broadcasting. Grinning, he recalls the difficulties of forging a new network with astonishingly scant resources. "We had no production, no stock, no acquisition, no production expertise ... we had to reinvent the process."

Initially, Quebec's film distributors insisted on top dollars for their wares, but Bensimon refused to pay prices that had been scaled for commercial stations with much larger audiences than la Chaine could hope to reach. Instead, he bypassed Quebec and found European distributors who would accept his money. Eventually, he says, the Quebec industry came crawling back.

Much of the programming on la Chaine may be enjoyed by non-French-speaking viewers, the network chief asserts. The station regularly features subtitled movies, jazz concerts, opera, ballet and other events that require little knowledge of any particular spoken language.

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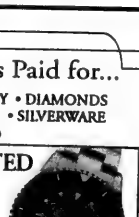

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Rebbe subject of film

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the seriously ill rebbe of the Lubavitcher Chassidim, is the subject of *The King of Crown Heights*, scheduled to be screened at the Toronto Jewish Film Festival on May 5.

Ruggero Gabbai's cinematic portrait of the rebbe and the movement he leads is sympathetic, though not uncritical.

The documentary unfolds through the eyes of Misha, a fictionalized Russian Jewish jobless immigrant who's introduced to Lubavitch by sheer chance.

It should be noted that much of the footage was shot before the rebbe's near-fatal stroke about a year ago. Nevertheless, the material remains topical.

The camera pans on Rabbi Schneerson as he reads from a holy book, as he hands out dollar bills to his devotees, as he moves through a throng of awed acolytes, and as he is feted on his 90th birthday.

Described in superlatives, the charismatic rebbe is said to possess special powers and immense learning. A pious silversmith who gushes over him claims that the rebbe can peer into the future.

Despite his orthodoxy, the rebbe is wordly. Before he assumed his position in 1951, he lived in the secular world, studying electrical engineering in Europe.

The movement, we learn, caters to those who are driven by a yearning to belong to something greater than themselves. As one young disciple in a Mitzvah van suggests, the rebbe's followers are like children, while the rebbe is like a wise father who commands total obedience.

Lubavitch is lauded for promoting piety and bringing Soviet Jews into the fold of Judaism. But Rabbi Marc Angel of the Rabbinical Council of America wonders whether the Messiah concept, which the rebbe's aides have ardently championed, will ultimately harm its cause.

This question lingers over Lubavitch like a dark cloud as the rebbe lies dying in a New York hospital.

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Operation Shylock quite a mishmash

Operation Shylock by Philip Roth
Random House paperback $16

This novel first appeared in 1993; now published as a paperback it provides an opportunity for reappraisal.

The critical reactions then were mixed. Yale University's Harold Bloom hailed it as "one of Roth's grand inventions." *Time* magazine choose it as one of the best books of the year. But others — granting the author his inventiveness — found it convoluted and difficult to follow, the characters stilted mouthpieces for Roth's jumbled ideas and the talk unending and boring.

The plot goes something like this. In Israel a man who calls himself Philip Roth is trying to usurp the identity of the real Philip Roth. This imposter preaches that Jews should return to Europe before the Arabs grow in strength and create a second Holocaust. The real Roth flies to Israel to unmask his double. He threatens legal action against his doppelganger whom he calls Moishe Pipik.

The story gets increasingly confusing with the introduction of Pipik's gentile girlfriend, the real Roth's confusion about his identity as he begins to spout anti-Zionism and his unwitting acceptance of a million dollar cheque from a crippled philanthropist.

In addition, the reader must absorb such events as Roth's kidnapping, his undertaking of a secret mission for the Mossad — and a cast of characters that include an accused war criminal and Palestinian exiles.

All in all *Operation Shylock* is quite a mishmash laced with the author's zany humor, brilliant rambling ruminations on a variety of subjects, and steamy sexual episodes. How to evaluate this wildly imaginative comic dance is still uncertain, but after 20 books Roth still has the power to surprise, confuse, entertain and infuriate.

BILL GLADSTONE'S

EYE ON ARTS

Toronto Jewish Folk Choir: Sixty-eight years ago, a group of immigrant Jewish garment workers on D'Arcy Street in downtown Toronto joined together to form the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir, which performed its first spring concert in 1926.

"We think it's the oldest continuous Jewish musical institution in Canada. Very few other musical organizations can say they're having a 68th annual spring concert." says Ben Shek, whose mother Bella joined the choir in 1934 and sang with it until she turned 90 only three years ago.

Shek recalls the choir's glory days in the 1940s and 1950s, when it sang with leading artists like Jan Peerce and Paul Robeson at Massey Hall.

Works by Srul Irving Glick, Ben Steinberg and John Weinzweig are scheduled for performance at the choir's 68th annual spring concert. Guest artists include Suzanne Shulman on flute and Sigal Hechtlinger on clarinet. Choir director Esther Ghan Firestone conducts all selections except the Steinberg segment, to be conducted by the composer himself.

The concert takes place at Rosedale Heights Secondary School (711 Bloor St. E., Toronto), Sunday May 15, 3 p.m. Tickets are $12 ($10 for seniors; $6 for students and the unwaged), available at Jewish bookstores and at the door.

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Order of Ontario: This column's congratulations go to Honest Ed Mirvish, Nicholas Goldschmidt, Selma Edelstone, Ron Satok and others who were recently awarded the Order of Ontario by Lieutenant-Governor Hal Jackman. Mirvish is a well-known merchant and arts entrepreneur; Goldschmidt a conductor and singer; and Edelstone a Toronto choirmaster who innovated the Interlink program, which brings senior citizens and children together in song and which has spread to other parts of Ontario, Britain and Jerusalem.

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Drama Workshop Weekends: Yes Oh Yes Drama Outreach is a non-profit professional theatre company that is offering two weekends of personal and creative growth, May 6 to 8 and May 13 to 15. Week One explores perceptions and feeling through movement and sound. Week Two explores the meaning and power in participants' personal stories. Phone (416) 778-1618.

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Children's Book Awards: Established in 1976 in honor of the late Ruth Schwartz, a respected Toronto bookseller, the annual Ruth Schwartz Children's Book Awards recognizes authors and illustrators demonstrating artistic excellence with $5,000 in prizes. On the short list this year in the Young Adult/Middle Reader category is Jewish-Canadian writer Carol Matas for *Daniel's Story*, published by Scholastic. Last year's winner was Phoebe Gilman, author-illustrator of *Something for Nothing*.

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Children of the Storm: This drama about the Holocaust, as seen through the eyes of three Jewish adolescents and one non-Jewish adolescent in Germany, explores the growing enmity between them and the choices they are forced to make in a world they no longer understand. The show is written by Johnathon Hoskins, artistic director of the Young Actors Performance Troupe, which examines the themes of racial and social prejudice from a youth perspective. Adult admission is $10. Joseph Workman Auditorium, 1001 Queen St. W., Toronto, May 6, 7, 8 and 9. Phone (416) 635-7969.

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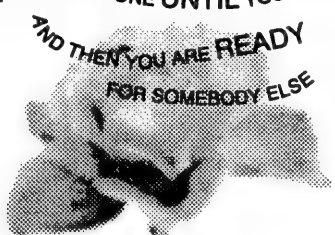

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New trade theory

Elhanan Helpman

The world is in the midst of a technological revolution where major advances are producing wrenching social and economic change. At the same time, Israel is experiencing its own revolution — one that is taking the country from a place of conflict to a place where peace may one day reign. No one knows better how such changes will affect the world at large and Israel in particular than Professor Elhanan Helpman, a leading Israeli and international economist and the new Director of the Economic Growth Program at The Canadian Institute for Advanced Research.

As the Archie Sherman professor of International Economic Relations at Tel Aviv University since 1988, Helpman, 49, resides in Tel Aviv with his wife and two children. His role at the Canadian Institute, which brings him to Toronto a few times a year, is to develop a deeper understanding of the processes of economic growth as it is driven by the evolution of technology.

Born in Dzalabad, U.S.S.R., Helpman holds a PhD degree in Economics from Harvard University, is the author of nine publications, and has devoted his adult life to economic research. He is co-founder of "the new trade theory" that emphasizes the role of economies of scale and imperfect competition in global competition.

Helpman was in Toronto recently where he spoke with CJN contributor Lori Dennis.

CJN: *Israel is experiencing sound economic growth. Reserves of hard currency are at the largest amount ever; exports are growing tremendously. Gross Domestic Product per capita is growing and new jobs are being created. Is it important to the Israeli economy for the peace process to continue? What impact do you think peace will have on economic growth?*

Helpman: There is an opinion expressed by many that is optimistic. They expect that the peace process will affect the economy. I agree, but I see things occurring in two ways — short-term and long-term effects, which are quite different from one another.

CJN: *What are the short-term effects that peace will have on the Israeli economy?*

Helpman: In the short term, Israeli companies will be gaining access to countries with which we don't have diplomatic or economic relations presently: Indonesia, Malaysia, the Far East and Third World countries. In fact, the peace process has already opened up the market in both directions. There has also been a change in country risk. By that I mean that significant foreign investment will take place because companies will see Israel as less of a risk. Right now we have some foreign companies — Motorola and Intel, for example. They have taken a chance, but the flow of foreign investment has been very low. Hopefully, more capital intensive type of investments will take place.

CJN: *What are the long term economic effects of peace in the Middle East?*

Helpman: These are much slower to evolve. There may be long-term benefits from trading with immediate neighbors such as Palestine and Egypt and more distant neighbors such as Saudi Arabia and the Emirates, but I don't see major prospects in the near future. Even if peace was achieved immediately, it would take a long time for these to materialize.

You must first look at the structure of the region and why there is so little trade between these countries now. In the Middle East, inter-regional trade is lower than any other geographical region in the world. That's because, apart from oil, most of these countries are self-sustaining. They all do their own farming, make their own textiles, so that they don't need neighbor countries who are offering the same commodities. Also, countries that have different income per capita don't tend to trade with each other and Israel's income per capita is 15 times as high as Egypt, 10 times as high as Jordan and five times as high as Syria. On the other hand, lower income per capita can rise in times of peace so that regions with proper economic integration may open up to each other. When there is less disparity and the income per capita differential is reduced, there will be much to be gained.

Another long-term benefit is the reduction in military spending. Presently, our spending is three times as high as in the United States and five times as high as in the European community, relative to national income. Israel's military budget is about 10 - 12 per cent of our national income. In the short run, this will not be reduced at all because there are huge costs associated with deploying forces and besides, it will take years for Israelis to gain the trust required to lay down their arms. However, over the course of many years, there will be a peace dividend.

CJN: *Several months ago, Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin made a public comment that he believes Israel should not be a charity case. For so long, people in the Diaspora have maintained close relations to Israel by making charitable donations. If there is a general consensus on this opinion, how can these physical bonds be maintained?*

Helpman: This is not a new theme. Ever since I can remember, since the '60s and right through the '70s and '80s, Israel has wanted to be less dependent on outside support. Over the years, donations have not declined but our economy has grown much bigger so that we can be somewhat more self-sufficient. And many organizations have gone beyond giving more donations and have instead adopted research institutions, hospitals and schools. The New Israel Fund, for example, refuses to give money to the government directly and has channelled it to particular projects instead.

CJN: *In the March 10 issue of* The CJN, *it was reported that Nathan Sharony, the new professor and chief executive officer of State of Israel Bonds, said that despite Beilin's comments, Israeli Bonds are one of the most important vehicles to the Israeli government. What is your opinion on the future of Israeli Bonds?*

Helpman: Bonds are a significant vehicle for

Elhanan Helpman

raising foreign funds. They are a reliable source in times of economic strain. But there are also times when they are less significant such as now when the economy is strong and when Israel has obtained guarantees from the United States. But bonds are used as a reserve — it's important for Israel to maintain this mechanism.

CJN: *What is the present state of Israel's economy? Where do you see it heading?*

Helpman: Some major changes have taken place. We've certainly come a long way from 10 years ago when we had 500 per cent inflation and foreign and domestic debt were at an all time high. Thanks to the stabilization program implemented in 1985, Israel's economy has changed dramatically and we now have a growth rate of six or seven per cent. Without these changes, we would never have been able to face the huge influx of immigrants that have been arriving since 1990. I see our economy getting stronger and stronger all the time, especially with the prospect of new foreign investment and new technology.

CJN: *What's happening on the Israeli job front. Where does unemployment stand at the moment and how has it been affected by the absorption of highly trained Soviet immigrants?*

Helpman: With the economy growing, we're experiencing declining unemployment — from 11 per cent in 1991 to nine per cent in the last quarter. One hundred thousand more jobs have been created, which is significant when you consider that we have a labor force of two million. But the olim are not getting the jobs that they would like to match their skill levels. There are some occupations in which they find suitable jobs, such as in various areas of engineering or in applied maths. In areas like software engineering, for example, there are no mismatches between what they know and what's expected of them. But for some occupations, such as Russian economists or doctors, their training just doesn't match the job here and their skills are not up to standard.

CJN: *With the recent resignation of the Israeli Health Minister Haim Ramon when his proposed changes to the health bill were defeated (mandating universal health insurance), what do you think will happen to the health care system?*

Helpman: There are two issues in the health bill. One is to allow for universal health coverage. The second is to allow individuals to choose their own health maintenance organization. What Ramon asked for in his piece of legislation was to take the issue of health maintenance out of the control of the labor unions. Needless to say, the Labor Party was not too pleased. In my opinion, our health care system is not working well. Because it is dominated by various labor unions, the system ends up employing more people than necessary, there are many hospital strikes and the hospitals are crowded and inefficient. What we need is more competition between alternate health maintenance organizations to prevent doctors from treating unnecessarily and to generate less waste. The health care system needs incentives to economize and to be more efficient.

CJN: *With this new techno-economic paradigm shift that we're experiencing, where major technological advances are producing major social and economic change worldwide, what changes must Israel make to become a stronger, wealthier and more viable country in keeping with the times?*

Helpman: Unfortunately, we can't design a transformation the way we'd like to see it take place. All we can do is look at the processes that are occurring and determine what kind of institutions and policies are needed to support this change.

Technological changes have ramifications for every aspect of the economy both in Israel and elsewhere. First of all, we must look at changes in manufacturing and ways to become more flexible. For example, when we build plants, we must be able to shift to new products without incurring great expense. We must find ways to absorb new technology without having to abolish existing structures.

We have to pay more attention to research and development within companies and learn from other countries. And we have to take a new look at the way businesses are being financed. Traditionally, banks give loans against physical collateral such as machinery and equipment. But now we have to look at what it means to give loans using ideas as collateral. Financial institutions both here and in Israel are beginning to look at things in a new way and respond to these new demands in a way that will satisfy the regulatory environment in which they operate.

Another area that we are looking at is what we call changes in human capital. We need to be more flexible in our educational institutions so that people are trained for a variety of different jobs.

With the development of computers and information technology that follows, we're experiencing a big shift in the economy. But there is typically a long lag that follows before we feel the impact.

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Work on a Rondor home, located in Caesaria, is shown here.

Local firm exports luxury homes

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The idea of owning a luxury Canadian-built home is for many a dream. Now it is possible to own one — in Israel.

Brothers Yoram and Erez Weinreich of Reikh International Limited are currently working on the housing project known as Rondor, located in Caesaria.

According to the brothers, there is a new quality of living in Israel. In the last 15 to 20 years, Israel's economy has slowly shifted away from the traditional agrarian, "outside" society to one that has developed an industrial base. This growth has been accompanied by a corresponding urban sprawl as Israelis move inside.

Erez notes that this project offers many features the Canadian construction industry has to offer. For example, where Israeli-contructed homes don't include central heat or air conditioning, the Rondor homes do.

Other selling points within the Israeli real estate market are the garage, the basement, pressure-treated decks, and the "dry system" construction.

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Yoram points out that 80 per cent of their product is Canadian. Depending on the size and model of the home and the site, prices for these luxury homes begin around $400,000 (US).

And who will buy these homes?

Erez says they are targeting the top 5 to 10 per cent of the local Israeli market. However, he is quick to point out that for those who make frequent business trips to Israel or who have family members traveling back and forth, it makes sense to invest in a home rather than pay for an expensive hotel.

It seems the primary rule of real estate in the Canadian market is true everywhere — location is key. Rondor is conveniently located so that "it takes the same distance from downtown Toronto to Richmond Hill" to get to some of the major attractions.

Yoram says the Israeli market is "hot". He says Reikh International entered the market at the right time with a quality product and began selling.

He adds that while the Israeli realty market is entering a new stage, he and his brother are ahead environmentally and in construction techniques. "We are fast, we offer nice finishings and a good-quality product. My brother and I saw an opportunity to export product technology and expertise."

Canadian governments are looking to make economic relations between the two countries easier. Premier Bob Rae is interested in facilitating trade, says Yoram, and the United States, along with the European countries, have established free trade with Israel.

This is not the Weinreichs' first project in Israel. Reikh International Ltd., was formed in 1981 to export North American-style building supplies including metal studs, drywall and insulation to Israel.

Then, in the fall of 1992, the company, along with Viceroy homes in Scarborough, submitted a bid to build prefabricated homes in Israel to accommodate the influx of Russian immigrants. Erez says the bid was not accepted due to cost considerations.

The fact that Yoram and Erez are concentrating in the home renovation and building supply sector is not unusual. They are the faces of The Lumber Guys, a Toronto-based business.

Born to Holocaust survivors, Erez and his sister were born in Israel; Yoram, in Toronto. All had a Zionist upbringing.

Between Yoram and Erez, they have 30 years experience in retailing, exporting and the construction business.

"The sky's the limit," Erez says, with a smile.

Eventually, the company will be looking for joint ventures but for now, they will content themselves by looking into three or four other prospects.

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Tips From Pros

By GARY KOPSTICK
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — When an individual wishes to plan his or her estate, utilizing both effective estate planning techniques and compliance with Jewish law (Halachah), it may at first glance appear that the objectives desired meet with conflicting rules and principles.

However, there are legal mechanisms which can be utilized such that an effective estate plan can be designed which will comply not only with family financial objectives but also with Halachah. Let us consider the following example in the context of financial planning and Halachah.

Joseph Aleph wishes to effect an estate plan in reference to his existing assets. He is married to Rachelle and they have four children. His oldest child is a son, Aaron; he has another son, Eli, and two daughters, Sarah and Leah.

Joseph's estate is currently comprised of universal life insurance of $1 million. There is an identical policy on the life of Rachelle. He has an RRSP which has accumulated $250,000. In addition, Joseph is the sole shareholder and operator of a food distributorship business. He started the corporation before marriage and its estimated current fair market value is $2 million. Joseph has cash and near cash investments of a further $100,000 and owns a condominium in Florida which has an approximate value of $60,000.

Joseph's personal wishes include the following considerations: Aaron has become a valued employee in the business and Joseph would like Aaron to succeed him as the operator of the business. In the event of his untimely death, Joseph would want his assets to be available to support his wife, i.e., the annual income from his estate should go to his wife. Joseph would like the capital in his estate to be available for eventual distribution equally to his four children. In addition, Joseph has provided for charitable bequests of approximately $100,000 upon his demise.

Tax Considerations — An individual is considered to dispose of capital property (e.g., shares in the business at their fair market value) immediately before death. This would result in a capital gain at death equal to the current fair market value of the corporation. However, an individual may transfer capital property to a spouse or to a qualifying spousal trust on a tax deferred basis. Such a spousal trust must provide that all of the income of the trust must be payable to the surviving spouse and that no one but the surviving spouse may enjoy the income or capital of the trust during his or her lifetime. The trust may provide for the payment of capital to the surviving spouse but need not do so.

An individual is also deemed to realize the proceeds in an RRSP at death and would be taxable thereon. However, once again the money in the RRSP can be transferred on a tax deferred basis to a surviving spouse's RRSP. In that manner, a spouse may use the RRSP proceeds as funds for her own retirement or for current living expenses, by drawing funds out of the RRSP on a yearly basis or as otherwise needed.

Charitable gifts made by a deceased in his will are eligible for the tax credit in the terminal (i.e. final) tax return of the deceased. Provided that donations do not exceed 20 per cent of the final year's net income, such donations will generally yield a tax saving to the deceased's estate of about 50¢ per $1 of donatioon.

In order to save on Ontario Probate Fees, certain assets such as cash and cash equivalents might be registered in the joint name of Joseph and Rachelle. At law, this would mean that Rachelle automatically owns such investments immediately after Joseph's death. Moreover, if the RRSP were also designated to go to Rachelle, it too would escape probate fee levy.

Halachic Principles — A surviving wife has the right to collect the amount stipulated in her ketubah (Jewish marriage contract) or has a right to support as long as she remains unmarried. This is likely the first priority against the estate.

Minor daughters have priority rights over minor sons for support. Moreover, daughters have a right to a Dowry to ensure they will be desirable future mates re marriage. These rights rank second upon the estate.

Under Halachah, where there are legitimate male heirs, the female members of the family do not inherit. Where there are male sons surviving the deceased parent, only the sons are technically entitled to share in the inheritance. If the eldest child in the family is a son, the eldest receives an additional share of the estate. For example, where there are four surviving sons, the estate would be divided into five parts with the eldest taking two-fifths of the estate.

If there are no male sons surviving the deceased, the deceased's surviving father or brothers would also rank ahead of the surviving wife and daughters vis-a-vis inheritance.

Whereas life insurance is generally considered to be an asset of the estate under general commercial law, Halachah does not consider life insurance as an estate asset. Rather, the named beneficiary under the policy is considered to be the halachic owner of the proceeds.

Considerations — It is clear from the above discussion that there are often conflicting principles between good estate planning from a tax perspective and halachic principles. It should be noted that it is, however, possible to draw appropriate legal documents which are considered to be bona fide for halachic purposes while still achieving effective estate planning. This could involve creating indebtedness of the father on a contingent basis to either his wife or daughters. For example one can structure such an instrument and the result meets both good estate planning objectives and halachic principles.

This article is beyond the scope of resolving such complexities, but with the guidance of your local Orthodox rabbi and related professional advice, the issues can be successfully resolved in most cases.

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Business Briefs

The following business briefs were supplied by Israel's Economic Mission in Toronto, (416) 961-1242.

Free Trade Fuels Israel's Economy

ISRAEL — While many Canadians continue to agonize over free trade with the United States, Israel credits free trade for its economic growth spurt.

The latest edition of *Advantage Israel*, published by Israel's Economic Mission in North America, cites free trade agreements with the United States and Europe as contributing strongly to heightened Israeli exports and foreign investment.

"For Canadian companies, investing in Israel offers tariff-free access to parts of the world that would not be available from here," says Ren Noy, Israel's economic consul in Canada.

Ontario premier Bob Rae is urgently lobbying for a free trade pact between Israel and Canada. He recently signed an Ontario-Israel economic agreement, pledging the promotion of cooperative agreements between provincial companies and those in Israel.

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Hi-Tech Talk

ISRAEL — Just about every week, Israeli companies are coming up with futuristic hi-tech concepts. The latest could leave computer users chained to their chairs.

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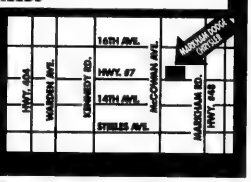

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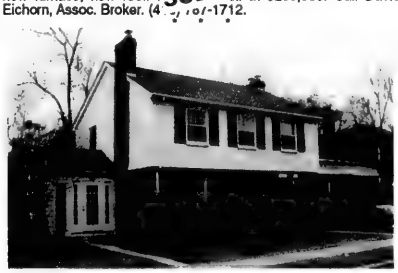

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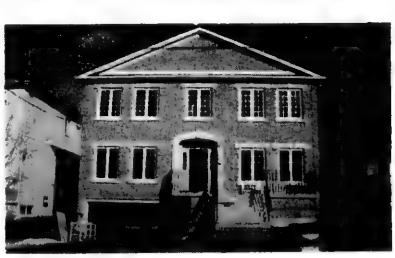

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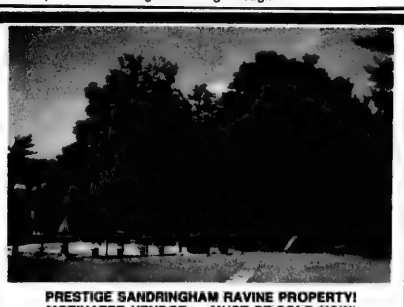

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Koffler Gallery patrons mix and mingle at gala

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The Koffler Gallery has earned a unique reputation for the excellence of its exhibitions, says Dorothy Shoichet, president of the Koffler Centre of the Arts.

A Patrons' Gala was held recently at the Gallery, with Harriet Solomon as chair of the patrons' campaign.

After a dinner hosted by Marvelle and Murray Koffler, honorary chair of the Koffler Centre, patrons were given a preview of the Collector's Eye, an exhibit of ceramics from the collection of Aaron Milrad.

Curated by Lloyd Herman, the founding director of the Smithsonian Institute's Renwick Gallery in Washington, the outstanding collection represents major trends in contemporary Canadian, American and British ceramics.

Milrad, chair emeritus of the Koffler Centre, is one of Toronto's most successful art lawyers and an avid collector of paintings and photographs, as well as of pottery and ceramics.

In her introduction, Solomon said, "We are here to share many of [Milrad's] choice works, exhibited for the first time, and regarded as one of the finest ceramic collections in North America."

She noted that both the Royal Ontario Museum and the Gardiner Museum wanted Milrad's exhibition. "How excited and privileged the Koffler Gallery is that Aaron has so generously opted to let it be shown here."

G. Alfred Kennedy, the consul general of the United States in Toronto, who officially opened the Collector's Eye exhibit said we recognize "the diversity and experience of each artist and in so doing, we celebrate the cultural vitality of our two great countries."

Acknowledging the importance of technology, he added, "It is art that has the effect of bringing us back to basics — our interpretation of our environment and the meaning of life." Beautiful art, he concluded, "links us inextricably to each other, to our past, to history."

As a token of appreciation, Solomon presented the consul general with a ceramic bowl created by Canadian ceramist Peter Powning. She explained that the first significant piece purchased by Milrad in 1982 was created by Powning.

Milrad's ceramics collection includes more than 300 pieces. On exhibit at the Koffler Gallery is the craftsmanship of more than 50 artists. The impressive collection is colorful and eclectic. There are examples of realism, abstract, expressionism, surrealism, and oriental and other schools of artistic design.

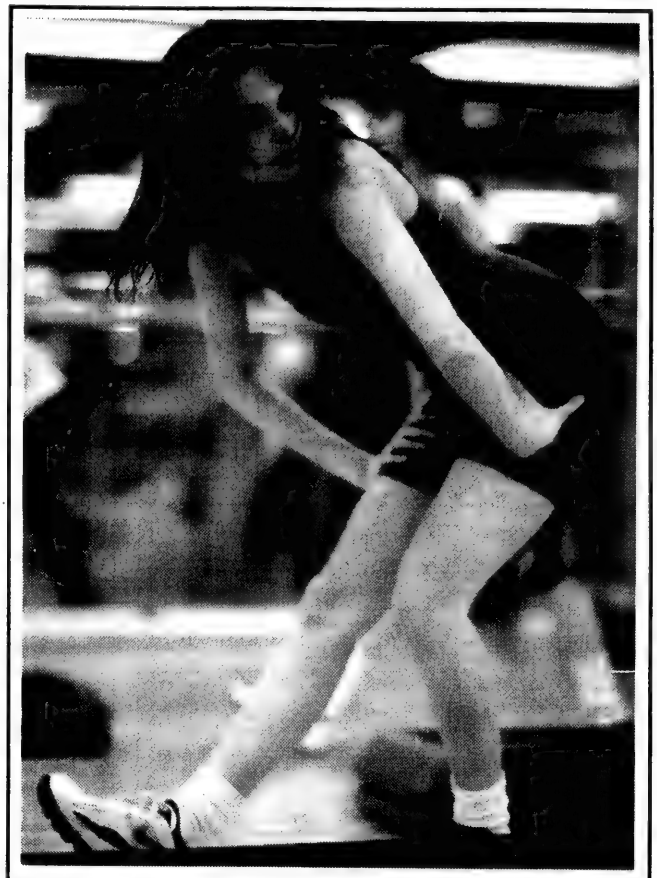
Some of the artists included in Milrad's representation are, Powning, Adrian Saxe, David Gilhooly, Peter Voulkos, Suzanne Stephenson, Neil Tetkowski, Anne Kraus, Viola Frey, Richard Milette, and Paul Mathieu.

Milrad recalls that he first became aware of ceramics through his mother's collected pieces of British pottery. He also took pottery and ceramic courses at the Ontario College of Art.

Among the guests of honor at the gala was Mayer Kirshenblatt whose folk paintings of Jewish life in Poland between 1920 and 1934 are exhibited in the Koffler Loggia Gallery. Kirshenblatt's paintings document the painter's memories of pre-war Jewish cuture in Poland.

The Milrad and Kirshenblatt exhibitions continue to June 1. The Koffler Gallery is located at 4588 Bathurst St. in North York and open Sunday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Seen at the Patron's Gala and premiere exhibition of the ceramics from the collection of Aaron Milrad are (from left) G. Alfred Kennedy, consul general of the United States in Toronto; Harriet Solomon, chair of the Patron's Gala, Milrad, and Dorothy Shoichet, president of the Koffler Centre.



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Senior receives volunteer award

By AMY SATTIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — When Gizella Katona marched up to collect her Volunteer of the Year award from Mayor Mel Lastman last month, it was to a standing ovation.

Katona, 84, was one of 14 city residents chosen as a 1994 Volunteer of the Year. The April 13 presentations coincided with National Volunteer Week.

Katona founded the Institute for Renewed Education, a non-profit organization that teaches volunteer skills to seniors, nine years ago. Since then, the former math teacher has retrained over 300 students. She herself has just begun her PhD in mathematics and computer studies at York University.

Each year for the last 10 years North York has honored between 10 and 20 volunteers, nominated by their supervisors and selected by a five-member committee.

This year's honorees were Vincent Anania, Eileen Beaumont, Marilyn Connell, Veena Dutta, Pauline Faull, Bonnie Hays, Mille Jacobs, Michaelene Krawetz, Myrna Lefko, Dorothy Magee, Judith McCabe, Greg Reilly and Isaac Weinroth.

At 17, Weinroth was the youngest volunteer to be recognized and one of three Jews. Weinroth, who prefers the nickname Yitzi, has been volunteering every summer at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care since he was 13 and "had nothing else to do."

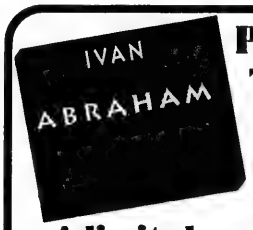
The Grade 12 student at Forest Hill Collegiate spends five days a week visiting with some of the 1,500 seniors who make up the Baycrest community and taking them on outings to Toronto's Harbourfront, Centre Island and the movies.

"My classmates ask me 'How can you spend your summers with a bunch of old people?' " he says. "I tell them I like knowing that I've helped somebody or made them smile."

Millie Jacobs also likes to make people smile. That is why the retired real estate agent joined the innovative Generations in Various Exchange (GIVE) program at York Mills Collegiate when it began in 1989. During the school year, Jacobs, 69, spends time sensitizing 75 Grade 11 students on what it means to grow old. Jabobs said three of her nieces and nephews went to York Mills, but she wanted to volunteer there because of her interest in teenagers. "It's another life," she enthused.

Lefko downplayed her award. "[Volunteering] is something I just do naturally, that's all."

Lefko, 59, was recognized for her work with Leukemia Research Fund. She became involved when her 21-year-old daughter, Robyn, died of acute myelogenous leukemia 10 years ago. Lefko is the fund's immediate past president. Last year she and 400 others raised $750,000 for research into a cure.



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SHAVUOT ART

Shavuot inspired an interesting art form in Eastern Europe — paper-cuts. Called Shavuoslach or Raizelach, they bore Jewish symbols and motifs, such as the menorah or the four "Jewish folk animals," and were pasted on windows during the festival. Pictured here is Ruth Stern Warzecha's personal interpretation of a traditional Shavuot theme. [Collection of Dr. Fred Weinberg]

PLO seeks delays as its police teams wait at the border

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service and Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — As the first contingent of Palestinian police prepared to take up duties in the Gaza Strip and Jericho, the PLO told Israel over the weekend it needed more time before assuming complete control of the two areas.

Highlighting the delay in implementing the self-rule accord signed last week in Cairo, groups of Palestinian police gathered at Egyptian and Jordanian border crossings but did not take over Israel Defence Force postings on schedule.

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat said he needs more time to name the 24-member Palestinian Authority, which will have overall responsibility for directing Palestinian affairs in Gaza and Jericho.

Arafat had asked for more time to implement the accord when he and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin met last week in Cairo to sign the final agreement for implementing limited Palestinian autonomy.

Some 330 Palestinian police, in crisp new olive green uniforms and red berets, gathered Sunday at the Egyptian side of Rafiah, the border town separating Gaza from Egypt.

But it remained unclear when they would cross into Gaza and take over from the IDF the duties of maintaining law and order.

According to one report, the police would wait in Rafiah until several other contingents, trained in Libya, Iraq, Yemen and Sudan, joined them there.

According to *The Jerusalem Post*, eight unarmed Palestinian police officers crossed into Gaza Sunday, but none via the Allenby Bridge, disappointing many who had waited both in Jericho and Rafiah for a triumphal procession of hundreds of members of the new force.

Israeli military sources denied responsibility for the delays and said the Palestinian side was responsible for not coordinating the transfer of power properly.

At the Rafiah border crossing, the arriving officers handed over hundreds of Kalashnikov assault rifles for Israeli inspection and registration of the serial numbers.

The delay in the policemen's arrival stirred anger in both Jericho and the Gaza Strip.

Youths started stoning the police station when they realized that IDF soldiers were not leaving and the Israeli flag was not coming down. Soldiers fired back with stun grenades.

Government sources said there is no reason why hundreds of Palestinian police could not take up positions in Gaza and Jericho this week. Up to 30 military installations are ready to be manned, according to military sources.

Whatever its cause, the delay heightened doubts among Palestinians that Arafat is ready to take over the areas now at his disposal. He recently closed the Jericho office of the PLO and there has been grumbling about his autocratic leadership.

IDF officials reported meanwhile that five large police installations in Gaza have been emptied of Israeli troops and are ready to receive the Palestinian police.

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Israelis protest peace accord

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Last week's signing of the Israel-PLO autonomy accord sparked anti-government protests throughout the country.

At Neveh Dekalim in Gush Katif, about 1,500 people — including a number who were fasting — held a prayer vigil. Schools were closed in the area to enable pupils to attend the demonstration.

"This is not peace. Peace you make from a position of strength, force, heroism. Not from a sense of weakness," Gush Katif Chief Rabbi Yigal Kaminetzky told the crowd.

Gaza Council head Zvi Hendel received enthusiastic applause when he went up to the stage during the mini-crisis in the signing ceremony and told the crowd there were problems in Cairo.

In Jerusalem, protesters burned two tires at a demonstration in front of the prime minister's office. One of the protesters was detained for questioning.

On the other side of the political spectrum, a few hundred Peace Now activists went to the Erez checkpoint to demonstrate support for the agreement. They were joined by a number of Palestinians from Khan Yunis, who voiced their support from the other side of the fence.

Montreal Sephardi school daubed with swastikas

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Only six months after students moved in, the new, permanent home of the College Hillel in St. Laurent was daubed with multiple swastikas and hate messages during the night of May 5-6 — the first case of serious anti-Semitic daubing in the Montreal area in more than a year.

At least ten swastikas were plastered over the back windows of the building at the corner of Alexis Nihon Boulevard and Ward Street.

On the front of the building located on an industrial street and formerly the site of a warehouse, several other swastikas and anti-Semitic phrases, such as "Go Home Jews," were spray-painted with foot-high letters.

One window at the back of the Sephardi school was also shattered.

Ruth Ben-Simon, principal of the school, discovered the graffiti when she arrived at work.

"I was absolutely stunned," Ben-Simon said. "It's a tragedy for us."

She immediately notified the school's president, Armand Elbaz, and police from Station 22, who began to investigate the incident.

But at writing, it was not clear whether the incident was the work of racists and neo-Nazis or vandals.

The College Hillel has also been the subject of a zoning dispute. But Michael Crelinsten, Canadian-Jewish Congress, Quebec region's (CJC-Q) executive director, said there was no indication at this time that the daubings were connected to opposition to the area's being rezoned for the school.

In a statement, CJC-Q community relation chair Max Bernard called the assault a despicable act.

"It is particularly regrettable that the younger members of our community, in this case the students of College Hillel, must be exposed to such a vile expression of anti-Semitism and racism," he said.

"The residents of St. Laurent, along with all Quebecers, must act together to adopt measures to prevent the recurrence of this phenomenon."

Congress also called for Montreal Urban Community police to conduct a "full inquiry" into the incident and to pursue the individual(s) responsible "to the fullest extent of the law."

Ian Kagedan, B'nai Brith Canada's director of government relations, said from Ottawa that the attack might have signalled the end of a "lull" in racist incidents over the last year in the Ottawa-Montreal corridor.

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March of the Living

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The recent 1994 March of the Living was a marvellous catalyst for participants to reaffirm their Jewishness, says Rabbi Mark Dratch of Toronto's Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

Rabbi Dratch was one of the midrachim (chaperones) who accompanied the 121 teenagers from Ontario to Poland and Israel. More than 350 Canadian students between 15 and 18 took part.

"The program exposed them to the depths of death and despair of the camps, engaged them in an exploration of the richness of Jewish life in pre-war Poland, and fostered a bond between many second- and third-generation Canadians [through visiting] the home of their grandparents," said Rabbi Dratch.

"The March was an opportunity for Jewish history to become real and alive."

More than 6,000 students from around the world participated in the two-week gathering. They visited synagogues and cemeteries, relived the bitterness of the Shoah, and celebrated the re-establishment of the State of Israel.

Cary Chapnick, a Grade 11 student at Forest Hill Collegiate, said the March changed his life. "We went from seeing 800,000 pairs of old shoes in Majdanek to seeing a plane full of Russian Jews arrive in Israel."

The group visited Treblinka, Plazsow, Oskar Schindler's factory, Warsaw, Krakow and other "dark and depressing places," said Chapnik, but they danced and sang after arriving in Israel. "I felt at home — and I was."

The 6,000 marched from Auschwitz to Birkenau on Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Memorial Day). Chapnik said "[we] proved that Hitler and the Nazis were not successful and we proved that Am Yisrael Chai."

He credited the success of the March to the close bonds between teens, chaperones and survivors like Bob Weiss, Irving Eisner and Martha Shem-Tov who accompanied them. "The group will never forget the stories they told us."

Judith Peranson, a Grade 10 student at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, said the March was relevant to everyone. "We could and did all make our own special meaning from our experiences."

But Rachel Spitzer, a Grade 13 student at University of Toronto Schools (UTS), said the March didn't answer her questions about the Holocaust.

Participants in the 1994 March of the Living are seen outside the barbed wire fence at Majdanek. From left, Jodi Kovitz, Brian Laski, Ezra Satok-Wolman, Cary Chapnick, Adam Somer, Jessica Bortnick and Jaime Kochberg.

"I still do not know why or how it happened and the number six million has become no easier to understand. If anything, I returned with more questions than ever before."

The 1994 March of the Living was co-ordinated by Chaia Berkowitz, associate director of Judaic Cultural Development at the Jewish Community Centre. Her co-chairs were Hilda Cohen and Ralph Shedlestky.

Rabbi Dratch said he was impressed by the teens. On the Yom Hashoah march to Birkenau, "I found mature, caring, inquisitive and committed young adults who are passionately concerned about Judaism and the Jewish people," he told *The CJN*.

"This really was a march of the living."

German doctors' abuse of power helped to boost Nazi doctrines

By AMY SATTIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Auschwitz-Birkenau camp doctor Joseph Mengele was taught to view his victims as "useless eaters" by the 1930s German medical profession, says a medical researcher and physician.

"The doctors made it possible, the doctors made it acceptable," said Dr. William Seidelman. "The doctors had the power."

Seidelman, a family physician, was lecturing on Nazi medicine to 45 doctors and medical ethicisits at the University of Toronto last month. The hour-long lecture and slide presentation was sponsored by the medical school's Department of Family and Community Medicine.

Seidelman said German doctors flocked to join the Nazi party — outnumbering all other professions three to one — and quickly came to embrace the notion of racial purity.

Letters from 1930s Berlin published at that time in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (JAMA) outlined the steps taken by the German medical community to ensure its goal of volksgesundheit (population health).

To cull the weak-minded, the schizophrenic, the manic depressive and the epileptic, German doctors performed 56,244 sterilizations in 1934. Teachers were encouraged to report poor students as candidates for sterilization: Seidelman estimates that 500,000 people were sterilized before the end of the war.

Race too became a medical diagnosis, and professorships in rassenhygien (race hygiene) were established at 10 universities by 1936. All of these developments were reported in *JAMA* up to 1941.

"The Holocaust involved . . . doctors and patients, not just Jews and gypsies," Seidelman said. "It was about power and the abuse of power."

German doctors abused their power, Seidelman said, in deciding whose life was of value. He urged his audience not to make the same judgments.

"Who are we to judge the quality of someone's life?" he asked. "We [as doctors] must pause and reassess those we consider unworthy . . . and affirm our own vulnerability, humanity and fallibility."

Doctors continued the abuse in gathering research subjects, said Seidelman. Mengele's grant for twin studies at Auschwitz-Birkenau was awarded after peer review. Seidelman showed how asylum residents were starved, overdosed and gassed beginning in late 1940, their remains dissected and sent to places like the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute of Brain Research (now the Max Planck Institute).

Specimens were also collected from PoWs killed by the Gestapo and from Jews felled by typhus in the Warsaw ghetto, Seidelman said.

For years the Hitler-era collections were used for neurological and neuropathological research. The Nazi specimens at the Max Planck Institute were finally buried in two graves in 1990 under a headstone reading:

"Science which did not respect their rights and dignity during life sought even to use their bodies after death. Be this stone a reminder to the living."

Seidelman, 53, studied the legacy of Nazi medicine in Germany in 1991 under the German Foreign Office. He will join U of T's Department of Family and Community Medicine from his current position at McMaster University in Hamilton in July, when he becomes medical director of the HIV Ambulatory Care Program at the Wellesley Hospital in downtown Toronto.

Ontario participants in the March of the Living dance in Cracow's famed "Alte shul." [Nir Baraket photo]

Sephardi convention expected to attract over 300 young people

TORONTO — Sephardi young people from all over North America are set to arrive this month for the sixth annual Sephard international convention.

The convention, organized by the Sephardic Educational Centre (SEC) in Los Angeles, is expected to attract over 300 people to the airport Ramada International Hotel May 27 to 30.

Conventioneers, aged 18 to 30, will celebrate Shabbat in the Sephardi Moroccan tradition, dance the night away at the Top of Toronto nightclub in the CN Tower, and take part in sessions on the Mideast peace process, the power of prayer and science and Judaism. Rabbi Benito Garcon from Madrid will address a community-sponsored breakfast on the Sunday morning. All food is under the supervision of the Kashruth Council of Toronto.

"The Sepharad is meant to bring people together to have fun, and also to experience different aspects of Judaism," said Jeff Belne, 26, president of the SEC Toronto chapter. Belne, an Ashkenazi, has attended three SEC conventions with his Sephardi wife, Donna. "You go to one, you come back for more."

Registration for Sepharad 1994 has begun. The $295 fee does not include air fare. For more information, contact Belne at (416) 636-5460 in Toronto, or Avi Bendayan at (514) 735-5565 in Montreal.

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Nation of Islam speaker addresses group in Montreal

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — While Khalid Abdul Muhammad had to resort to using a telephone to deliver an anti-white and anti-Semitic diatribe to a Toronto audience this month [*CJN*, May 5], another aide to Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan found the road across the Canadian border a lot more negotiable.

According to a brief news report in the *Gazette* [April 29], a man identified as a "lieutenant" to Farrakhan, Minister Lynwood X, delivered a "fiery" address to an "appreciative crowd" on April 28 at the Association universelle pour la promotion des noirs on Notre Dame Street West.

The report said that Lynwood X, who lives in Albany, N.Y., spent over an hour addressing a receptive audience of 90 people, and referred to Caucasians as "the skunks of the earth."

He was also quoted as saying, "A cracker is a cracker, whether he's in the United States or up here in Canada."

The report did not indicate whether he made any references to Jews.

The visit apparently caught local Jewish organizations off guard.

"They got us this time," admitted David Sultan, a policy consultant for Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region (CJC-Q). "We don't even know who he is."

Yechiel Glustein, director of B'nai Brith Canada's office for eastern Canada, also said his organization had no advance knowledge of Lynwood X's visit.

"We never got any forewarning about it," he said. "No information at all."

Sultan and Glustein suggested one of the reasons their organizations were uninformed about Lynwood X may have been that their officials had turned their attention to the planned appearance in Toronto of Muhammad, which was scheduled to take place that weekend (April 30).

Sultan said if Congress had known in advance about the visit by Lynwood X, it would have checked his background and examined whether there was cause to block his appearance.

'Reject message outright'

That, however, might have been very difficult "because you need solid grounds," he said.

(Immigration officials barred Muhammad from Canada because of a 1987 conviction for fraud.)

Glustein said B'nai Brith "certainly would have alerted the proper authorities" to monitor Lynwood X's speech.

Sultan and Glustein both indicated their organizations would look into the circumstances surrounding Lynwood X's visit.

According to Prof. Stephen Scheinberg, however, Lynwood X has been to Montreal on at least one previous occasion.

Scheinberg, who teaches at Concordia University, recalled that Lynwood X took part in a panel discussion about two months ago at the university.

At that time, he recalled, he was identified only as a Black Muslim minister.

Scheinberg speculated that because of Albany's proximity to Montreal, Lynwood X could turn out to be a more frequent visitor to Canada if Muhammad can no longer get in.

"It behooves us to check it out," he said.

In the view of Rabbi Reuben Poupko, chair of CJC-Q's executive committee, "It is tragic that anyone would give a platform" to a representative from the Nation of Islam, which "spews a clear and well-documented hatred against Jews, whites and homosexuals.

Rabbi Poupko said Lynwood X's speech "should have been monitored by legal authorities," to see whether it broke any of Canada's laws against promoting hatred or inciting violence.

A strongly-worded editorial published in the *Gazette* [May 3] charged that "the disciples of Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan are trying to make inroads into Canada.

"Canadians should recognize the group for what it is — a vehicle for spreading hatred — and reject its message outright...

"Racism is racism is racism. Nothing justifies it, in Canada or anywhere."

CJC plenary think tank explores Quebec's future

By ELIAS LEVY
CJN Staff Reporter

This article first appeared in the Montreal edition of The CJN *(April 28) in French.*

MONTREAL — Visions of Quebec: National Unity Versus Separation was the central theme of one of several think tanks at the recent Canadian Jewish Congress-Quebec region plenary.

Panelists were Pierre Fournier, vice-president and director of research for the investment firm Levesque and Beaubien; Josee Legault, political analyst and lecturer at the Universite du Quebec a Montreal; and John McCallum, dean of the Faculty of Arts of McGill University. Senator Gerald Beaudoin was panel moderator.

According to Fournier, the Parti Quebecois (PQ) has a very strong chance of winning the next election.

"The latest polls are categorical and very eloquent as to the chances of the Pequistes' forming the next government," he noted. "They could take between 80 and 90 of the 125 seats in the National Assembly... In the last decade, virtually no [western] government has been able to survive after two consecutive mandates."

Fournier is convinced that the current rather gloomy state of the economy may noticeably tarnish the credibility of the government of Quebec Premier Daniel Johnson. If the Liberal team wants to regain the high ground, he added, it will certainly have to inject new blood into its ranks. "About a third of their cabinet ministers have already resigned or intend to do so in the weeks to come. [PQ leader Jacques] Parizeau and Johnson are weak, not especially charismatic leaders. For this reason, the choice of a team will be very important."

According to Fournier, if the PQ comes out on top in the next election, the referendum on Quebec's political future should be held by June 24, 1995 at the latest. But, he added, the sovereigntists may well lose.

"On the other hand," he noted, "the results may be very different from those of the 1980 referendum. The vote will probably be very close. This time, the Liberals will hold far fewer cards. They will no longer find it easy to argue that federalism is renewable. Moreover, the involvement of Lucien Bouchard in the referendum campaign may also make life more difficult for them." Fournier feels that debates about Quebec's political future will take place in "a calm climate of tolerance."

Legault outlined the current state of relations between the francophone majority and the anglo-Quebec minority. According to Legault, instituting an open, constructive dialogue with the members of the anglo-Quebec minority is a major priority for sovereigntists working within the ranks of the PQ and the Bloc Quebecois.

"However," she added, "anglophones who try to become reconciled with the PQ often lose credibility in the eyes of their community. This is very frustrating."

But despite all the linguistic and ideological obstacles, a dialogue, still somewhat tentative, is gradually getting started. "There have been a series of encouraging, salutary initiatives begun by anglophone groups and institutions, which are beginning to bear fruit," she said.

McCallum, the author of several studies on the possible future socio-economic impact of sovereignty, was much more pessimistic and did not mince words.

He said the spirit of tolerance to which Fournier and Legault referred "could be severely tested in the pre-referendum period, because animosity and desire for revenge might get the upper hand.

"It is true that there are many sympathetic and friendly people involved in the PQ," he said. "But the party also shelters a lot of sovereigntists who don't like the anglophones — for example, Camille Laurin and Jean Campeau. In my opinion, we should mistrust that spirit of tolerance you just referred to. That sense of openness could take quite a beating in the next 12 months."

According to McCallum, Parizeau is deluding Quebecers, particularly when he says the cost of sovereignty will be nil or virtually insignificant. "That's false," he said. "The price to be paid will be substantial."

McCallum is convinced that sovereignty will have a highly negative impact on the economy of Quebec. It will lead to a new massive exodus of established Quebec businesses; discontent among the native peoples who will not accept the idea of being "transferred" from one country to another; a major economic crisis which will hit Quebec farmers and francophone federal employees in Hull with full force; ... pressure which will result in a lower Canadian dollar."

Also, at the monetary and fiscal level, he said, the repercussions might well be devastating for both Quebec and Canada."

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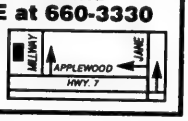

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JIAS asks minister to stay deportations of Russian families

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Thirty to 40 Russian Jewish families are facing deportation from Canada, but the Jewish Immigrant Aid Service (JIAS) is asking Minister of Immigration and Employment Sergio Marchi to stay the orders on humanitarian grounds.

It is now much more difficult for Russian Jews to gain status as convention refugees "as there is an impression that state anti-Semitism in Russia no longer exists since Boris Yeltsin took over," Perry Romberg, executive director, JIAS Toronto, told *The CJN*.

But the prospects for continuing immigration from Russian Jews are good because under new government policy, their high educational status will improve their chances of being admitted, Romberg said.

In fact, Toronto has received 1,500 Russian Jews a year for the past three years, and there is every indication that this will continue or even increase with a good economy, family reunification, and the high skills of the immigrants, he said. A total of 8,500 Russian Jews have come to Canada since late 1987.

Even those Russian Jews who are sent back to Moscow, if the minister does not stay their deportation, can reapply under the new point system and a few families have already been readmitted to Canada, the JIAS director said.

The deportation of Russian Jews after they have lived in Canada for several years was raised at a forum on immigration at the Bernard Betel Centre May 4 by an audience member who said it was unfair to them because conditions for Jews in Russia have worsened recently.

No decision

No comment on the question was made by panel member Phillip Pirie, acting director general of the Immigration Department's Ontario region.

Romberg said the minister has not yet made a decision on the deportation cases. They have the option of going to Israel, he pointed out.

The CJN last week had a story about the family of Felix Gogniev and his family being deported to Russia, even though they come from North Ossetia, a region of tribal warfare where the Gognievs claim they were tortured.

Every avenue of appeal appears to have been exhausted in the Gogniev case, Romberg said.

Immigrants to Ontario are not as fairly treated by the federal government as in other provinces, the forum was told by Shelly Birnbaum of the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship. The average grant by the federal government to Ontario immmigrants is $764, compared with $1,500 in the rest of Canada, and $2,300 in Quebec, she said.

While Ontario gets 60 per cent of the immigrants, it gets only 39 per cent of the funding.

Romberg said Canada has done a reasonably good job on immigration policy, but there is room for improvement.

Instead of admitting 250,000 immigrants, Canada should cut the figure to from 150,000 to 185,000, Gord Johnson of the Reform Party said, because this is all the economy can absorb at this time. He denied that his party is against immigration.

Professor William H. Angus of the Osgoode Hall Law School, said Ontario should be more insistent on its rights under the selection process and more aggressive in recovering money from Ottawa for immigrants.

Na'amat takes aim at ending domestic violence in Israel

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "Ilanit" was a fairly successful career woman in Israel. For 20 years she worked in a bank and had authority over a number of employees. Yet when she returned home, her husband would take her wages and invest them in businesses that failed. Things got so bad that court officials seized the couple's furniture.

"Rachel" was the daughter of a highly-respected rabbi. Her husband, who did not come from such a prestigious family, often criticized Rachel for her appearance and beat her almost from the first day of marriage. For two years she did not speak to her parents, to demonstrate to her husband that he had become the most important part of her life. She felt she could not go to her community for fear that they'd blame her and accuse her of not being a good wife.

"Sarah" was a university lecturer who married an engineer. She had no inkling of her husband's violent side until he smashed a mirror in their hotel suite on their wedding night. She left him and they were divorced shortly afterwards.

Besides suffering emotional and/or physical abuse in their relationships, all three women share another factor as well. All sought counselling and support at one of Na'amat's Family Violence Clinics in Israel, said Ronit Lev Ari, director of the centres.

As their stories would suggest, Na'amat counsels women from a wide variety of backgrounds.

Lev Ari was in Canada recently on a two-week visit to meet with Na'amat members and give them first-hand accounts of the work done by the social service organization in Israel. She was also laying the groundwork for a $400,000 fundraising campaign to go towards construction of a new women's shelter and counselling centre in Tel Aviv. The local municipality has promised to match the funds raised by Na'amat.

During her busy schedule, Lev Ari travelled to Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Ottawa and Montreal.

Ronit Lev Ari

"For me it's important to make people aware of the problem of violence against women in Israel," she said.

Lev Ari said the new Na'amat facility, which is slated to open in two to three years, will shelter women who face domestic violence as well as serve as a counselling centre for them and for walk-in clients. It will supplement the work done at five other shelters in the country.

Israelis are increasingly becoming aware of the problem of domestic violence and have taken steps to address the issue ever since the first shelter opened in Haifa in 1975, she said.

"Na'amat is the main address in Israel for this issue," said Lev Ari, adding that other organizations and government too have taken on more responsibility in treating the problem.

In addition, in June 1992, the Knesset passed the Law for the Prevention of Violence in the Family, which makes it easier to force a violent husband to leave the home.

Passage of the law also heightened public awareness of the problem and led some men to recognize their responsibility in creating the problem, she said.

Na'amat's four centres in Tel Aviv, Haifa, Jerusalem and Beersheva counsel 150 men each year, and receive about 5,000 telephone calls from men and women seeking help. More than 3,000 women come into the centres each year for legal advice and counselling, Lev Ari said.

Lev Ari believes that domestic violence affects all sectors of society, whether Ashkenazi or Sephardi, observant or secular, rich or poor.

Eleven years ago when she first became interested in the field of domestic violence, Lev Ari found that three main factors came into play: The abusive husband usually came from an abusive family; 50 per cent of abused women married because they were pregnant; and there was an imbalance in economic resources. Paradoxically, it was in families where the woman brought more education and greater financial resources into the marriage and was from a higher status family that the abuse took place, she said.

Na'amat has published a brochure, entitled *Signs Before the Battering*, as part of its education program for female army recruits, to help women spot an abusive relationship in its early stages.

It points out that even during dating there can be hints. If he shows signs of jealousy, of a patronizing attitude, of a desire for control through such mundane matters as telling his partner when and how to cut her hair and by treating her as if she was his property, then these can be danger signs of pending emotional abuse, Lev Ari believes.

The booklet is part of a Na'amat effort to educate women so they are assertive enough to resist these pressures, enhance their self-image and not blame themselves if something goes wrong in the relationship, she added.

Students rally for Israeli MIAs

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — It was a birthday gift for missing Israeli paratrooper Ron Arad.

On May 5, the day Arad turned 36, five bus loads of Montreal high school students travelled to Parliament Hill to protest the long imprisonment of Arad and three other Israeli soldiers who disappeared while fighting in Lebanon.

The rally was co-sponsored by the Shaar Hashomayim youth group IMPRINT, the national Israel affairs committee of Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canada-Israel Committee in Quebec. The students, who came from several Montreal high-schools, were also joined by a dozen Ottawa teenagers.

Arad was captured in 1986 after parachuting from his airplane over Lebanon. Three years later, his captors turned him over to the Iranian Revolutionary Guards. No one has heard from him since, but protesters said they believe he is alive.

The other three soldiers, Zachary Baumel, Zvi Feldman and Yehuda Katz were taken prisoner during a tank battle with Syrian forces in 1982. Several eye witnesses later claimed to have seen them being paraded on their captured tank through the streets of Damascus, Syria. There has been no word about them either.

At the rally, the students sang Hebrew songs, waved placards and Israeli flags and shouted slogans asking for the soldiers' freedom. Then they boarded their buses and headed for the Iranian embassy several blocks away.

Stationed across the street from the embassy, they continued to sing while Rabbi Reuben Poupko, chair of the Canadian Jewish Congress-Quebec region executive, tried unsuccessfully to deliver a petition to embassy officials. He was turned away at the door.

Rabbi Poupko told students at the rally that Israel has repeatedly released Palestinian prisoners. Most recently, as part of the limited self-rule agreement for Jericho and Gaza signed in Cairo last week, the Israeli government agreed to free 5000 Palestinian prisoners.

"[Yet] there is no attempt by the other side to say, now that things have changed, now that the alleged waves of peace are sweeping over Israel and the Middle East, now is the time . . . when Ron Arad should finally be returned to his wife and his young daughter," Rabbi Poupko said.

He said he believes the soldiers are alive and are being held in Lebanon with the support of the Syrian or Iranian governments. However, in violation of the terms of the Geneva Convention, no humanitarian group, such as the International Red Cross, has been allowed to see them and they have not received any mail.

Eve Sultan, leader the IMPRINT youth group, said so many students had turned up for the rally that organizers had to hire an extra bus at the last minute. She said many of the students met Arad's wife Tami and daughter Yuval when they came to Montreal in October and were touched by their story.

"I've been working with youth a long time and for such an issue I've never seen such a huge turnout," she said.

Jason Crelinsten, a 14-year-old student at Lower Canada College, said students organized the rally because they thought a demonstration would be an effective way to raise awareness about the MiAs. He stressed that the soldiers' plight was not just a concern for Jews or young people.

"I find it amazing that people can categorize issues, like it's a Jewish humanitarian issue or it's some other kind of humanitarian issue . . . They're human and therefore it's a humanitarian issue and that's all that should make sense."

Jewish 'hams' set to flood New York

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Hams will be having an eyeball June 10 to 13 at the Fallsview Hotel in Ellenville, N.Y.

If this has you puzzled, hams — guaranteed kosher! — are amateur radio operators, Jewish ones in this case, and an "eyeball" is a get-together.

The Jewish hams belong to International Chaverim. Once a year they like to meet face to face instead of just chatting over the air waves.

International Chaverim has 21 chapters in the United States and Canada, with chapters in Brazil, England, France and Israel, says Hamilton radio operator Yaacov Goldberg.

"It is not unusual for us to speak to people in Belize, Quito, Ecuador, Miami, California, Toronto, Montreal and Hamilton and many places in between."

The Chaverim meet daily on radio between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. and Sundays from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at 14326 megacycles.

As well, the Canadian chapter meets every Thursday evening at 9 p.m. local time on 3759 megacycles.

So if any Jewish hams out there would like to join an eyeball with fellow amateur radio enthusiasts, they'll be more than welcome Friday to Monday, June 10 to 13, at the Fallsview Hotel in the Catskills.

For information contact Morris Schlifer, VE3 DEO at (416) 633-1721 in Toronto; Harry Glanz, VE2 GJ (514) 482-2756 in Montreal; or Yaacov Goldberg, VE3 HL1 (905) 528-7688 in Hamilton.

Keren Hayesod executive helps to launch new UIA division

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jerusalem resident Shlomo Pollack has probably seen more of small town Canada than have most Canadians.

The Keren Hayesod executive recently returned from a visit to the tiny community of Spring Hill, in Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley, made famous by hometown singer Anne Murray.

While in the Maritime province, Pollack also spent time in Sydney, Glace Bay and Halifax before moving on to Toronto, Hamilton and Montreal.

No stranger to Jewish communities off the beaten track, Pollack has also visited Jews in Singapore, Auckland, New Zealand, Perth, Australia and Bloemfontein, in South Africa's Orange Free State.

It's all in a day's work for Pollack, the international director of the legacy department of the Keren Hayesod, the agency that transmits funds raised in the Diaspora (excluding the United States) to the Jewish Agency for Israel.

Pollack's recent visit to Canada was in part to help launch the United Israel Appeal's (UIA) new wills and bequests department and to help train UIA employees about that delicate subject.

Barney Harris, national field director for UIA, said "we see this as a natural extension of our work."

In addition to transferring funds raised by the country's 10 federated communities to Israel through Keren Hayesod, the UIA also runs its own annual campaigns in areas of the country that are unfederated. That includes communities in the Atlantic provinces, Regina, North Battleford, Sault Ste. Marie, Victoria, St. Catharines and elsewhere. Altogether, 5,000 contributors in 54 unfederated communities raised around $2.5 million last year, Harris said.

Shlomo Pollack

But based on UIA experience elsewhere, Pollack and the UIA believe that Jews in smaller centres are more than willing to leave their capital assets to Israel as well.

That's where the UIA's new wills and bequests department comes in. Pollack is spreading the word among potential contributors and professionals such as lawyers and accountants who deal with those planning their estates that they might consider leaving a percentage of their assets to Israel.

Hence the trip to Spring Hill.

Pollack, a native of Montreal who made aliyah in 1970, said the UIA has found that at least 50 per cent of those who make a bequest for Israel are not regular campaign contributors. Others often give only small sums in the yearly campaign but have been known to leave 20 to 30 times as much in their wills.

Many are middle class, elderly people who in their later years live on a fixed income, Pollack said. As they get older, they worry about maintaining their capital to ensure a comfortable lifestyle. As a result, their contributions to the annual campaign may drop, but their desire to help Israel remains.

That is reflected in the astounding figures that Pollack cites. Although "we're dealing with a portfolio of 1,500 commitments around the world," in 1993 bequests accounted for 22 per cent of the total world cash transfers to Israel (exluding the United States), he said.

Pollack said the wills and bequests department looks for a broad base of people who will make contributions, whether $1,000 or $1 million. Canada is seen as an "untapped" area.

Harris said the UIA is in the process of setting up a committee to serve the unfederated Canadian communities while publicizing the way friends of Israel can leave a lasting legacy after they've gone.

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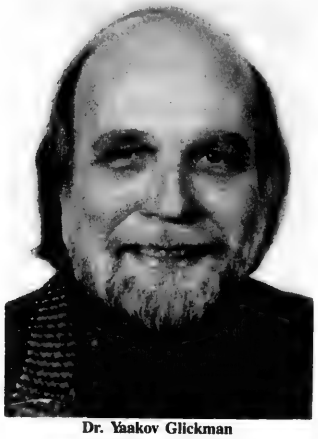
Russian Jews: a group unto themselves?

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Have the 22,000 Russian Jews who have come to Canada's shores in the last decade changed the Canadian Jewish community for better or worse?

It's an intriguing question and it's dealt with rather gingerly by an Israeli-born and educated sociologist who has studied the Russian Jewish community in Toronto.

"It may be premature to answer that question," says Dr. Yaacov Glickman, formerly a professor at the University of Toronto, a specialist in the study of the sociology of contemporary Jewry in Canada and the United States. "Let's say that at the moment I have a feeling of creative ambivalence about it."



Dr. Yaakov Glickman

Glickman's research showed that most of the immigrants lived in their own enclaves, relied on friends and relatives to find them housing and work instead of on Jewish organizations or government bodies, and sent their children to public schools instead of Jewish day schools in most cases. They expressed optimism about their future in Canada (9 out of 10 want to stay in Canada). Finally, according to his research, most did not have strong Jewish identification.

In an interview with *The CJN* he stated flatly that the apparent schism between the Russian Jews and mainstream Jewish organizations is of a "potentially serious nature, if it is not addressed."

This is one of the reasons he hopes that his pilot study of a comparatively small number of Russian Jews in Toronto will be expanded into a larger project and he says planning for such a project is underway. Though his study was done in 1991, he has done an updated report for its sponsors and he says that in the main the findings still hold true today.

His study was supported by the federal departments of Employment and Immigration and External (now Foreign) Affairs; the Centre for Refugee Studies, York University; Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS); and the Institute of Sociology, Soviet Academy of Sciences, Moscow. Professor Robert Brym, of the University of Toronto, was an advisor.

To the question, "Is there anything wrong with the Russian Jews living in their own enclaves?" Glickman replied: "There is nothing wrong. It is only wrong if it deepens the schism we're talking about. We can't force integration down their throats."

"...the Toronto-based community of Soviet Jewish immigrants appear to have posed both a promise and an acute dilemma to mainstream Jewish life in Canada," the report says.

Another of Glickman's findings was that most do not trust a socialist political party (they are not NDP supporters) and they tend to vote in any election like the majority of Canadians do. They consider maintaining the Russian language and culture high on the scale of priorities and the need for Hebrew or Yiddish very low.

Despite these negative points, Glickman says there is the possibility that the Russian Jews will strengthen the total Jewish community in Canada. "...the emigres may be expected to somewhat tilt the demographic balance of an aging and intermarrying population in a more favorable direction," the report says. It is also his feeling that the Canadian Jewish community, having survived various crises in the past, will face up to the apparent schism between the Russian Jews and the general community, and come out stronger in the end.

On this point, his report says: "Surely the Russian Jews do not fit, not at the present moment at any rate, into this optimistic scenario (neither do other fringe groups such as the Israelis currently living in Canada, the young, the working-class and the poor, the academicians, North African (Sephardic) Jews, and women). They still might as time goes on. The die has not yet been cast and the alternatives are still wide open for individual choice and human initiative."

Glickman thinks the Russian Jews in the United States and Israel live generally in the same way as they do in Toronto, keeping to their own friendships and enclave networks.

On the point often raised that Russian Jews should go to Israel, not Canada or the United States, Glickman says he understands the need of Israel for immigrants but he believes it is important that all emigrant Jews be given a wide open range of choice.

The author dealt at length with the general community versus immigrant issue because a previous study by Roberta L. Markus and Donald V. Schwartz in 1978, published in 1984, showed a serious alienation of Russian Jews in Canada.

As to the number of Russian Jews expected in Canada in the future, Glickman says it is now more difficult for them to enter because of changed immigration rules. "The Jews of the former Soviet Union, prominent on the political agenda just a few years ago, have been relegated, for the time being at least, to a secondary position on the priority ladder."

On the other hand, he writes, the dangers to Jews in the former Soviet Union are ever present in a chaotic situation and out-migration of Jews may increase. It would be prudent for authorities to plan ahead for increasing numbers, he says.

He explores an interesting reason for the differences between the Russian Jews and the older Jewish community. He says the latter came to Canada with "cultural baggage" far different from that brought by the Russian migrants. In one case, the baggage was steeped in their shtetl life and religious identification, while the latter, after the Russian revolution, had no rich Jewish baggage but a Slavic cultural baggage of their own.

The Russian Jews have brought a dash of color to Toronto life and certainly strengthened its musical resources, Glickman notes. He recounted the story of the Russian Jewish immigrant coming down the ramp of a plane without a bulky musical instrument, and a bystander commenting, "Oh, he must be a pianist."

Glickman is not unprepared for swift reaction to his report, particularly because it contains the following paragraph: "The emigres cared little or not at all about Jewish religion, tended not to participate in Jewish communal activities, preferred, mostly for pragmatic (socio-economic) reasons, the public over the Jewish school system, were in the main non-observant (there were interesting exceptions to this rule) spoke mostly Russian at home, and although clustering in predominantly Jewish residential neighborhoods, formed friendship networks consisting primarily of fellow Soviet Jews."

Not so, say those involved

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Are Russian Jews estranged from the organized Jewish community in Toronto as one researcher claims? (See related story)

The answer is no, in the opinion of two people who are highly involved with Russian Jews.

"We had 5,000 people at our last High Holy Day services," said Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman, executive director of the Russian Jewish Community Centre.

A total of 420 Russian Jews (140 families) sat down with other Jews at seders last Passover and 200 are attending English classes said Marsha Slavens, co-chair with Susan Goldberg of the Community Integration Program (CIP) of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

In addition hundreds have joined the Jewish Community Centre at rates subsidized by the Federation.

There were 200 at a Purim party and another 200 at a Chanukah party, and an-all Russian chapter of B'nai Brith Youth has just been formed, Slavens said.

Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman

Rabbi Zaltzman claims that the percentage of Russian Jews attending religious services is higher in his community than in the general community. In addition, he says the 2,953 families who contributed $550,000 to the centre last year, out of a total centre membership of 5,000, represents a greater commitment to charity than is shown in the community at large. "Not bad for an immigrant community that has been persecuted for seven decades," Rabbi Zaltzman said.

In his opinion, researcher Dr. Yaacov Glickman need be under no illusion about whether the influx of Russian Jews has weakened or strengthened the Canadian Jewish community as a whole. "He is wrong if he does not realize that we are a great asset to the community. There is no split between us."

Slavens points to the family-to-family and telephone-link projects of CIP to show how closely involved the organized community is in making the newcomers feel welcome. Sometimes it is forgotten that the Russians came from a country where the organized community meant communism and this may be why some are reluctant to join the mainstream, she added.

"Remember, too, that the CIP has been going only for five or six years, and in the early days of the Russian influx they were not as welcomed into Canadian homes as they are today. One told me that he had lived in Toronto for 20 years without being invited into a Canadian home. Our program may not have all the answers but it is bringing greater involvement."

At the Russian Jewish Center, 5,000 attended High Holy Day services last year, led by Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman. This photo was taken at Maariv, following blowing of the Shofar.

For his part, Rabbi Zaltzman believes the general community is doing quite a good job in integrating the Russian newcomers and suggests that the key for even greater success lies in a program of more vigorous Jewish education for youth.

"I don't see integration as a serious problem. By nature and background our people feel closer to their own. Integration is a normal process and it takes time."

A total of 1,800 circumcisions have been performed in the last 10 years under the centre's auspices, he said, including one on a man of 68.

The seders at which Russian Jews are guests have brought a stream of letters to the CIP expressing thanks. The most memorable moment for Slavens at one of these seders came when a 70-year-old Russian who had never heard Hebrew since he was a boy in his grandfather's house, recited the four questions at the seder in Toronto.

In the general locker room at the Jewish Community Centre, the Russian language is heard above the din of clanging metal doors and hubbub, as Russians of all ages eagerly express their joy in sports.

With the help of the Jewish Women's Federation and other groups, tours of the high spots of Toronto for Russian Jews have been organized and well attended. The high level of education among the newcomers has resulted in their taking advantage of the city's considerable cultural resources.

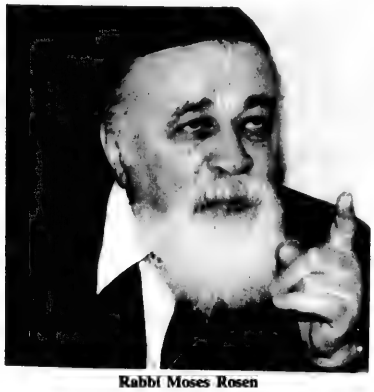
In the world of music and dance, the Russian Jews shine and one of the CIP's projects sees private homes opened to concerts by these musicians who are paid for their performances by the guests.

Rabbi Zaltzman said he ran into some opposition when he announced a plan to open a new synagogue for the Russians on the grounds that it would deter integration. "But you can't have integration until the partners are comfortable with each other; and our plan has proved successful because not only are we getting more and more people to services but some of our members are now joining other synagogues closer to their homes."

The Russian Jews have formed their own group to solicit funds for the United Jewish Appeal, Slavens said.

These Russian Jewish children, recent immigrants to Toronto, are hosted at a party at the National Council of Jewish Women arranged by the active Community Integation Plan of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Rabbi Rosen was tireless worker for Romanian Jews



Rabbi Moses Rosen

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

IASI, Romania — Romanian Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen, the leading figure in the postwar Jewish community here, died in Bucharest last Friday after suffering two strokes in April.

Rabbi Rosen was 81. His body was flown to Jerusalem for burial.

News of his death stunned the diminishing Romanian Jewish community, whose members had hoped and prayed for the rabbi's recovery.

Jewish leaders from New York to Jerusalem were quick to express their praise for Rosen, a figure who tirelessly struggled with the Communist leaders in Romania on behalf of the country's Jewish community.

Rabbi Rosen, who had been chief rabbi of Romania since 1948, wielded an extraordinary amount of influence within that country as a religious leader and a frequent envoy to the United States on behalf of Romania.

He enabled nearly the entire postwar Jewish community of Romania, about 400,000, to emigrate and settle in Israel. The exodus was unique in Communist Eastern Europe.

Before World War II, there were approximately 800,000 Romanian Jews. But that number was cut in half during the Holocaust.

There are now only some 18,000 Jews, most of them elderly, living among Romania's 23 million people.

Rabbi Rosen maintained an astoundingly strong Jewish religious and cultural life throughout Romania with the extensive help of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, providing Jews who remained, even in the most isolated communities, with kosher food, religious life and quality care for the elderly.

Rabbi Rosen was sometimes subjected to criticism for channeling money to Romania's Communist regime in exchange for providing the country's Jews with exit visas. But he remained steadfast in his efforts to secure safe passage for the country's Jews to Israel.

In the years following the violent fall of dictator Nicolae Ceausescu in 1989, Rabbi Rosen fought against a resurgence of Romanian anti-Semitism when many in the country sought a scapegoat for economic woes.

Rabbi Rosen was born in 1912, in Moinesti, Moldavia, where his father was the local rabbi.

He recalled in his autobiography that "though small, this community became famous in the history of the rebuilding, because it was from Moinesti that the first Romanian Jewish settlers left for Palestine in 1882."

The group was known as the Hovevei Zion, the "Lovers of Zion."

He was sometimes criticized as a "Jewish pope" because of his flowing purple and black robes, his tall, mitered hat and a California-size Magen David worn around his neck.

But there was method to the man.

In presenting himself to the Romanian public as a high religious figure, he earned the respect given to Christian Orthodox figures in a country where physical trappings meant much. And in so doing, he enabled the small Jewish population to be accorded a measure of respect and protection it desperately needed.

Bar-Lev served as Israeli ambassador

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Haim Bar-Lev, eighth chief of staff of the Israel Defence Force and most recently Israel's ambassador to Moscow, was laid to rest Sunday after succumbing to what was described as heart failure Saturday at a Tel Aviv hospital.

"He was a noble knight," Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said in saluting Bar-Lev at the funeral.

Retired Gen. Shlomo Gazit called him "one of nature's real gentlemen."

Although Bar-Lev's funeral was held with full military honors, his old friends from the former IDF senior command left their medals at home as they said farewell, in keeping with the egalitarian tradition of the Palmach, the strike force of the pre-state Jewish army.

Bar-Lev's name became synonymous with a line of fortifications at the Suez Canal built under his command when he was Israel Defence Force chief of staff from 1968 to 1971.

A member of the Labor Party and an advocate of compromise with the Arabs, Bar-Lev switched from military life to politics in 1972, but returned to active duty during the 1973 Yom Kippur War. It was during that war that the Bar-Lev Line was breached by Egyptian troops.

He was a member of Knesset from 1977 to 1990, serving on the foreign affairs and defence committees, and as chairman of the Knesset subcommittee on the defence budget. He also served as minister of commerce and industry and later as police minister.

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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World

Younger students frightened by swastikas

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"This had all the trademarks of a hate crime," he said.

Summer has previously proved to be a more popular time for racist incidents, Kagedon said.

He said it is time for the federal government and judicial authorities to become more "aggressive" in combatting racism — by punishing perpetrators with sentences appropriate to hate crimes, by enacting educational programs, and by keeping "hate recruiters" off campuses.

Ben-Simon said her students, many of them young children, were frightened by the sight of the swastikas when they arrived at school.

She called an assembly and tried to reassure them that it was probably an isolated incident.

But she also told *The CJN* that the vandalism must have taken time because it was "too well done."

About four years ago, at its earlier location on Marcil Street, the school was daubed with one large swastika.

This incident, however, is much more serious, "bizarre," she said.

"I think it was Nazis," she said. "We didn't need this."

Holiday deadline

During the upcoming Jewish and statutory holidays *The CJN* offices will be closed May 16, 17 and 23. As a result, early deadlines will apply for the issue of May 26.

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Rabin issues veiled critique of Arafat's brinkmanship

Riveting political theatre

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

CAIRO — PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat asked Israel to slow the pace of transition in Gaza-Jericho by "up to four weeks" to assure an orderly transfer to the new Palestinian Authority, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told reporters here last week.

He said that although Israel originally hoped to leave within 10 days, he would, albeit reluctantly, comply.

Rabin's remarks came at the end of a landmark day, which saw the signing the 200-page accord that signaled the first time Palestinians would be given control over their own lives.

However, the ceremony was marred by an embarrassingly visible confrontation over whether Arafat would sign the agreement's accompanying maps, which included a smaller Jericho area than he wanted.

An angry, red-faced Rabin threatened to halt the ceremony, and centre-stage pressures on Arafat from all sides were easily noticed by the 2,500 spectators in the hall and the millions watching live on television.

The ceremony was abruptly adjourned for a few minutes amid concern that the entire agreement could unravel.

Arafat eventually signed the maps, but added a lengthy proviso that the validity of his signature dependended on Rabin's agreement to an existing accompanying letter, which states Israel will discuss increasing the 62 sq. km. allotted to autonomous Jericho, along with a promise to settle differences over whether a Palestinian policeman would be stationed on the Allenby bridge and whether a Palestinian would run the Rafiah border crossing.

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid said the accompanying letter was more of a face-saving device, since Arafat knows that Israel cannot accede to PLO requests on the two letter issues, and can do precious little about expanding Jericho.

PLO spokesman Marwan Kanafani said it was unfair to blame Arafat, since it was known he did not like the proposed size of Jericho, and "he did not know that maps would be signed." Israeli officials disagreed, noting that the Palestinians participated fully in preparations for the ceremony.

Israeli officials charged Arafat brought brinkmanship to a new level, and a top Rabin aide called the spectacle a "disgrace."

In his remarks to reporters, Rabin played down what he called a "minor incident," and preferred to focus on the future.

"We could complete the handing over in two to three weeks, perhaps even in 10 days," he said. "The problem today, as the chairman of the PLO said last night, is that he might delay up to two, three, or four weeks. We would like to get out as quickly as possible."

While careful not to attack Arafat openly, Rabin did issue veiled criticism, suggesting the delay was due to the PLO's preoccupation with symbols, to the detriment of the nuts and bolts of governance.

The signing ceremony itself was originally designed to highlight Egypt's constructive role in the peace process, and thereby its leadership in the Arab world.

Speaker after speaker lauded Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak as a peacemaker, and wished him well on 65th birthday.

After a conciliatory speech by Mubarak on the need for Palestinians to put aside decades-old enmity and for Israelis to cooperate with Palestinians, it was time for both parties to sign the accord.

Arafat went first. He signed the three copies of the deal, which included security, civilian, economic, and legal annexes, then quickly thumbed through the six accompanied maps without signing.

When it was Rabin's turn to sign, Foreign Ministry legal adviser Yoel Singer whispered, "He didn't sign the maps." Rabin replied, "Then neither will I."

Returning to his place alongside Mubarak, Rabin complained about Arafat's refusal to sign. Using unmistakable body language, including shaking his head, he said he would not speak unless Arafat signed.

Using his own hand gestures of refusal, plus a stony-faced stance, Arafat refused. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Egyptian Foreign Minister Amre Moussa became involved, and both, along with Mubarak, motioned that Arafat must sign.

United States Secretary of State Warren Christopher stood alongside Arafat, awkward and motionless, only to become involved in talking with Mubarak and Arafat after calling his aide, Dennis Ross, to the podium.

Other Palestinians and Israelis were also called to the podium, as frenzied meetings went on during the speeches. With the public ignoring the speeches and riveted on the political theater, the ceremony was abruptly, but temporarily, halted.

Israeli troops on patrol in Hebron. The West Bank town's 450 Jewish residents are protected by over 1,500 Israeli soldiers and police officers. The weekend arrival of the first international observers was marred by more violence. [IPPA/©IDF Photo]

Observers arrive in Hebron

Jewish Telegraphic Agency and Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

HEBRON — A full contingent of international observers has arrived in this West Bank town, but on their first day of monitoring duties, found themselves caught in clashes between Palestinian protesters and Israeli soldiers.

The unarmed 114-member observer force, recruited from Norway, Denmark and Italy, arrived in Hebron on Sunday in a convoy led by the Israel Defence Force. They were accompanied by a busload of members of the foreign news media.

No sooner did they arrive than Palestinians protesting the presence of Jewish settlers in Hebron and nearby Kiryat Arba began throwing stones at Israeli soldiers.

The soldiers responded by firing tear gas into the crowd.

The observers, caught in the confrontation, soon found themselves choking on the tear gas.

"I guess we'll have to get used to carrying onions around with us," an Italian member of the observer force later said on Israel Radio, referring to one method to counter the effects of the gas.

Odd Wibe, the Norwegian coordinator of the team, said Israeli border policemen who drove towards the crowd of more than 1,000 well-wishers were at fault.

"We had an agreement that the army would keep away. It did not and this provoked children to throw stones. If they hadn't turned up it wouldn't have happened," he said.

The presence of observers, known officially as the Temporary International Presence in Hebron (TIPH) was agreed to by Israel and the PLO in late March following the Feb. 25 slaying of at least 30 Palestinians at a Hebron mosque by an Israeli settler.

The agreement on the presence of an international team of observers had paved the way for the resumption of Israeli-PLO negotiations, which the Palestinians had suspended immediately after the Hebron massacre.

The observers will be in place for an initial three-month period, a mandate that is renewable for additional three-month periods.

HAMAS SAID WORRIED

Hamas activists demonstrating at the Jabalya refugee camp in the Gaza Strip. Hamas is said to be worried over how the new Palestinian police force will treat its followers. [Isranet Photo]

Greece to provide PLO light arms and uniforms

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

ATHENS — Following through on a request from Yasser Arafat, the Greek government has agreed to supply light arms and uniforms to the newly-created Palestinian police force in the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

But Greece did not include heavy military equipment in its aid package.

Athens will give the PLO police uniforms and helmets, light vehicles and radar and a still undetermined number of rifles and handguns.

While agreeing to supply light arms, the Greek government has flatly rejected the idea of supplying other equipment to the Palestinians.

During a visit to Greece in November, Arafat had asked for armored vehicles, patrol boats, minesweepers and helicopters.

His request was forwarded to the Greek Foreign Ministry, which passed it on with a favorable recommendation to the Ministry of National Defence.

The Defence Ministry sent the request on to the army and navy chiefs of staff, who rejected it during a closed meeting last Dec. 4.

In declining the request, the military said that providing the assistance would sap Greece's military arsenal at a time of instability in the Balkans.

The military also noted that during the 1980s, Greece had supplied military equipment to Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and to the Nicaraguan Sandinistas led by Daniel Ortega. In both cases, the military officials said, "the equipment was used in the wrong way, with no benefit to Greece."

Those favoring the PLO request pointed to the fact that the PLO has been recognized by the United States and Israel.

They added that fulfilling the request would help Greece influence Palestinians without jeopardizing its relations with Israel, said to have improved in recent years.

Earlier this year, Greece attempted to offer the Palestinians old military hardware, some of which dated back to World War II. The Palestinian leadership rejected it.

Soldiers say goodbye to Gaza

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

GAZA — Soldiers leaving Gaza through the Erez checkpoint did most of the celebrating last week, as Gazans remained somber throughout the signing of the agreement that handed them self-rule.

"Goodbye Gaza, I hope never to see you again," shouted one soldier on his way out. "Gaza belongs to you now, look after it," said another, handing back a taxi driver's documents and waving him through a roadblock.

Few Gazans expected an outburst of joy among the local residents. Residents debated whether the accord was a trick, a sellout or an opportunity. Few considered it a new dawn.

"They are handing us responsibilities but keeping the control," said a nurse at Shifa Hospital. "Gaza will just be a large prison."

"It is a black day, a disaster," said a young man leaving a barber shop. "I want to go back to Jaffa."

There was no indifference. The streets were half empty during the signing ceremony, as people were glued to their TV sets.

Allusions to the past seemed to dominate the conversations. Those who supported the agreement talked as though anything must be better than the present.

"What are we supposed to think? While Rabin was actually signing, a soldier shot a boy in the leg. We are still waiting to see what happens," said pharmacist Ihsan Ahmad. His shop is opposite the guard tower in the Jabalya refugee camp, whose future will be a litmus test of a successful peace agreeement.

Most installations handed over to the Palestinians

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The officials said there have already been some joint Israeli-Palestinian patrols, which were undertaken in an effort to familiarize the Palestinians with the territory to come under their control.

According to the IDF officials, nearly all the police and security installations to be handed over to the Palestinians have already been evacuated of Israeli troops. All the remaining installations, the officials said, will be vacated by the end of this week.

In a separate development, the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas movement held a conference over the weekend at the Islamic University in Gaza to discuss the newly emerging situation in Gaza and Jericho.

Some of those attending the conference expressed fears that the Palestinian police would deal harshly with Islamic militants.

But the participants agreed that there should be no more bloodshed between Palestinian opponents and supporters of the peace process and that any arising disagreements should be settled in a democratic manner.

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Rabbinical Reflections

Shavuot

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

From Pesach to Shavuot we count the 49 days of the Omer. The Jews in Egypt were influenced by the 49 stages of contamination that prevailed in that civilization and it required a full day to nullify the effects of each stage and replace them with the 49 stages of holiness in preparation for Kabbola HaTorah — Receiving the Torah on Mount Sinai.

The Talmud tells us how the great Master, Rabbenu HaKadosh, cried and exclaimed: "There are those who are fortunate enough to be able to acquire their World to Come in one single hour; there are those who take many years to do so." (Avodah Zarah 10b, 18a.)

I would like to devote this article to a way that can perhaps accomplish both of the above — helping one to rise through the 49 stages, and acquiring Olom HeBah in one hour.

I recognize the unpopular stance that will be taken; the scoffing and the ridicule; the criticisms of the oversimplifications. But let but one reader be influenced in some small way — and dayenu — I shall have done my job.

This article was inspired by the efforts of Rabbi Ephraim Applebaum, a rabbi at Eitz Chaim, who initiated the project among over 300 students as their preparation for Shavuot — Zeman Matan Toroseinu — the time of the giving of our Torah.

Rabbi Applebaum told the true story of a Kollel wife in Israel who supported her husband's Torah study by writing books. A freak mix-up by a computer repair shop erased three years' work from the hard drive of her computer. Having gone through that aggravation myself on a much smaller scale, I can vouch for the anguish and pain the couple suffered. Beside the financial loss incurred, there was the additional loss of time it took to reconstruct the years of work eradicated at the touch of a button.

Using this analogy, Rabbi Applebaum told our students we were doing the very same thing to ourselves. We were purposely pressing buttons that were instantaneously erasing years of Torah and mitzvah influence that were till now indelibly implanted in our psyches. The buttons? The TV buttons we press which flood our minds with the violence, filth, immorality, the spiritual, philosophical and cultural poisons, that perniciously attack any healthy Torah attitudes we have imbibed in our Torah schooling.

Various news articles tell us in San Diego "a high school honor student watches a lurid ABC-TV fictionalization of the 1890s Lizzie Borden axe murder case, then chops his own parents and sister to death and leaves his brother a quadriplegic."

In Denver, "*The Deer Hunter* is telecast and a 17-year-old kills himself with a revolver, acting out the movie's climactic game of Russian roulette. He is the 25th viewer in two years to kill himself that way after watching the drama on TV."

Then-U.S. Surgeon General Jesse L. Steinfeld declares "The casual relationship between televised violence and antisocial behavior is sufficient to warrant immediate remedial action."

A 1982 Nielsen Report on Television says the average American family keeps its television set on for 49½ hours a week. The typical youngster graduating from high school will have spent almost twice as much time in front of the tube as he has in the classroom — the staggering equivalent to 10 years of 40-hour weeks. (Eugene H. Methvin, *Reader's Digest*, January 1983.)

Challenging Marshall McLuhan's theory that television will create "a global village," Jo-An Claytor writes in the *Globe and Mail* Oct. 14, 1992, that "a house with a resident TV runs a very good chance of becoming a member of a global village of idiots." Syndicated columnist Ann Landers advises "Be firm. You wouldn't allow your child to eat garbage, would you? Why, then, let him put it in his head?" (*Reader's Digest*, January 1983).

The influence of television is written about in the Jewish press as well. "Television leaves a much deeper impression than reading a newspaper or a book does," writes Rabbi Simon Schwab in the *Jewish Observer* (February 1992). "Sitting in front of the screen, you no longer think for yourself; the thinking is done for you. You simply absorb, uncritically, whatever your eye see and your ears hear.

"Today how blind can one be not to realize that television is a wide-open window, letting into our homes the foul odor of the immoral and amoral atmosphere that prevails outside? The full range of idol-worship, immorality, and bloodshed have free entry into the Jewish home, and drive out the kedusha (sanctity)," writes Rabbi Schwab.

"So one just turns the knob a bit more, and is treated to a potpourri of murder, torture, sadistic violence, spilled blood — the whole ugliness of crime, with all horrid details graphically displayed.

"And then one turns the knob a little further. This time we are exposed to an explosion of promiscuity and licentiousness, normal and abnormal, the whole arsenal of the yetzer hora (the evil inclination) in full realistic color."

I am reminded how the great Maggid of Jerusalem, Rabbi Sholom Schwadron, described his introduction to TV. He was collecting money in England for charity with a friend. They came at night to a home cloaked in darkness. The friend insisted on ringing the bell. After some time Rabbi Schwadron peered through the uncurtained living room and noticed the room was dark and several people were sitting on the floor.

"Oy Vey," he said to his friend. "Don't disturb them. They must be sitting shivah. Look, it's dark and they're sitting on the floor. Let's go and leave them undisturbed in their mourning."

The friend replied, "Rebbe, don't worry. They're not sitting shivah, they're just watching television ." I won't finish the rest of Rabbi Schwadron's remarks.

One of the first questions we are asked when we stand before the Heavenly Tribunal after 120 years is, "Kovaata itim l'Torah — did you set aside a set time each day to study Torah?" (Shabbos 31a). It would seem to me many more people would be able to answer in the affirmative to a slightly modified version of that question, "Kovaata itim l'Tee Vee?"

Our own experience at school has shown the wonderful new horizons that have opened to the children who throw out television or who at least are on a very strict diet of TV, closely supervised by their parents. (Some have even purchased the TV Allowance device that locks the TV after a child has watched his allotted time.)

They are more active in healthful physical activities and sports; they are more engaged in creative hobbies and intellectually stimulating games; they certainly discover the joys of reading good literature; there is less violence in the home; there is more communication between parents and children and between siblings.

No one wants to be labelled an exception, extremist or fanatic. But it seems to me that with honest discussion, a true recognition of the facts and with patience, diplomacy and courage, many of us can prepare in a very meaningful way for the oncoming Yom Tov of Shavuot.

Time is a most precious commodity. If we increase time we spend learning Torah (adults and children) by robbing that thief of time — television — we shall be regaining literally hundreds of thousands of hours otherwise squandered in a lifetime. Which question would you rather answer after 120 years? Chag Somayach!

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A DIRECT LINE?

A worshipper at the Western Wall takes a break from prayers the modern way. As the old saw goes, Heaven is a local call from Israel. [IPPA Photo]

The News in Brief

Immigration Down 22 Per Cent

JERUSALEM — Immigration to Israel fell 22 per cent in the first quarter of this year compared to the previous quarter, the government reported last week.

During the first three months of 1994, 16,400 immigrants arrived, compared to 20,900 immigrants in the previous quarter.

Immigration from the former Soviet Union dropped significantly, from 18,400 in the last quarter of 1993, to 14,000 in the first quarter, a 24 per cent decrease.

There was a slight drop in the number of immigrants from the rest of the world, the bureau reported.

There were 850 newcomers from Europe, excluding the former Soviet Union; 400 from Asia; 500 from Africa — half of those from Ethiopia; and 700 from North America, Australia and New Zealand.

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PLO Won't Prevent Attacks on Israelis

JERUSALEM — Sufian Abu-Zaideh, a senior Fatah official, has been quoted in *Ma'ariv* as saying that the new PLO police force in Gaza and Jericho will not prevent attacks against Israelis outside the self-rule zone.

"Anyone who thinks the Palestinian police will try to prevent attacks outside the borders of the autonomous area is making a bitter mistake. Its role will be to protect the Palestinian people and to prevent attacks only in the autonomous areas," he was quoted as stating.

Ma'ariv has also reported that a bill requiring Israel to heed its agreement with the PLO only if the PLO amends its covenant was defeated last month.

Thus, the newspaper said, the PLO's covenant still calls for the destruction of the State of Israel.

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Help For Agunot on Way?

JERUSALEM — Israel's treasury plans to provide money for a special rabbinical court to deal with agunot, or women refused a get (Jewish divorce), MK Naomi Chazan of the Meretz party said last week at the opening of the two-day conference of ICAR, the International Coalition of Agunot.

Chazan discussed legislation passed this year for women locked into marriages, and the help the Knesset status of women committee has had from both the Chief Rabbinate and the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

But she opened and closed her remarks with the same statement: "There will be no solution for agunot and women refused a get until there is a separation of church and state."

The major legal change this year for the 8,000 to 16,000 Israeli women refused a get is that they can now claim the same legal rights as the heads of single-parent families.

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Israel at Qatar Talks

QATAR — Amid statements welcoming them to this Persian Gulf emirate, Israeli negotiators took their place among 37 other delegations for the start of multilateral talks on arms control held here last week.

"How good it is to see Israeli and Arab delegates sitting together here. It augurs well for peace," British MP Greville Janner said at the start of the meeting.

Qatar's foreign minister, Sheikh Hamad Al-Dhan, applauded the progress in the Israeli-Palestinian talks, but said solutions must include "the return of Arab lands to their owners," including "conquered Jerusalem."

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Czechs Pass Property Law

PRAGUE — After lengthy debate, the Czech Parliament has enacted legislation calling for the return of property seized from individual Jews during World War II.

Citizens who are permanent residents of the Czech Republic are now entitled to submit their restitution claims for property currently held by the Czech state or municipalities.

The legislation was passed two months after Czech President Vaclav Havel joined the local Jewish leadership in criticizing the failure of parliament to pass a restitution bill.

Last month, Jewish groups reached agreements with the governments of Hungary and Slovakia for the restitution of Jewish property seized during the Holocaust.

Restitution claims for Jewish communal property held by the Czech Republic — including synagogues, cemeteries and other estates, such as the collections of the Prague Jewish Museum — will not be affected by the new law. Restitution claims for those properties will fall under separate legal provisions.

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Neo-Nazis Nabbed

BUDAPEST — Police here last week arrested two Hungarian neo-Nazi leaders after raiding their apartments and confiscating swastikas and neo-fascist literature.

Police seized hundred of stickers bearing swastikas, which cannot be publicly displayed under Hungarian law.

The two men have declared themselves successors to the World War II fascist Arrow Cross leader and Nazi collaborator Ferenc Szalasi.

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Synagogue Arsonists Arrested

LUBECK — Four young men have been arrested in an arson attack six weeks ago against a synagogue in this northern German city. The accused, aged 19 to 24, will be charged with attempted murder and arson.

Hatred of foreigners and Jews prompted the attack, the federal prosecutor's office said in a statement.

In late March, the four allegedly threw two Molotov cocktails into the entrance of the building which houses the synagogue. It was the first attack on a synagogue since the Nazi era.

No one was hurt and only slight damage was caused to the synagogue.

Following the attack, thousands marched in Lubeck and other cities against hatred of foreigners and Jews.

In late April, over 100 German artists opened an exhibit in Lubeck to raise money for repairing the synagogue. Organizers said the exhibition was "a sign of solidarity with our Jewish neighbors."

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Schindler's Factory Tourist Spot?

KRAKOW — This city may have a new tourist attraction this season: Oskar Schindler's enamelware factory, which was used for location shots in the film *Schindler's List*.

The factory, the actual place where Schindler employed the 1,100 Jews he saved, now produces electrical components.

It was open to the public last month, when at least 800 teenage participants of the March of the Living visited it — each charged the equivalent of $1 entrance fee.

Workers at the factory, located in an outlying industrial district between the wartime ghetto and Plaszow concentration camp, say they are considering opening the plant to other tourists this season.

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We Meet Again, Dr. Jones

GRANDE PRAIRIE, Alta. — An 18-year-old student from this Alberta town has embarked on a real-life adventure: finding the lost Ark of the Covenant.

Kelly Huckaby is the lone Canadian on a 30-member international team now in Israel searching for the ark, the large vessel said to have held the two tablets of the Ten Commandments.

The dig is spearheaded by Prof. Vendyl Jones, whose 27-year search for the ark inspired Stephen Spielberg's Indiana Jones movies.

Huckaby signed up after hearing reports earlier this year about Prof. Jones's efforts.

The team will spend two gruelling months in Israel, climbing rock-strewn slopes, hoeing rubble and hauling equipment to and from caves in the Judean wilderness.

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Kibur 'Athlete of the Year'

VANCOUVER — Joseph Kibur, an Ethiopian Jew attending Simon Fraser University in nearby Burnaby, was named the university's Athlete of the Year recently. The track star was also named Burnaby's Athlete of the Year.

Kibur, whose family lives in Toronto, won three gold medals in the 1993 Maccabi Games in Israel and a gold and silver at the Canada Games in Kamloops last year.

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Ouellet Praises Signing

OTTAWA — Canada's Foreign Minister Andre Ouellet has welcomed last week's signing in Cairo of the self-rule accord between Israel and the PLO.

"This agreement marks a major milestone on the long road to peace in the Middle East," Ouellet said in a statement. "It is eloquent testimony to the courage and leadership of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO Chairman Yasser Afarat."

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Hotels Going Kosher

VANCOUVER — Two British Columbia hotels are going kosher.

In Vancouver, the Wall Center Garden Hotel will have a kosher kitchen in place when it opens this fall. When not in use, the kitchen will be kept under lock and key.

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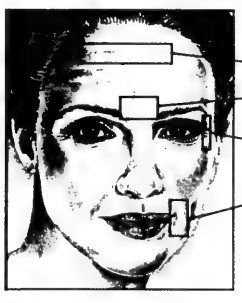

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Face peels using light fruit extracts reduce pore size in sun damaged skin, remove or diminish fine lines and "liver spots", and give skin a radiant, youthful glow. The Centre's new Krypton laser removes facial blood vessels (as well as "liver spots" without disturbing bruising which other lasers produce. Clients can benefit from Dr. Goldhar's ten years' experience with collagen replacement, using fine-line collagen to help eliminate frown lines, crows' feet around the eyes, and annoying lipstick bleeding lines around the mouth. With summer approaching, the Centre is also seeing increased demand for sclero therapy - performed by physicians - to eliminate unsightly leg veins.

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Rabbinical Reflections

By RABBI MARK FRIEDMAN

Joseph Kohane who directs the Ohio State University Hillel in Columbus, Ohio recently wrote ". . . Judaism strikes the listener as authoritative only when it sounds some depth in their being. In their experience, no evocation of divine Jewish imperative will be convincing for most that is not paired with some relevant human personal, spiritual, social, political reality."

This is a striking statement because, although it appears to be a truism, in many Jewish communities this is not so. Judaism for too many of our people is a civic and public endeavor. It never, as Kohane observes, touches their personal lives. It is not evocative of desires or concerns within their beings. Judaism is for many an external exercise in political and social affairs with the life cycle as an adjunct. G-D is not part of their lives. Torah, if it is part of their lives is "Torah-lite" which cannot evoke nor plumb the depths of living. Even Israel is a matter of public and financial support alone, not the centre of Jewish life or the laboratory for the resurgence of Judaism and Jewish life which it should surely become.

All of us are responsible for this situation. Either we have not wanted to hear or we have been incapable of hearing a statement like that of Joseph Kohane. We have not constituted our communities so Jewish activity and authenticity includes study and culture and synagogue attendance as well as attendance at rallies and meetings — personal, human needs as well as communal ones. We need to keep in mind that we cannot know which specific programs will "save" the Jewish community.

We may only be certain of this: Jewish individuals will at least consider looking to their roots to find meaning in their lives. The task of the Jewish community therefore, is to show how Jewish life is responsive to people's existential and developmental needs.

This is not an easy endeavor. It requires looking once more at our modus operandi. We have to consider the ongoing appeal of Judaism and not take this appeal for granted.

Let us be honest with ourselves. A sizable minority of Jews in the Diaspora would describe their Jewish identity in this way: "I am a Jew in order to spite the anti-Semites. I don't think in a Jewish vocabulary. I don't eat or sing as a Jew, I don't pray in Jewish settings or with Jewish meanings, but I will not hand Hitler any posthumous victories." Such Jews are affiliated with Judaism on an ethnic basis, and only when that ethnicity is threatened from the outside do they "stand guard." These Jews need to be touched. They need to be brought in from their "guard duty." They need to be fed with food for their souls and food for their lives.

Rabbi Mark Friedman is the spiritual leader of the Shaare Zedek Congregation in Montreal.

Lawyer seeks missing Torah part

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

ROME — Canadian lawyer Karen Kolodny is playing sleuth these days.

She's looking for a Torah or, rather, parts of a Torah, in order to complete what she feels is a mitzvah.

Kolodny, a Montreal native and McGill University graduate, currently lives and works in Prague, capital of the Czech Republic. Last year, she bought about one-third of a Torah — the middle third, including all of the Book of Exodus and part of Leviticus — in an antique bookstore in Prague.

"A friend saw it there and was stunned," Kolodny said. "I went to the shop and saw it displayed hanging on the wall."

Speaking during a recent visit to Rome, she said the proprietor of the shop — a "rogue," she called him — told her that the Torah had been hidden under a Prague building and found during recent restoration work.

He indicated to Kolodny that tourists had already bought the missing pieces of the scroll.

Kolodny purchased the remaining part of the Torah.

"I felt like I was doing a mitzvah to get it out of the hands of that rogue," she said. "And I would have paid a lot more than I did."

Karen Kolodny

She took the Torah back to North America, where she showed it to sofers, or scribes — one Ashkenazi and one Sephardi — in New York and Montreal.

"They told me the Torah was still kosher," she said. "The parchment was unlaced to remove the missing pieces, not cut. Both sofers said the Torah was probably 80 to 90 years old, and that it probably was of German origin. It is in very good condition."

In Montreal, she also showed the scroll to Rabbi Sidney Shoham of Beth Zion Congregation, who displayed it to his congregation and used it as a focal point of an emotional sermon before the Yizkor prayer for the departed was recited last Yom Kippur.

Now, Kolodny said, she wants to find the other pieces of the Torah and make it whole again.

Perhaps she could locate the tourists who bought the other segments of the scroll, she said. Otherwise, there remains the possibility of adding to the segments she has with newly copied sections.

"Wouldn't it be a lovely story to put it back together again?" she asked.

Whether or not she manages to find the original missing pieces, Kolodny hopes eventually to donate the scroll to an appropriate recipient.

"When the right place to donate it presents itself, I'll know," she said.

Meanwhile, she added, the Torah is safely stored.

Anyone who feels he or she may have bought the missing parts of the Torah in Prague can write to Karen Kolodny at: ul. Kozi 19, Prague 110 00, Czech Republic.

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Front Line

Russia no longer casts a shadow over the Mideast

By DAVID MAKOVSKY
Jerusalem Post Feature Service

Just before Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin entered a meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev last month in Moscow, a Russian aide whispered to his Israeli counterpart to cut the session short.

Kozyrev had to fly to Geneva for an unscheduled meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

The Rabin-Kozyrev meeting lasted only 45 minutes, during which the Russian asked cursory questions about the mood in Israel. After a quick lunch, Kozyrev headed for Geneva.

As far as can be determined, that brief encounter was typical of the first visit to Moscow by an Israeli prime minister.

At no time during Rabin's meetings with senior Russian officials, apparently, did Moscow seek to interject itself into the substance of either Israeli-Palestinian or Israeli-Syrian diplomacy.

Instead, President Boris Yeltsin promised Rabin that the days of the Russian bear casting its long shadow over the Middle East are over. Rabin reported that while Russian arms sales to the region will continue, he was satisfied that Moscow will keep its promise and refrain from exporting weapons systems Israel deems harmful.

Yeltsin's assurances were particularly welcome because Rabin had approached the trip to Moscow with a mixture of excitement and gnawing anxiety.

Rabin was pleased to be the first prime minister in Israel's 46-year history to visit Moscow. The end of the visitation ban was ushered in with full military honors.

Pomp and circumstance aside, Rabin was wary of Moscow's recent proclamations that it intended to reassert itself as a foreign-policy heavyweight, especially in light of the strong showing of xenophobic Vladimir Zhirinovsky in last December's elections.

While Zhirinovsky's success has generally been characterized as a protest vote against the social dislocation brought on by painful economic reforms, it also could be seen as a public backlash against Moscow's abandonment of the foreign policy stage to the United States.

Increased Russian interest in the conflicts in Bosnia and the Middle East set off alarm bells in Jerusalem. A little more than a month ago, Rabin sought to fend off the arrival of Russian diplomats to the region.

American and Russian officials say Russia's attempt to reassert itself on the foreign-policy scene does not extend to serious geopolitical ambitions in the Middle East. The fact is that Moscow faces serious problems at home with limited resources to solve them.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin meets Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Moscow.

Moscow's renewed diplomatic maneuverings may annoy Washington but, according to Russian officials and academics, Yeltsin's government is not out to undermine America's Middle East diplomacy.

Rabin emerged from his meeting with Yeltsin saying that Washington and Moscow are in agreement on a general course for Middle East peace.

"There is also a Russian desire to cooperate more with the U.S. in the Middle East, and not just the Middle East. If this really happens, I'll see it as a very important position," he told Israeli reporters.

Victor Gogitidze, a top official in the Russian Foreign Ministry who specializes in the Middle East and is rumored to be the next ambassador to Damascus, said that making peace was the province of the parties themselves, without big-power intervention.

Rabin is correct to insist upon "quiet talks with Syria away from the cameras," Gogitidze said, insisting that Russia did not plan to tilt toward Damascus.

"Traditionally we had good relations with Syria. Now we want to build a balanced or even-handed relationship with both Israel and Syria," Gogitidze said.

Moscow's agenda is less to chart an independent course for its foreign policy than to win recognition as an important player, Russian analysts suggest. Once a sprawling empire, Moscow does not want to be publicly humiliated.

Prof. Vitaly Naumkin, Middle East expert for the Moscow-based Oriental Institute, said: "We are talking about a kind of prestige. Every Russian feels that after being a superpower, we don't want to be regarded as a second-rate state ...The worse thing is not to be consulted."

If this is indeed the case, Rabin believes he can do better with honey than vinegar. Instead of shunning the Russians, the better course would be to meet them and brief them on negotiations, since they are officially cosponsors of the peace talks since the Madrid conference in 1991.

Beyond stroking Moscow's ego, consultations could eliminate misunderstandings, especially considering the lack of top-echelon dialogue for 46 years.

At a dinner hosted by Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin in Rabin's honor, a senior Russian official admitted that Moscow's intelligence assessments of Israel in the past were disastrously wrong.

They were always far more nefarious than warranted, and only top-level contact between the two countries can remedy this, Rabin later recalled.

It could even lead to cooperation in areas of joint interest regarding third parties. The two leaders agreed on the dangers of Iran-based Islamic militancy. It appears that working-level conversations between Russia and Israel on the topic of Islamic militancy are already taking place.

Consultation and dialogue cannot adequately define Russia's renewed engagement in the Middle East. One of the few areas where Moscow's products are considered world class is arms, and it desperately seeks hard currency.

Prof. Irina Zviagelskaia, an Oriental Institute Middle East expert who has written a book on the Israel Defence Foces, explained Russia's quandary.

Former Russian clients are either pariahs or broke, she insisted, and Western countries do not allow Moscow access to the lucrative Gulf market.

Rabin, agreeing it's untenable to insist that Moscow halt all arms exports to the Middle East while the United States sells to Israel and other Middle East countries, modulated his request on this score.

On the topic of sales to Iran, Yeltsin told Rabin that weapons exports to Teheran would be defensive, not offensive.

Yeltsin also assured Rabin that a 20-member top-level delegation from Moscow visiting Damascus would not discuss upgrading weapons, apparently referring to the Sukhoi-27 jet fighter and the SA-10 air-to-surface missile.

Yeltsin's interest in hard currency led to the once unimaginable scenario of urging Israel to consider defence cooperation.

Concerned about U.S. reaction that there could be "seepage" of transferred American technology, Rabin deferred Yeltsin's request for now. Rabin settled on the more modest goal of a joint venture to build small executive civilian aircraft, using Israeli avionics.

With a watchful eye on the extent of the Moscow-Damascus arms links, Rabin will be looking to see if Russia keeps its promises in its dealings with Israel and the Arab countries.

Hilberg has spent a lifetime studying the Holocaust

By ARNOLD AGES

Although he lives in a city and a state remote from the great metropolitan centres, Raul Hilberg is in no way isolated from the world of ideas. Because of his pioneering research in Holocaust history, moreover, he has put the small city of Burlington on Lake Champlain and the University of Vermont at the very centre of Holocaust studies.

Arnold Ages

That would have seemed an unlikely scenario in 1961, when Hilberg published his epoch-making study, *The Destruction of European Jewry*, a massive (more than 1,000 pages) and meticulously documented account of the way in which the Nazis organized and implemented the annihilation of European Jewry.

Hilberg indicated in an interview that when he first approached publishers about his manuscript, "no one was interested in the Holocaust." Finally a small publishing house, Quadrangle, was persuaded to bring out the book.

Since the publication of the work 33 years ago (and the appearance of a definitive revised edition in 1985), its terrifying excellence has made Hilberg into an international figure who has lectured on Holocaust themes all over the world. That fame brought him to Toronto in 1985 where he testified for the Crown in the first trial of Ernst Zundel.

Sitting in the living room of the house he occupies in Burlington, Hilberg indicated that he had just returned from a lecture in California, where, he admitted, he had been somewhat eclipsed by the presence at the sessions of Mrs. Oskar Schindler and by the film, *Schindler's List*.

Hilberg reflected thoughtfully on the film and wondered aloud about certain "counterfactual" scenes in the movie. What scenes was he referring to? He alluded to the factory sequence in Czechoslovakia where Schindler's Jews were said to be producing armaments "which never worked."

"This is untrue," said Hilberg, quoting conversations with survivors who have pointed out that it was silly to speak of sabotage when SS guards and other Nazi security personnel constantly monitored weapons production.

Despite reservations about the quirky nature of art in the service of history, Hilberg recognizes Speilberg's genius and concedes that his own critical reflections came, not while he was watching the film in a Burlington theatre, but afterwards. He was particularly impressed by the scene in which a German soldier, in the midst of the brutal round-up of Jews in Krakow, stops to play the piano. This scene, he noted, was based on truth, if not the specific truth shown in the film. He said that at the Berlin headquarters of the office designated for Jewish affairs (IV Amt 4) high-level Nazi officers organized a string quartet!

When Hilberg first published his opus in 1961, there were no Holocaust deniers. Now this book and his recently published, *Perpetrators And Collaborators* stand as bulwarks of documented truth against the fabrications of the Holocaust deniers. Hilberg is unique, moreover, in that he possesses intimidating knowledge of the Nazi blueprint for the murder of European Jewry.

He did not discover that blueprint overnight. He first became aware of it in 1948 as a graduate student at Columbia University, eleven years after his escape from his native Vienna. His research led him to more than 40,000 pages of documents from the Nuremberg tribunals which American prosecutor Telford Taylor had deposited at Columbia.

His historical detective work led Hilberg to Alexandria, Virginia, the major American depository for captured German documents. There Hilberg devoted himself to the task of reading, collating and organizing some of the 28,000 feet of shelves containing the written record of the Nazi past.

Thirteen years after beginning his research (which was done, he noted, without the assistance of computers, faxes or even copiers), Hilberg published his monumental study — mostly to rave reviews. Some, however, faulted him for his suggestion that more than passivity was involved in the fate of the Jews. Others were offended by Hilberg's inculpation of the Judenrat officials who provided the Nazis with lists of Jewish names and assisted them in bureaucratic ways. Historian H. Trever Roper, Hilberg noted, was among his first critics.

Three decades later Hilberg is still sensitive to these criticisms, especially the allegation that he used the phrase "like sheep to slaughter" in referring to Jewish responses to Nazi crimes. "I never, ever used that phrase — nowhere. People ask me how I would have behaved during the Holocaust. I cannot say with absolute certainty how but I would not have been compliant; it is not in my nature. I would be dead. It's that simple."

Asked whom he regarded as heroes during the Holocaust, Hilberg identified two individuals in particular, Mordecai Anielewicz, the leader of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising and Rudolph Vrba, the Czech Jew who escaped from Auschwitz and tried to communicate the truth about the concentration camp to unbelieving officials in Hungary and Switzerland. Hilberg has recently come across important documents relating to the Vrba revelations and described them as hair-raising.

Hilberg has spent a lifetime analyzing the how of the Holocaust but is reticent to comment on the why. Pressed on this point, he parried by saying that the why is beyond rationality. He suggested that it was the irrationality of the Holocaust which made it possible. In the labor camps Jews reasoned that the Nazis would never kill them because then they would lose their labor force. Yet the Nazis did kill them despite the fact that there was no gain in doing so. The irrationality factor can also be seen, said Hilberg, in Stalin's decision to "trust" that Hitler would not attack the Soviet Union because there was no gain in it. "Ultimately there is no answer to the why," said Hilberg.

Among the many incisive comments which Hilberg offered during the interview, one in particular stands out. It came during a discussion of the mistrust which Holocaust survivors have as a legacy of their experiences. Said Hilberg: "For most people paranoia is a sickness; for Jews it is medicine."

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Landmark accord

With last week's agreement in Cairo, Israel and the PLO have taken the first concrete step on the rocky road toward a comprehensive peace settlement in the Middle East.

The landmark accord is important to both sides. For Israel, it opens the door for a historic rapprochement with the Arab world — a process that in fact has already begun — and in the interval ensures its security. For the Palestinians, it lays the groundwork for self-rule, a goal that has tragically eluded them for decades.

In Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's words, the agreement is "a very daring project," a harbinger, one hopes, of Arab-Israeli reconciliation after years of bloodshed and mutual animosity. Furthermore, as Rabin pointed out long before it was signed and sealed in the presence of a plethora of dignitaries, this agreement can serve as a bulwark against the still-constant threat of Islamic fundamentalism.

Yet, as Foreign Minister Shimon Peres wisely suggested, "much work still lies before us." In a very real sense, the movement toward peace has really only begun. In the meantime, there are concerns. Can the PLO administer the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho in a responsible manner? Judging by Yasser Arafat's request for a three to four week delay in Israel's withdrawal, is the PLO even ready to assume that onerous task? And how organized is the PLO? The question is pertinent in light of Arafat's initial reluctance to sign one page of the agreement, an act of political theatre which diminished him.

And, one might ask, is the PLO capable of controlling Hamas, which rejects Israel's very existence and opposes a diplomatic solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

We will soon know the answers to these pressing questions, and they may well dictate the outcome of the entire peace process. But, for now, let us rejoice. Israel and the PLO, once bitter enemies, are now allies — however reluctant — in the common cause of peace.

Mission accomplished

A new, hopeful era in Israel's relationship with Russia, the largest republic in the now-defunct Soviet Union, was ushered in last month with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's official visit to Moscow.

Israel and the old Soviet Union established formal diplomatic relations shortly after Israel's birth in 1948. But due to the Cold War, Joseph Stalin's anti-Semitic paranoia, Israel's tilt to the West and the Soviet Union's alliance with the Arab world, Moscow's relations with Jerusalem were more often than not characterized by tension and animosity.

Only in its twilight years, with Mikhail Gorbachev at the helm, did the Soviet Union deign to reach out and normalize its links with Israel.

Rabin's presence in Moscow, the first by an Israeli premier, is important for several reasons. The Russians welcomed Rabin as a friend and not as a potential adversary. Rabin met with President Boris Yeltsin, Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev, Defence Minister Pavel Grachev and the speaker of the Russian parliament, Ivan Rybkin. In addition, Rabin addressed the Russian army's high command, and conferred with Jewish community leaders.

This was not a cosmetic trip. Rabin signed agreements on cooperation in trade, science, technology, culture, education, sports and tourism. And in what appears to be a significant concession, the Russians pledged not to sell offensive military equipment either to Syria or Iran. In fact, two days after Rabin's departure, Russia and Syria signed a military and technical cooperation accord in which Moscow agreed to supply Damascus with "defensive weapons and spare parts." On the political front, Russia and Israel discussed Islamic fundamentalism, a phenonemon of deep concern to both nations. This issue may yet solidify Israel's relations with Russia, whose southern border is potentially vulnerable to Islamic militancy.

Not unexpectedly, Rabin and his Russian hosts touched on the ageless problem of anti-Semitism. By all accounts, Chernomyrdin assured Rabin that a new wave of anti-Semitism would not surface in Russia. It is good to hear that the Russian government will do its utmost to combat the scourge of anti-Semitism, which has been fanned by demagogue Vladimir Zhirinovsky and others. But since the situation in Russia is fluid, it will have to be monitored closely, and Jewish communities abroad should not discount the possibility of an upsurge of emigration in the future.

Viewed in perspective, Rabin's whirlwind visit appears to have been successful. Apart from expanding Israel's bilateral ties with Russia, Rabin came away with solemn Russian promises to fight anti-Semitism and to ban the sale of destabilizing offensive weapons to countries such as Syria.

Letters to the Editor

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SEMINAR MISSED BOAT

My heart pounded with excitement when I caught sight of the headline "Multitude of Orthodox women's roles to be examined at a seminar" (*CJN* April 14). Here at last, I thought, was a chance to hear how other Orthodox women balance the extraordinary stresses of being a wife, mother, daughter, and member of the Orthodox community, while maintaining a full-time career.

How profound was my disappointment when I read the article (as well as the flyer my eldest son brought home from school) and discovered the details of the program. Not a single session dealing with the problems of work outside the home. Obviously, the organizers of this seminar are oblivious to the reality that many Orthodox families cannot afford to send their children to day schools on the salary of a single parent, and would rather have two incomes than be subsidized by others. For widows and the increasing number of divorced women, earning a living is a necessity. I won't even mention the possibility of an Orthodox woman actually choosing a career "chas vechallila" for her own self-fulfilment.

Equally disappointing to me was the fact that at a seminar "for women about women" as advertised in the flyer, the key presentations would all be by men.

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Medical Oncologist
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WHY A BULL'S HEAD?

In regard to your story "Controversy continues to rage over sculpture" (Montreal edition, March 24), there seemed to be some concern among the Jewish community as to what the sculpture of a bull's head represents in front of an art institution like the Saidye Bronfman Centre and why it was placed there.

The following may provide one explanation which the author failed to mention. In the province of Quebec there is a law that says one per cent of the budget of an institution or building must be set aside for a work of art, whether it be a sculpture, a painting or a monument. This is part of the provincial government's policy to integrate art with the architecture. Throughout Montreal one finds all types of art in front of buildings and the SBC is no exception.

Akiva Gitelman
Montreal

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GHETTO TO PENTHOUSE

I'd like to comment on Arnold Ages' "Jewish civilization and architecture" (April 14). While Professor Ages cites a number of prominent Jewish architects, the names of Jack Diamond and Peter Eisenman are conspicuously absent from his list — the former for Jerusalem's Civic Centre and the latter for his contributions to postmodern design. Also noteworthy are Frank Gehry, Daniel Liebeskind, and Stanley Tigerman.

One might also wish to explore Saul Bellow's comment about the shift in perspective from European castles to modest American dwellings as depicted in Thoreau's *Walden*. If Jews were more often than not excluded from high European ceilings, they felt more at home in the democratic vistas and solid floors of the New World. In other words, the transition from humble origins in ghetto and shtetl to the American scene was smoother than the passage across the Atlantic.

The sociologist Werner Sollors reminds us of the immigrants' need to escape the claustral tenement setting by climbing to the rooftop which functions as Mount Sinai or at the very least a perch for American-Jewish dreams. A generation or two later, we may have moved from the boiler room to the penthouse, from ghetto to suburbia, and from the memory of Egyptian bondage and bricklaying to the Freemasonry of American assimilation, but the fiddler on the roof remains part of our imagination's blueprint.

Michael Greenstein
Toronto

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WHILE THERE IS TIME

Since I am a Dutch child survivor, hidden in Holland by a Gentile family, I was particularly pleased to read that Mrs. Miedema and the late Rev. Miedema were being honored as Righteous Gentiles.

For most hidden children, it took 50 years to have the courage to relate and speak to others about our experiences during those dark days; therefore, many times the most important people in our stories —the Righteous among the Nations — whom we owe our lives to, are not recognized. It was them, after all, not us who were the heroes in our stories; we unfortunately were the innocent victims.

I recently found the courage to do so by letter, even though I am in touch with my "warmother" yearly, and she was honored by our family in Israel at the Yad Vashem Avenue of the Righteous, where a tree was planted in her honor many years ago. When she received my letter, she was so touched that she thanked me.

Claire Baum
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JEWS IN HEBRON

Charles Anthony (Letters, March 31) makes a great point of young people today not knowing history. Generally, I agree with him. I certainly agree that one should know history and learn from it. I also remember 1938 and subsequent events, but I'm afraid Mr. Anthony's memory is somewhat selective.

Much as we may want to forget it, the U.N. in 1947 did not create only the state of Israel. It *partitioned* what was left of Palestine into two states. Ironically, because the Arabs and Palestinians refused to consider this solution (the Jews accepted it and won the War of Independence) Israel is significantly larger than intended — and the Palestinian entity/state (whenever it comes) will be much smaller than intended by the U.N. We can argue about the borders, but it certainly was intended by the world, and accepted by the Jews that a Palestinian state was to exist next to, and intertwined with, our Israel.

He states that "there is no reason for Jews to feel guilty about living in Hebron." Certainly not. But they should live in peace and respect the rights and lives of their neighbors.

He continues: "It is time Arabs gave up hate . . . to live in Israel . . . I agree about them giving up hate. But it looks to me like some of us have some giving up to do too. As for living in Israel, I have now seen several letters and articles by supporters of "Greater Israel," and I do not wish to debate the pros and cons of this approach here. However, no matter how much Mr. Anthony and his friends would like it to be, the fact is that neither Hebron, nor Judea nor Samaria are in Israel. Saying it is, and hoping we don't notice the inaccuracy, does not make it so. Sorry Charles.

Yitzhak Kalin
Ottawa

Dry Bones

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Can you pronounce Dniepropetrovsk?

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

It was in the locker room of York Racquets Club that I heard the latest about the Jewish community in the Ukrainian city of Dniepropetrovsk, located on the Dnieper River, near its confluence with the Samara. It houses some million or more people who are engaged in industrial production, especially of iron and steel, locomotives and agricultural machinery.

Rabbi Plaut

I always had difficulty pronouncing the name which the Soviets had given to a town which since the 18th century had been known as Yekaterinoslav, but the latest tale of this city convinced me that I had to throw all caution to the wind and write about it.

Now to the story. George Cohon, formerly president and now senior chairman of McDonald's Restaurants of Canada, had just returned from Russia and Ukraine, where for years he has been engaged in establishing a chain of restaurants.

It so happens that George's father was born in 1906 in what was still Yekaterinoslav and as a baby was taken to the United States to escape further progroms.

Many years later, in 1991, his son George was invited back by the city's mayor and City Council, who had become aware of an article in *Pravda* which indicated that his family's roots were in their town. Subsequently he participated in a huge public affair and rode into the stadium to cut the ribbon for a children's festival before some 25,000 people.

In the olden days there were some 80 synagogues in the city; today there is only one. George visited it and kept track of the resurgence of Jewish life, so that when he received a letter from Rabbi Samuel Kaminezki, of Dniepropetrovsk, which Rabbi Joseph Zaltzman of the Jewish Russian Community Centre of Toronto made available to him, he lent an attentive ear.

Rabbi Kaminezki had written something like this: "There is an urgent matter and perhaps someone could help us with it. I would like to make a seder for all children in school with their parents. For many it will be the first time in their lives they will have been at a seder. Five thousand dollars would help us to do it. Maybe the gentleman who comes from our city would be able to help us with it."

George and Susan Cohon responded immediately and the money was forwarded to Ukraine. The result was that some 1,400 people had a seder, and as the rabbi said, for most of them it was the first time in their lives.

But what intrigued me especially was the joy which George and his family received from the mitzvah they had done. Tradition teaches us that one mitzvah brings another in its trail, and I am sure that the Cohon family's participation will engender its own follow-ups.

Meanwhile, the condition of Jews in Ukraine is not without its problems, and for many, emigration is a subject of urgent concern. Perhaps the reading of the Haggadah and the mentioning of an exodus of earlier days stimulated them to take their own potential exodus into serious consideration.

Will Hamas try to undermine peace accord?

By DAVID LANDAU
Jewish Telegraphic Service

The question of Hamas looms larger than ever now that Israel and the PLO have signed a groundbreaking autonomy accord.

Will the Muslim fundamentalist movement continue to undermine what the Israeli government sees as the promise of peace between Jews and Palestinians?

Will it join in the Palestinian autonomy as a tactical step on the road to its goal of an Islamic state in all of Palestine?

Or will it one day content itself to be simply a stream in a secular Palestinian society coexisting alongside Israel?

If anything, recent events have brought only the questions, and not the answers, into clearer focus.

The news that a Hamas cell had been arrested for the April 13 bombing of a bus in Hadera contrasted sharply with simultaneous reports of a ceasefire agreement between Hamas and the PLO in the Gaza Strip.

Military and civilian sources said the indications of Hamas pragmatism were not unwelcome, though the Israeli army and security services will continue their relentless war against Hamas terrorism.

In the aftermath of the Hadera and Afula car bombings, and a string of lesser attacks, the army and security forces conducted a sweep of known Hamas activists throughout the territories, arresting close to 300 of them.

Often during the past months of domestic debate and controversy over the Israeli-PLO accord, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has argued that to spurn the PLO now could mean having to deal with the intractable Hamas later.

Yet Hamas officials and spokesmen — those not rounded up in the latest dragnet — are appearing in the Israeli media with increasing frequency these days. While that is not tantamount to a formal dialogue with the government, it does mean that Israel is, to an extent, "dealing" with Hamas now.

One dramatic sign that all is not typical came recently, in moderate-sounding statement by Mussa abu-Marzouk, a senior Hamas political figure now living in Jordan.

The leader of Israel's Tsomet party, Rafui Eitan, visits an injured child victim of the April 6 Afula terror attack, perpetrated by Hamas.

He spoke of the movement's readiness to come to terms with Israel — conditional on full withdrawal from the territories taken during the 1967 Six Day War.

He also hinted that Hamas would participate in elections in the territories, which are scheduled to be held in July.

This moderation was a far cry from the bloodchilling television appearances by Hamas officials in Amman, Jordan, in the wake of the Afula and Hadera blasts, vowing further bloody reprisals against innocent Israelis in retaliation for the Hebron massacre of Feb. 25.

The recent cease-fire accord concluded between Hamas and the PLO provides for an end to internecine violence, and a month-long moratorium on the pursuit of "collaborators."

These latter are often tortured and killed in the most gruesome manner, mainly by the Izz a-Din al-Kassam armed units of Hamas, but also on occasion by various bands of young gunmen professing allegiance to one or other of the nationalist-secularist Palestinian movements.

The truce cannot but be seen as preparation, by both streams within Palestinian society in the Gaza, for self-government.

This assessment is shared by both schools of observers on the Israelis side: those who see the signs of moderation in Hamas as merely tactical, and those who see them as presaging a deeper and more radical shift in approach by the Islamic fundamentalists living in the territories.

The present state of Hamas' ideological development has been compared to that of the PLO in 1974, when its leader, Yasser Arafat, first showed signs of pragmatism. He spoke then of Palestinian rule in any part of the homeland relinquished by the Israeli occupier. At that time, of course, the PLO was still steeped in terror and wanton violence — as indeed it was to remain for many years thereafter.

The realization now, however, of partial Israeli withdrawal and partial Palestinian government presents Hamas with the need to make its choices faster than the PLO did.

Will Hamas take an active part in the governance of Gaza, the movement's stronghold and the first area, along with the West Bank town of Jericho, to experiment with self-rule under the terms of the peace accord? That question will have to be answered within a matter of weeks.

Says Walid al-Hindi, 32, secretary of the Islamic University in Gaza: "If life is democratic — we will take part in running it, in order to rebuild Palestinian society." Al-Hindi is considered one of the rising stars in the Gaza fundamentalist firmament. Yet he speaks without inhibitions to Israeli reporters.

His message is that the fundamentalists represent a very substantial segment of Palestinian pubic life and cannot be ignored — either by the PLO or by Israel.

Another, more senior figure in the movement, who declined to be quoted by name, told the Israel newspaper *Ha'aretz* that Israel ought to be interested in encouraging "moderates" inside Hamas to influence, in turn, the hardliners.

The jailed founder of Hamas, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, was quoted in Reuters recently as saying that Hamas opposition to the peace accord would be non-violent.

But for Israel, at this stage at any rate, the view of Hamas must still be, principally, through the sights of a rifle.

What do you do when you Sha-voo?

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

It is pretty easy to tell your boss that you need to take a day or so off from work for Rosh Hashanah or even Passover. But unless you work for a fairly observant Jewish person, you will get a blank look — at best — when you ask for time off for Shavuot.

I mentioned getting ready for Shavuot to a non-practising Jewish girl friend, a terrific woman with whom I have a warm relationship based on career compatibility and constant humor, and she asked, half-seriously, "What do you do when you Sha-voo?"

Erica Meyer Rauzin

Well, you recount the history of the Sinai experience, the receiving of the Torah; you read the Book of Ruth; you eat a new fruit; you make a lot of dairy meals; and you study late, or if you are particularly hardy, all night long.

If you haven't pulled an all-nighter since your last final exam, it's a heady experience.

I remember those collegiate all night marathons. In those days I could stay awake, force-feed myself information by reducing it to a series of shorter and shorter outlines, power load junk food, and still manage to make it to class, survive the exam, and hang out eating pizza after it was all over. It might have taken me a couple of long naps to recover, but if it did, memory doesn't deign to mention it. Somehow, I recall having an invincible constitution. I wish I had it still. If I had understood how fleeting that sturdiness is, I'd have savored it more.

As it was, I challenged my youthful strength with chocolate, coffee, and sleep deprivation on a pretty regular basis. I recall that the study session for one particularly cruel exam took two all-nighters, two entire bags of semi-sweet chocolate chips, and several milkshakes from the all-night fast food shop.

But then, as now, the company you keep makes all the difference. I was fortunate to be part of a nearly familial group of students in college, a cluster of tight friends who did everything together, who bolstered each other, who stayed up all night studying together if that was what it took.

Last Shavuot, which was the first time I stayed up studying deep into the night, I fell into a similar experience. Through Project Heritage, our neighborhood had a late night study session for women, led by a superb teacher.

Those of us who could find baby-sitters (because the husbands were studying also) gathered around the teacher's dining table primed to discuss the Book of Ruth. She led us through, sparking questions, debate, and conversation.

The evening was remarkable to me. I was captured by the ideas the women around me expressed. This was a valid reaction: I live in an observant neighborhood and many of my female friends and neighbors are very educated, both in their professions and in the depth of their Judaic knowledge.

This is also slightly invalid, in that the later the night grew, the more the headiness of the all-nighter took hold, the more brilliant my friends seemed to be. Just before we all gave up — sometime around 2 a.m. — I even began wanting chocolate chips, by the bag full.

I asked several people who know a lot more than I do just why we stay up studying on erev Shavuot? They told me we study to get ready for the day of Shavuot, the commemoration of receiving the Torah. We are preparing ourselves.

Try to recall a day so exciting that the anticipation of it kept you awake the night before: your wedding day, your graduation, your first trip overseas. Then transfer that excitement to the night before Shavuot; imagine that — tomorrow morning — you, personally, will be present at the giving of the Torah, lightning, thunder, mystery, majesty, Moses and all.

Do you think you'd get much sleep?

Nope. So, go tell your boss you might need to take the day off. After all, that's what you do when you Sha-voo.

Features

Jackson mends fences

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

With his recent visit to Israel, the Rev. Jesse Jackson has all but mended fences with the Jewish community in the United States.

Jackson was formally invited by Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin. He spent six days in Israel and the territories to "enhance" Israel's peace process with the PLO.

Jackson, one of the most influential black civil rights leaders and politicians in the United States, was treated like a VIP, in sharp contrast to the rather cool reception he received on his last trip in 1979.

During his whirlwind tour last month, Jackson met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Likud opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu.

He also attended a conference in East Jerusalem in the company of Palestinian leaders, to mark the 30th anniversary of the founding of the PLO, an organization he always championed as the legitimate representative of the Palestinians. And he addressed a rally in Hebron, which deteriorated into a wild melee when Palestinians clashed with Israeli soldiers.

In time-honored fashion, Jackson visited the Western Wall, Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial and museum, Hadassah Hospital and an absorption centre for new immigrants. In that most Israeli of rituals, he participated in a tree-planting ceremony. And in a gesture of solidarity with the victims of terrorism, he chatted with Israelis in an Afula hospital who had been wounded in a car-bombing for which Hamas had claimed responsibility.

All the while, he had nothing but words of praise for Israel's Sept. 13, 1993 Declaration of Principles with the PLO, which he optimistically described as "a new equation for peace in the Middle East."

As it happened, Jackson's visit coincided with another terrorist incident — a car-bombing in Hadera, perpetrated by Hamas, which killed five more Israelis. No shrinking violet, he took credit for having convinced PLO chieftain Yasser Arafat to publicly condemn it.

In retrospect, Jackson's visit was considered a success, a milestone on the road to complete rehabilitation in the eyes of American Jewry.

Jackson had alienated the Jewish community because:

- He had characterized Zionism as a "poisonous weed."
- He had embraced Arafat in the course of a trip to the Middle East during which he stopped in Israel.
- He had suggested that Jews were behind Andrew Young's resignation as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations after a series of unauthorized contacts with the PLO leadership.
- He had, in supposedly private conversations with a black reporter, derogatorily referred to Jews as "Hymies" and to New York City as "Hymietown."

As a result, Jackson's stock among American Jews plummeted.

Jackson, who valued Jewish support, was stung by accusations that he was an anti-Semite and an anti-Zionist.

Animated by a deep-seated desire to heal the wounds, Jackson launched a public relations offensive at around the time he announced plans to contest the 1988 Democratic presidential nomination.

In fence-mending speeches at Jewish community functions and synagogues, he reminded his listeners that he had stood resolutely with the Jews of Skokie when neo-Nazi marchers invaded that Chicago suburb. He spoke of his commitment to Syrian and Soviet Jewry. He recalled his displeasure with President Ronald Reagan's controversial 1985 visit to a cemetery in Bitburg, Germany where SS soldiers are buried.

As for his embrace of Arafat, he said it should not have been interpreted as a political statement, and disclosed that he had urged the PLO leader "to recognize Israel's right to exist with security, within internationally recognized borders."

During his appearances, Jackson never let anyone forget that he had delivered a strong pro-Israel speech at the Democratic national convention. And, he added, he had conferred with Israel's ambassador to the United States, Moshe Arad, in a meeting that was widely seen as Israeli forgiveness for past mistakes.

Throughout the 1980s, Jackson continued with his efforts at rapprochement with the Jewish community, noting the common problems Jews and African Americans face as minorities.

Despite his being met with some skepticism, Jackson pushed forward, knowing full well that his credentials as a national figure would be questioned unless he improved his troubled relations with Jews.

During the 1991 Gulf War, Jackson lined up with Israel against Iraq. And in the aftermath of the racial disturbances in Brooklyn's Crown Heights district, Jackson did his best to defuse African American-Jewish tensions.

Two years ago, in a widely-lauded address, Jackson denounced "the historic evils of anti-Semitism" at a World Jewish Congress in Brussels.

Last year, at a B'nai B'rith convention in Washington, Jackson declared that blacks and Jews have an "obligation to turn to each other and not on each other" as they combat racism and anti-Semitism.

Jackson's image among Jews, however, is still somewhat tarnished because he has refused to unequivocally condemn Louis Farrakhan, the incendiary head of the Nation of Islam.

Last autumn, Farrakhan's aide, Khalid Abdul Mohammad, blasted Jews as "bloodsuckers" and claimed that Jews had played an important role in the American slave trade.

In the wake of the storm triggered by his verbal onslaught, Farrakhan — whose record of Jew-baiting is well documented — disciplined Mohammad, called his speech "repugnant," but said he accepted its basic "truths."

Along with other mainstream black leaders, Jackson criticized Mohammad, but stopped short of distancing himself from Farrakhan, with whom he has had a long professional relationship.

"From my religious point of view," he has explained, "we are advised to condemn the sin but not the sinner."

Clearly, Jackson's continuing ties with Farrakhan are a sore point insofar as many Jews are concerned. To be sure, Jackson's links with Farrakhan do not imply that Jackson is an anti-Semite. But they do undermine confidence in his oft-repeated and probably sincerely-held conviction that his views have changed.

Jesse Jackson at the Western Wall in Jerusalem on his last visit in April.

The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Leon Degrelle was a Nazi till the day died last month at the age of 87.

"I used to be a Hitlerite and I still am one," he told an interviewer defiantly in 1977 from his haven in Spain.

Degrelle, a Belgian acolyte of the French anti-Semitic politician Charles Maurras, was a founder of the fascist Rex party, an accessory in the round-up of Jews in Belgium, a Waffen SS stalwart and, in the post-war years, a Holocaust denier.

He was born on June 15, 1906 in Bouillon, a small town in the Ardennes region, to a family of French origin. His father, Edouard, was a well-off brewer.

After graduating from a Jesuit college, he studied law at the University of Louvain. By then, he had fallen under the sway of Maurras (1868-1952), who, in conjunction with Leon Daudet (1867-1942), had founded an anti-Semitic newspaper and movement called L'Action francaise.

A gifted polemicist, Degrelle edited a student newspaper while at the University of Louvain. This brought him an offer to edit a Brussels daily, *Le XXe siecle*. In 1930, he was appointed director of Les editions Rex, a publishing house associated with a far-right Catholic movement in Belgium. A year later, backed by his family and friends, he bought the financially ailing business.

This led Degrelle into politics. In May 1936, Degrelle's Rex party (which stood for Christus Rex, or Christ the king) contested the national election on a platform denouncing the established political parties of the day as hopelessly corrupt. To the amazement of observers, the Rexists captured 10 percent of the vote, electing 21 deputies and 12 senators.

Unrepentant fascist

Degrelle's fame was short-lived. In the subsequent election, Rexist representation in parliament dwindled. On the eve of World War II, the pro-German Degrelle barnstormed the country, urging Belgian neutrality.

After Germany's 1940 invasion of Belgium, he was arrested as a fifth columnist, but was promptly released by the Germans once they had fully occupied their hapless neighbor.

Upwards of 110,000 Jews, including 20,000 German-Jewish refugees, lived in Belgium when that happened. Many managed to escape, but those who didn't were caught by the Germans with the help of local collaborators, including a number of Rexists.

In 1941, following Germany's thrust into the Soviet Union, Degrelle made the fateful decision to form a volunteer battalion of French-speaking Walloons. The Walloon Legion, as it was called, was integrated into the Waffen SS in 1943, and Degrelle rose to the rank of SS general.

By all accounts, the Walloon Legion fought ferociously. Approximately 2,500 of the legionaires were killed in battle. Degrelle himself was wounded seven times. At a wartime ceremony in which he was honored, Hitler accorded him the ultimate accolade. "If I had a son," he said, I would have liked him to be like you."

Degrelle paid dearly for his fealty to Hitler. The Belgian resistance movement assassinated his brother, and after Belgium was liberated by the Allies in September 1944, Degrelle's wife and parents were imprisoned (they died in jail), and his children were dispersed to orphanages and reform schools.

Condemned to death for collaboration, Degrelle fled to Spain, whose dictator, Francisco Franco, welcomed him. (To be completely fair, Franco also allowed thousands of persecuted Jews into Spain). A year later, in 1945, the Belgian government tried in vain to kidnap Degrelle. In 1954, having been naturalized, he was granted Spanish citizenship, nipping in the bud Belgium's request for Degrelle's extradition.

He lived out his life in a villa near the resort of Malaga, an unrepentant fascist who regularly hosted meetings of European neo-Nazis. His book, *Campaign in Russia: The Waffen SS on the Eastern Front*, was published nine years ago by the California-based Institute of Historical Review, which specializes in Holocaust denial.

Asked some years ago by a journalist if he had any regrets about the war, Degrelle replied, "Only that we lost."

Israeli poet popular

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

The second Israeli to win a Nobel Prize for Literature may well be Jerusalem poet Yehuda Amichai, whose 70th birthday will be marked this month by a special Oxford symposium and the U.S. publication of a 600-poem anthology of his work in English translation.

When Shmuel Agnon won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1966, it was a great surprise. Since he was virtually unknown abroad, few of his books had appeared in English or other foreign languages. Amichai, by contrast, is almost as renowned overseas as he is in Israel, since no less than 19 collections of his poems have been published in other tongues, among them Japanese and Chinese. Moreover, earlier this year, one of them was even featured as the "poem of the month" on the advertising panels of New York subway cars.

Amichai is also more popular at home than the late Shmuel Agnon ever was. School children generally hate having to plow through Agnon's archaic Hebrew and don't readily identify with the characters in his novels, be they denizens of European ghettoes or early Zionist pioneers. But these same youngsters, as well as older Israelis, are at home with Amichai's contemporary Hebrew and often feel that he expresses their thoughts better than they can themselves.

Thus one of his poems was the centrepiece of an unusual military funeral, where, at the request of the fallen soldier's mother, no rabbi was present. Instead of the usual prayers, she read Amichai's poem, "El Malei Rachamim" (God Full of Mercy). It begins: "If God were not so full of mercy, there might be mercy in the world, and not just in him."

On a lighter note, there is a story told by Amichai about a young man who some years ago gave his girlfriend a book of the writer's love poems, one bearing the inscription: "I will let the poet speak on my behalf."

The poems apparently proved persuasive, for the two married. But their marriage didn't last and the man wed twice more. Moreover, Amichai chuckles, he probably also brought two more copies of that book.

Such incidents please Amichai because, in his opinion, poetry should speak to ordinary people. Indeed, he has little use for abstract art, refusing to believe that "art which can be understood immediately, without explanations, is worse than difficult, complex art.

"Whatever you have to say," he adds, "should be said simply and naturally."

One of the things that Amichai has written about simply and naturally is war, which he knows and hates. At the same time, he declared to interviewer Joseph Cohen, "even a complete pacifist may have to face combat in order to survive. The alternative amounts to sitting back and getting yourself slaughtered."

In a particularly moving poem, Amichai dwells upon not only war, but two of his other central themes, God and children. This poem, entitled "God Has Pity on Kindergarten Children," goes:

God has pity on kindergarten children.
He has less pity on schoolchildren.
And on grownups he has no pity at all,
he leaves them alone,
and sometimes they must crawl on all fours,
in the burning sand
to reach the first-aid station
covered in blood.

A theme to which Amichai always returns is Jerusalem, portrayed with both love and irony. This combination finds expression, for example, in "Jerusalem is Full of Used Jews":

Jerusalem is full of used Jews, worn out by history,
Jews second-hand, slightly damaged, at bargain prices.
And the eye yearns toward Zion all the time.
And all the eyes
of the living and the dead are cracked like eggs
on the rim of the bowl, to make the city
puff up rich and fat.
Jerusalem is full of tired Jews,
always goaded on again for holidays, for memorial days,
like circus bears dancing on aching legs. What does Jerusalem need? It doesn't need a mayor,
it needs a ringmaster, whip in hand,
who can tame prophecies, train prophets to gallop
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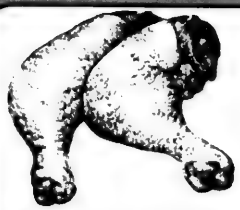

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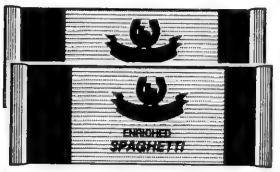

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Organizations and People

Philosopher explores black-Jewish tensions

Both groups stigmatized

By AMY SATTIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Black anti-Semitism is based in part on the perception of Jews as white oppressors, says a black philospher who has studied the phenomenon.

In North America "Jews have always been socially categorized as 'white,' while blacks have always been 'nonwhite,' " writes Dr. Charles Mills of the University of Illinois at Chicago in his brief, *Dark Ontologies*.

Mills was in Toronto last week to present his views in the first half of a two-part forum on Race and the City, jointly sponsored by Holy Blossom Temple and the Department of Philosophy of the University of Toronto.

Close to 100 people turned out to the downtown campus to hear Mills. An estimated 15 audience members were black.

Mills, who obtained his PhD in Toronto in 1985, didn't delve into local black-Jewish tensions like the *Show Boat* controversy or the weekend tirade by Nation of Islam follower Khalid Abdul Muhammad, because "I haven't been here and therefore cannot comment intelligently."

He did, however, recall that in his days as a student activist here, "only a few" colleagues were espousing anti-Semitic views.

In his paper, Mills discusses the similarities and differences between blacks and Jews. For every shared experience, Mills points out a divisive difference. For example, while both groups have been murdered by white Christians, only Jews have been compensated (through reparations from the German government).

The physical characteristics of both groups have been stigmatized, Mills writes, but Jewish features are more easily changed than black skin.

Mills also writes that following "the horrors of the death camps, racist ideology of the anti-Semitic kind ceased to be respectable in the West." However, theories about the lower intelligence of blacks and their alleged propensity for violence are still being examined in academic circles.

Mills was in the audience the following night to hear Prof. David Novak of the University of Virginia address the topic of Jewish racism at Holy Blossom Temple. Mills was one of only a handful of blacks.

"I could have chosen the easy path of racism as directed against the Jewish people. . .but that assumes the Jewish people are vulnerable, without the means of self-defence and subject to the acts of others," Novak, 52, told the 100-member audience.

Novak chose instead to address racism by Jews, refuting it with a carefully crafted theological argument.

"Racism is a monumental evil. . .and the only defence we have against evil is our Torah."

For most of his hour-long lecture, Novak drew from Jewish sources to define the Jewish view of racism as a violation of Torah precepts.

The only specific example of Jewish racism he dwelt on was the late Rabbi Meir Kahane's anti-Arab views, which he said are wrong both democratically and theologically.

Even though Jews were chosen by God for a special relationship with Him, Novak said, that does not exonerate them from being just. Kachites, "no matter how pious they may appear otherwise, have violated the basic moral standard of the Torah.

"As the prophet Jeremiah reminds us: People who hang on to the Torah publicly don't always know God or his ways," he said.

However, Novak had no comment on the present tensions between Jews and blacks, other than to say North American Jews must remember that "racism isn't just Kach, but anytime a Jew is unjust."

Shoppers Drug Mart planning to hold marathon on May 15

TORONTO — The Shoppers Drug Mart Toronto Marathon will kick off at 8 a.m. on Sunday May 15 in front of City Hall.

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Proceeds from the event will go to the Hospital for Sick Children Foundation while proceeds from the student relay are slated for the Pepsi Foundation, which focuses on substance abuse.

Entry forms are available at Shoppers Drug Mart stores across Ontario.

Healing said key to patient care

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Healing patients is just as important as curing them, Rabbi Maurice Lamm of New York told a meeting of the Jewish Hospice Program at Wagman Centre recently. The meeting was attended by about 150 health care workers.

When the cure part of a terminally ill patient's treatment comes to an end, the care, or healing part begins, said Rabbi Lamm, president of the National Institute for Jewish Hospice in the United States. A person can be healed, even if he can't be cured, he said, and this includes amputees and stroke patients.

Healing is more difficult than curing, he said.

Though it was established less than a year ago, there are already 50 patients being cared for at home in Toronto under the Jewish Hospice Program, acccording to Dr. Larry Librach, head of palliative care at Mount Sinai Hospital.

Rabbi Lamm said he was challenged by a hospital division head in New York to prove that patients in a hospice program were living longer than others. "I don't have to prove that, I only have to prove that they are living better," the Rabbi replied.

At a large hospital recently, Rabbi Lamm said he was astounded to hear that a patient with "every congenital disease you can think of" was being served only flounder and pancakes because they were the only foods that could be slipped under the door. "I think they're wrong," he said. "I'm convinced that we're barely beginning to know how to treat such patients."

Healing and curing require different kinds of personalities to be carried out effectively, Rabbi Lamm said.

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Old and young to join in UJA March

Fannie Fish

Jaime Filer

TORONTO — Fannie Fish and Jaime Filer may be separated by 92 years, but they share a common commitment to tzedaka.

Fish, at 98 the oldest female contributor to United Jewish Appeal, and 6-year-old Filer, UJA's youngest canvasser, will be leading this year's Community March for Israel May 29.

Last year Filer, along with Associated Hebrew Schools Grade 6 student Tamara Zicherman, collected the most money for the event.

This year, Filer, who attends Leo Baeck Day School at Holy Blossom campus, has come up with $626 by skilfully working the phone.

Filer, daughter of Toni Silberman and Judge Sam Filer, says her motivation is simply "raising a lot of money for the poor."

Fish, UJA's elder stateswoman, remembers gathering tzedakah boxes as a child, and later channeling profits to charity from her St. Catharines clothing store.

"As long as I had money for charity I was happy. I like to do good things."

Until a few years ago, Fish was canvassing for UJA at Baycrest Terrace, where she lives alone. Her husband died 50 years ago. Daughter Ruth Wagman, 70, describes her mother as "bright and dynamite — my girlfriend, who I can talk to about anything, and she understands."

Her mother, she reports, is "quite excited" about leading the March, "because she loves the outdoors and being surrounded by others."

Steinberg library set

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —The Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg Memorial Library Collection is being established in the Mt. Sinai Hospital Division of Palliative Care.

The announcement was made after the the first annual memorial lecture for Rabbi Steinberg, held last week at B'nai Torah Synagogue.

Dr. Morton Posner said it was an appropriate memorial, as Rabbi Steinberg, the chaplain of Mt. Sinai Hospital, was instrumental in establishing the Palliative Care Unit there.

Rabbi Steinberg was also the head of Jewish Chaplaincy Services for Ontario and chaplain of Jewish Family & Child Services. He was known for his love of books and scholarship.

The Division of Palliative Medicine recognizes the need for research and educational programs in palliative care. It is proposing to develop a special academic centre to help other medical institutions and the community at large.

A resource centre will acquire, catalogue and develop multi-media resource materials in the field of palliative care. These materials will be made available to health care professionals and the public.

The Rabbi Steinberg Memorial Library Collection will at first focus on material for children and material reflecting special issues around caring for Jewish patients.

An advisory board consisting of rabbis, friends and Rabbi Steinberg's widow, Shirley, has been established to help set up the collection.

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Family Matters

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Who will pay for the Thibaudeau decision? *(first of three parts)*

On May 3, 1994 the Federal Court of Appeal ruled that Ms. Thibaudeau, a single mother receiving child support payments, is not liable to pay taxes on them. Technically, the decision only benefits Ms. Thibaudeau, and only for her 1989 tax year. Each receiving or paying spouse must make their own approach to the family law courts and tax authorities independently of this ruling. However, the case sets an important precedent. Being an "appellate decision", it also binds lower courts if it is not successfully appealed. This means that many other courts could be legally bound to follow this decision.

In law the court ruled that the relevant provisions of the Income Tax Act that made these payments taxable contravened Ms. Thibaudeau's equality rights as guaranteed by subsection 15(1) of the Charter. Significantly, the Court ruled that the payments were non-taxable even though the original Court that awarded Ms. Thibaudeau her child maintenance "had taken account of the effect of income tax in fixing the amount of those payments". Indeed, the original lower court had ruled that there was a legal obligation by trial judges to "gross-up" (increase) maintenance payments to take account of tax consequences and that, accordingly, there was no unfairness to women. Their taxes would be paid by their husbands on the support payments they receive. However, the Federal Court ruled that imposition of taxes was unfair for several reasons:

1. The Income Tax act "singles out" persons known as "separated custodial parents";
2. A non-separated custodial parent is not required to include money she receives from her husband as taxable, even if a spouse is court-ordered to do so;
3. A separated spouse (such as a divorced father) who receives financial aid from his parents to help with raising the children is not taxed on such payment;
4. Someone who has custody of a child (such as an Aunt or Grandmother) and who receives support payments from ex-spouses for that child is not taxed on these payments.

Even more significantly, the Court ruled that taking into account tax factors to "gross up" the recipient spouse's payments is no answer to an attack on its taxation by reason of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and for other reasons which I'll discuss in the May 26 issue of this newspaper.

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TIKKUN SCHEDULE - SUNDAY, MAY 15

8:15 p.m. - Services followed by Holiday meal

10:15 p.m. - 11:15 p.m. - Session I led by Danny Siegel
Title: Authentic Jewish Values for Ourselves, Our Families, and Our Community

11:45 - 12:45 a.m. - Session II led by Danny Siegel
Title: Meaningful Jewish Leadership: Being a Mitzvah Hero

1:00 - 2:00 a.m. - Session III led by Channa Sargon, well-known teacher of adults and instructor at the United Synagogue Day School
Title: Jacob and Esau - Confrontation and Reconciliation

2:30 - 3:30 - a.m. - Session IV led by Ed Goldman, Director of Youth Centred Activities, Beth Tikvah Synagogue
Title: Between God and Man; The Meaning of Revelation

4:00 - 5:00 a.m. - Session V led by Rabbi Wayne Allen
Title: Sex Without Marriage: An evolving Halachic prospective

5:15 a.m. - Tefila followed by breakfast

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Frank Stronach was congratulated by Haifa University rector Aliza Shenhar as she presented him with an honorary doctorate at a recent Toronto dinner in his honor. [Gadi Hoz photo]

Stronach helps launch Israeli centre for peace

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Within five minutes of hearing about the Canadian Friends of Haifa University's newest project, Frank Stronach, founder and chair of Magna International Inc., was already a part of it.

"I asked him, and he accepted," said Karen Miller.

The project which so appealed to him has been named the Frank Stronach Centre of Education for Peace. The centre, conceived to foster tolerance, respect and other peace-related interests, was the brainchild of Haifa University history professor Yair Hirschfeld, who played a major behind-the-scenes role in the secret Israel-PLO peace negotiations leading to the Sept. 13 Declaration of Principles.

In recognition of the centre's establishment, a dinner honoring Stronach was held recently at the Sheraton Centre Hotel. Miller, who chaired the dinner committee, said 1,200 people attended the dinner and over $1 million was raised for the new centre in a three-month period.

"I feel honored that I can play a small part in this fundraising," said Stronach. "We have to look for constructive ways to dismantle the chains of domination. Once [people] feel less dominated, [there is] greater hope for world peace."

University rector Aliza Shenhar, who conferred an honorary doctorate on Stronach at the dinner, said "the time is right as never before [for the new centre].

"How are we going to transform the hate into love and the suspicion into trust?" she asked. "The answer is education."

Shenhar said Haifa University has the largest percentage of Arab students and faculty of any Israeli university. The student population [which numbers over 11,000] is 20 per cent Arab, she said.

The university provides "a good example of co-existence," said Israeli Consul General Dror Zeigerman. He expressed the hope "that those students from the territories who study at Haifa University will take back the democratic principles and will participate in establishing democracy."

So does Ontario premier Bob Rae. "We celebrate tonight the cause of peace," he said, adding Ontario has much in common with Israel because both have multicultural, multi-racial societies.

Rae commended Stronach as a "true visionary" and a person who "builds things, makes things happen and who is prepared to invest and to work with people."

Stronach immigrated to Canada in 1954 from his native Austria. The one-man tool and die shop he opened in 1957 in a rented garage grew into a 12,000-employee public company which guaranteed a percentage of profits to every employee.

Stronach's success was threatened in 1990 when Magna faced a debt of $273.8 million. Under Stronach's leadership, the company has recovered and is now debt-free.

Financial Post editor Diane Francis noted in a video tribute that Stronach's "rags-to-riches to rags-to-riches" story is "rare and almost impossible, but he pulled it off."

"Frank Stronach is truly a great Canadian," said Ontario's Lieutenant-Governor Henry Jackman. "All of those jobs [at Magna] would not have been there at all had it not been for Frank Stronach."

Other speakers included Michael Feldman, national president of Canadian Friends of Haifa University, and Dennis Mills, MP for Broadview-Greenwood, a former Magna executive. Rabbi Gunther Plaut said the Hamotzi, and Marvin Rosenshein of Hamilton sang *O Canada* and *Hatikvah*. Bill Davis, former premier of Ontario, emceed the evening.

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Memorial lecture held to honor Rabbi Steinberg

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —Over 300 men, women, young people, rabbis and communal officials came together last week at B'nai Torah Synagogue in North York for the first annual memorial lecture for Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg, chaplain of Jewish Family & Child Services and of Mt. Sinai Hospital.

But they were also there to pay personal tribute to a much loved relative, friend, colleague and counsellor.

Many wiped away tears at the picture Rabbi Raphael Marcus, spiritual leader of B'nai Torah, the synagogue Rabbi Steinberg attended, painted.

"I have no doubt," he said, "Reb Sholom is sitting in gan eden, smiling with humility, sorry you are troubled by having to come, embarrrassed by the great numbers, and greatly elevated by the kovod (respect and honor) you are paying to him."

Keynote speaker Rabbi Nacham Berlat, chaplain of Baycrest Centre and a close friend of Rabbi Steinberg, called him "an individual well-balanced in understanding and promulgation of Torah."

Jews must be strict about the observance of the mitzvot, he said, but we must also allow the spirit of those mitzvot to enrich our lives.

"It was in that spirit he reached out to the community."

The way to understand a society, Rabbi Berlat said in his lecture, is to see how it treats its underdogs, its poor, the alien, how it protects the rights of women and children.

The Torah, he said, obligates Jews to deal kindly and fairly with the less fortunate; to give charity, including that which "allows an individual to reconstruct his life and stand on his own feet," to be sensitive to the elderly and the disabled, to be concerned for the lonely.

Jews, he said, are obligated by the Torah to treat their employees well, and to always pay them at the end of the day, "because you never know how much in need he is." Similarly, a worker has an obligation "to give an honest day's work for an honest dollar."

The ketubah (Jewish marriage document) was one of the earliest documents in the world to protect the rights of women, he said.

And the Torah "doesn't tolerate abuse of a wife or a child. It is not acceptable — there is no discussion."

We must be accepting of the convert, and attentive to the needs of the baal teshuvah, giving them guidance, never taking advantage either of their lack of knowledge or of their eagerness to fully participate in Jewish ritual life, or "pointing a finger" about their past.

These Torah injunctions, Rabbi Berlat said, "are what makes a decent person, one who walks in G-d's ways."

Such a person is unable to let a wrong go unchallenged, or to stand idly by in the face of misfortune, persecution or tragedy.

A pure person, Rabbi Berlat said, has the ability to love each and every human being.

Rabbi Steinberg, he said, was a person who exemplified all these characteristics.

"His spirit is still with us. Although the year flew like a shadow, I still feel his warmth with me. I feel his presence wherever I walk. I see him, and feel him."

Yaakov Schechter, a friend and neighbor of the Steinberg family who has been saying kaddish for the rabbi, gave a d'var Torah.

Rabbi Steinberg, he said, didn't keep himself locked up in his books. "He went into the world [as head of Jewish Chaplaincy Services for Ontario] where divisiveness was — like jails — and brought peace to these situations."

The evening included Mincha and Ma'ariv services, conducted by synagogue member Pesach Forman.

The lecture was sponsored by Congregation B'nai Torah and by the Va'ad Harabonim of Toronto.

Endowment to aid Hebrew U

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — A $500,000 endowment fund for research in the internal medicine division of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem will be inaugurated at a May 29 dinner for the Vancouver chapter of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

The Vancouver community already funds 22 projects at the university.

The new fund, honoring Dr. Abraham Bogoch, a prominent Vancouver gastroenterologist and Jewish community leader, will remain in perpetuity with the interest providing two scholarships and research grants a year.

The dinner at the Fours Seasons Hotel will mark the 50th anniversary of the organization's founding by Allan Bronfman. Bogoch will receive the university's Scopus Award from Prof. Hanoch Gutfreund, president of the Hebrew University since 1993.

Guest speaker will be lawyer and author Alan Dershowitz, whose latest book, *Chutzpah*, chronicles his experiences as an American Jew.

The Scopus Award is the highest honor Friends of the Hebrew University can bestow. It is given to individuals "who have excelled in their chosen field and have demonstrated deep humanitarian concern throughout their careers."

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Rabbi Shneur Weinberg (bottom right) with faculty of the religious day school he visited in Kiev.

Eitz Chaim principal lends expertise to foreign schools

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Between Purim and Pesach this year, Rabbi Shneur Weinberg, long-time senior principal of Eitz Chaim Schools, had a break from organizing curriculum, hiring teachers and dealing with students who like to pull the fire alarm.

For four weeks he served as educational consultant for day schools in Budapest, Kiev and Moscow, an experience he spoke to *The CJN* about with palpable excitement.

Rabbi Weinberg went to Eastern Europe on behalf of Torah Umesorah, the umbrella organization for religious day schools and Stolin B'nai Yisroel. The purpose was to assist with teacher training, curriculum development, and any other difficulties these fledgling institutions had.

The weeks were filled, he said, with workshops, seminars, teacher conferences, and even teaching some classes to students. As well, many administrators and staff took the opportunity to meet with him individually for guidance and practical assistance, on such matters as discipline and curriculum.

He wrote reports for each school, making recommendations in accordance with their budgets and philosophy.

Some were purely practical. In Moscow, for instance, some parents were balking at sending their children the long distance to the day school.

Rabbi Weinberg discovered that the school had religious services, and then served breakfast. The parents objected, they said, to their children not eating until late.

"I suggested they serve breakfast first — and the parents were happy.

"I found interesting differences betwen Jews in Hungary and those in what used to be the Soviet Union," he said.

In Hungary, he said, there were opportunities for those who wished to leave to do so, and brief periods when religious life was possible. Those remaining there, he said, don't want to leave. "They are satisfied to stay — they see themselves as Westernized and acculturated."

In Russia, however, he said, referring also to Ukraine, people are not observant because for 75 years they had absolutely no choice.

"There is an uneasy feeling there," he said. "People want to leave, and, if they find the opportunity, they do so."

Anti-Semitism is on the rise, there is economic insecurity (even though the cost of basic living is cheap) and political turmoil.

Rabbi Weinberg noted that he himself did not experience any problems, adding that he felt comfortable walking the streets, even at night, alone.

However, when he met with Rabbi Yankel Bleich, the Chief Rabbi of Ukraine, he discovered that a bodyguard was stationed half a floor below. And Rabbi Bleich insisted that the guard walk him back to his apartment.

There is a constant turnover of staff, especially in Moscow and Kiev, due to emigration. The teachers are young, often from Israel or North America. Because most do not speak very much Russian or Ukrainian (if any), and because most students speak little or no English or Hebrew, communication is often by means of interpreters.

There is not just a language gap, but a cultural one as well, Rabbi Weinberg said, not just in Russia and Ukraine, but in Hungary as well.

Local faculty, he said, are often baalei teshuvah (newly observant). Although they are eager and talented, they lack sufficient knowledge in religious subjects.

Some, he said, are being sent to Israel, Canada or to the United States for further education, and it is hoped that they will return.

While the schools Rabbi Weinberg went to were religious day schools, the students did not come from religious homes. In fact, he said, one of the joys of his trip was seeing youngsters learning to keep kosher and observe Shabbat.

Although he spent most of his time at the schools, he took a few hours to visit the tombs of the Baal Shem Tov, the Bratislaver and Berdichever rebbes, and to see Babi Yar.

"One of my strongest emotional moments was to see where 100,000 Jews were slaughtered, and then go back to the school and see the kids growing in Yiddishkeit.

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Dairy delights part of Shavuot's culinary tradition

By LESLYE MICHLIN BORDEN
Special to The CJN

Shavuot joyously celebrates both the giving and receiving of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai, as well as the harvest of the first fruits. Like Passover and Rosh Hashanah, many food traditions surround it. Many Jewish people observe this important occasion by eating dairy foods.

LOWER FAT SMOKED SALMON CHEESECAKE IN THE STYLE OF EMERIL

Salmon:
1 lb. salmon fillet
salt and pepper to taste
Crust:
½ cup kosher Parmesan cheese, grated
1 cup unseasoned bread crumbs
4 tbsp. reduced fat margarine
Filling:
¼ cup vegetable stock
1 cup onion, finely chopped
½ cup red bell pepper, finely chopped
½ cup green bell pepper, finely chopped
24 oz. no-fat ricotta or cottage cheese
8 oz. low fat cream cheese (Neufchatel)
1 cup no-fat egg substitute
4 tbsp. flour
salt and pepper to taste
a few drops of liquid smoke (opt.)

Heat oven to 400 degrees.

Spray vegetable oil spray on a baking pan large enough to hold the salmon. Place the fillet in the prepared pan, skin side down. Season the top with salt and pepper. Roast, uncovered, for 15-20 minutes, depending on the thickness of the fish. A thicker fillet needs more cooking time. Cook until the fish flakes easily and its juices are an opaque white color. Remove the fish from the oven. Lower the oven temperature to 350 degrees.

While the salmon is cooking, prepare the crust. Spray vegetable oil spray on the bottom and sides of a 10-inch spring form pan. Combine the Parmesan cheese, bread crumbs, and margarine in a medium bowl. Mix well. Press onto the sides and bottom of the prepared pan. Bake for 10 minutes. Cool briefly. Refrigerate until ready to fill.

Prepare the filling. Heat the vegetable stock in a fry pan with a non-stick coating. Add the onions and peppers and cook over medium heat until the vegetables begin to give off their own liquid. Lower the heat and continue cooking until all the pan liquid evaporates. Turn off the heat and set aside.

In large bowl of electric mixer, blend the ricotta cheese, egg substitute, and flour. When the mixture is well combined, add the cooked onions and peppers. Remove the salmon from its skin and break into small pieces. Add it to the cheese mixture, beating at low speed until the ingredients are well combined. Season to taste with salt, pepper, and liquid smoke. Pour into the prepared crust. Smooth the top with a spatula.

Bake 1 hour, or until a sharp knife inserted in the centre comes out clean. Cool briefly on a wire rack. Refrigerate overnight, or at least 4 hours.

To serve, run a sharp knife around the edges of the pan. Remove the outer ring of the spring form pan. Place the cheesecake on an atractive serving platter. Save any crumbs from the crust. Garnish the top of the cake with these crumbs.

Makes 16 servings.

LOW FAT LIGHT AND "CREAMY" CHEESECAKE

Crust:
1 cup finely ground graham cracker crumbs (7 whole graham crackers)
3 tbsp. sugar
3 tbsp. reduced fat margarine, melted
OR ¾ tbsp. canola oil and 2¼ tbsp. water
Filling:
24 oz. no fat ricotta or cottage cheese
8 oz. light cream cheese
¾ cup sugar
¼ cup flour
¾ cup no fat egg substitute (equivalent to 3 eggs)
1½ tsp. vanilla
1 tbsp. grated orange rind (no white)
Topping:
1 cup no fat sour cream
1 tbsp. sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
Optional Garnish:
2 cups fresh strawberries, washed and halved

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Place the crumbs and sugar in a 10-inch spring form pan. Mix well. Add the melted margarine (or oil and water) and stir with a fork, distributing the crumbs all around the bottom of the pan. Use the fork to press the crumbs against the sides and bottom to make a firm crust. Bake 10 minutes. Remove from oven and set aside.

Increase oven temperature to 450 degrees.

Combine the ricotta cheese and the cream cheese in the large bowl of your electric mixer. Blend well at medium speed. Add the sugar and flour. Continue beating and slowly pour in the egg mixture. Mix well. Stir in the vanilla and orange rind. Pour into the prepared crust. Bake 15 minutes. Turn the temperature down to 250 degrees and continue baking 1 hour. Remove from oven. Set aside to cool for 10 minutes.

In a small bowl, combine the topping ingredients. Spread evenly over the slightly cooled cheesecake. Refrigerate overnight, or at least 4 hours.

To serve, run a sharp knife around the edge of the pan. Remove the outer ring of the spring form pan. Arrange the strawberry halves on the top. Serve at once.

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Izzy Shopsowitz was part of Toronto's rich Jewish past

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — For more than seven decades, the Shopsy name has been synonymous with the food industry. The recent death of Israel (Izzy) Shopsowitz at 71 brings to a close a chapter in Canadian history.

Patrons of the Shopsy's restaurant at the corner of Front and Yonge Streets, across the road from O'Keefe Centre, were greeted by the quiet-spoken and gentle man. He collapsed at the restaurant and later died of a heart attack at St. Michael's Hospital.

He was born on Spadina Avenue, just north of Dundas Street, in the flat over the ice cream shop operated by his parents, Jenny and Harry Shopsowitz. The store, which was opened in 1921, became a famous deli and a landmark in Toronto. Izzy and his brothers Sam and Dave helped in the family business from childhood, washing dishes, preparing sandwiches and learning all aspects of the food industry. He attened Ogden St. School and Harbord Collegiate.

In 1946, Sam and Izzy took over the family business. In 1969, the brothers went their separate ways and in 1972, the business was sold to Lever Brothers Ltd.

Izzy went on to open a chain of restaurants called Mr. I's. With his son Neil, he operated Caraway's in the Yorkdale Mall. In 1991, he returned to Shopsy's which had moved from Spadina to Front Street in 1983. He worked as a consultant and carried on the family tradition of personally greeting customers and longtime friends, many in the arts and the media.

Described by his friends as "a shy and thoughtful man," many expressed their shock and grief at his death. His son Neil explained his father had a heart attack seven months ago, and seemed to be recovering. Neil described his father as "the nicest, kindest, gentle man — an all-round wonderful man."

In an interview with the media, Frank Shuster, the surviving half of Canada's famed Wayne and Shuster comedy pair, said "Izzy was someone who was part of my birthplace, my heritage — and he was a big part of the Toronto tradition.

"Izzy was the last one of Toronto's old Jewish guard, and now he's gone. Now that's gone."

Gino Empry, who handled promotion for Shopsy's for many years, told *The CJN* that Izzy was one of the kindest, nicest men he ever met. "Mr. I. wasn't as flamboyant as Sam, but he was equally loved by all who met him. He didn't have a mean bone in his body and I shall never be able to forget what makes for a real nice, caring, thoughtful and generous human being. We could have taken lessons."

Izzy supported numerous groups including the Variety Club, the Hospital for Sick Children and Easter Seals.

He leaves his wife Joyce, three children, Neil, Shelly and Karen, and three grandchildren.

Memorial service set for Rabbi Price

TORONTO —A memorial evening to honor the late Rabbi Abraham Price will be held Thursday, May 19, at 8 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue.

Rabbi Price, a world-renowned Torah scholar, died during Pesach at the age of 94.

Rabbi Erwin Schild, rabbi emeritus of Adath Israel, is organizing the event, along with Marvin Fox. Both are former students of Rabbi Price.

Rabbi Schild said he felt "a deep personal need" to arrange a memorial event for the man who taught him, ordained him as a rabbi, and rescued him when he was interned as an enemy alien during World War II.

"He was like a father to me. I am deep in his debt."

As well, Rabbi Schild said he couldn't make peace with the fact that only the Orthodox community was represented at his funeral.

"I want to give the general community an appreciation of the wonderful man we were privileged to have in our midst."

Ben Kayfetz, former executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region and former national director of the Joint Community Relations Department of Canadian Jewish Congress, will talk about what the Toronto Jewish community was like when Rabbi Price came here in the late 1930s and his role in Jewish communal life.

Rabbi Schild will give the eulogy, and Rabbi Joseph Kelman of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation will give a dvar Torah. Rabbi Steven Saltzman, spiritual leader of Adath Israel, will welcome the guests.

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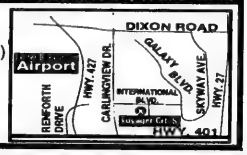

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Book's rich details bring family's story to life

By JEFF ROSEN
CJN News Editor

TORONTO — Who doesn't fondly recall the stories our parents and grandparents recounted about how, in the face of hardship and oppression, they strived to build better lives for themselves in a new country?

Often these stories remained in a family as long as their source. Then suddenly the source of these wonderful tales was taken from them and the past would disappear.

The family of one woman, Goldie Grafstein, was determined that such a tragedy would not happen. For years they pressed her to write about her life, and the 99-year-old matriarch of the Grafstein clan has finally put her story into print in *Just About Me*. The book was co-ordinated and edited by her granddaughter Wendy Feldman.

The end result is quite enjoyable.

Despite the book's title, it's about not just Grafstein, but her entire family. It explores her past starting with parents Sarah Oppenheim and Michael Gollom, who were married in London, England, in 1893 and traces their families back to Germany and Russia, respectively.

Moving quickly from her parents' lives, Grafstein goes on to explore her own upbringing in Whitechapel. She was raised with her two sisters, Rose and Kate until, at age 15, her father allowed her to come to Toronto to live with family.

Goldie Grafstein in 1991.

"Well, here I was in Canada. That very first day my cousins walked me around the city. It looked to me like a big country, with so many farms. They took me to a huge store on Yonge Street, Eaton's. I never saw such a store before. We got into an elevator and rode to the seventh floor. One of my cousins brought me a big glass of buttermilk for two cents. I loved it."

Two years later she came face-to-face with the man she would spend the rest of her days with, when she joined her friends in taking dancing lessons from the school's teacher, Moishe Grafstein.

Two years after that they were married.

"I was Moishe's queen, and he treated me that way," said Grafstein, looking back on her life. "Even though I was left without my mother when I was very young, I did learn how to be a good Jewish wife and mother. I was so busy in the kitchen cooking and baking for my large family and the many guests my husband brought home."

Grafstein makes it very clear that she took great pride in raising her family. Becoming pregnant shortly after her marriage, she went on to raise eight girls and one boy.

The book is full of rich details of their lives as the family grew and prospered.

"I didn't leave the house very much because of my small children, but on Friday nights we went to the Jewish vaudeville show where we sat in the box seat on the right side of the theatre. Moishe always brought a box of cherry chocolates with him, which he would grandly pass around. We saw stars of the Yiddish theatre."

Moishe Grafstein's generosity was equally extended to his family. Goldie recalls how her husband helped his sister and her husband Louis Silverman in New York. One of their daughters was Fanny, who married Sam Bassin. They had one daughter, Miriam Chinsky, who writes for *The Canadian Jewish News*.

Throughout her biography, Grafstein describes her connections with a number of well-known Jewish personalities, including the Rasminskys, whose coat factory she went to work at soon after arriving in Toronto. Rasminsky's son Louis would go on to become Governor of the Bank of Canada.

Grafstein (centre) with sisters Rose (left) and Kate around 1905.

Grafstein also mentions that her grandparents lived on Maria Street in the Junction, near a scrapyard belonging to a company called Runnymede, which was owned by Abraham Tanenbaum. His son Joseph would go on to become a prominent Toronto developer and his granddaughter would one day marry Grafstein's grandson, Robert Kaplan, a former Liberal solicitor general.

Her grandson was not the only politician in the family though, as Moishe's youngest brother Simcha had a son who is now Senator Jerry Grafstein.

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As well as the rich details which make the history come alive, another aspect is more personal. For the Grafsteins' tale really did open a page on the past — my own.

As I was going over Grafstein's chronicle, the familiar names — many long-since departed — came flooding back, along with cherished memories of her sister Kate. It was this sister who went on to marry a Hamilton boy, David Rosen, and have three children of their own, one of whom was my father.

With her tale Grafstein has ensured that the doors to her past will never be closed.

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Sam Kapustin, Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto

For information about fees, and registration, contact:
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Organizations and People

What's New

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, May 12, is deadline for May 26 issue, and Thursday, May 19, is deadline for June 2 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Thursday, May 12

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Please note this correction— The panel discussion, Violence Against Women Within the Jewish Community: Responsibilities and Responses, sponsored by Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood, is at 7:30 p.m. at the temple. Admission free.

Friday, May 13

THE ART OF JEWISH LIVING

The Art of Jewish Living series sponsored by Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda continuing education committee concludes with Interactive Shabbat Seder for class participants, 8 p.m., Arback Hall.

SHAVUOT ONEG SHABBAT

Congregation Keshet Shalom, a progressive congregation meeting the needs of the greater Toronto lesbian and gay Jewish community, is holding a Shavuot Oneg Shabbat with Kabbalat Shabbat service and kiddush and readings from the Book of Ruth, 8 p.m. Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. For information, call the Rainbow Line, 925-1408.

HEARING AWARENESS MONTH

May is Hearing Awareness Month and deaf, deafened, and hard of hearing people from across Ontario, along with their families and friends, service providers and professionals, have the opportunity to meet new friends, network and learn about new technical devices, programs and services at the day long 20th annual Mayfest sponsored by the Canadian Hearing Society at St. Lawrence Market, 92 Front St. E. For information, CHS office, 964-9595, TDD 964-0023.

Saturday, May 14

MOTHER'S DAY SHABBAT

The Adath Sholom Synagogue Sisterhood annual Mother's Day Shabbat begins with services at 9 a.m. Guest speaker is **Roni Kadmeil**, wife of the shaliach for the Jewish National Fund. Kiddush follows. Everyone is welcome. Synagogue is located at 864 Sheppard Ave. W.

Sunday, May 15

ISRAEL FAIR

The Downtown Jewish Community Council, Downtown Jewish Community School and the JCC Bloor Y branch invite you to experience Israel at the Israel Fair, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. Activities include arts, tree planting, fun and games, book display and sale, and more. Admission free. For information, 924-6211.

SHAVUOT AT CUMMER LODGE

The residents of Cummer Lodge Home for the Aged will be enjoying blintzes and the songs of **Ahuva** at the annual Shavuot celebration organized by Mitzvah Volunteers. It begins at 1:30 p.m.

HABONIM BREAKFAST CLUB

Congregation Habonim invites you to hear **Selma Sage** speak on The Loveliest of Love Stories dealing with the biblical story of Ruth, 10 a.m., Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. (Bathurst and Glencairn). Breakfast, lecture $6.

ORT COMMUNITY DISPLAY BOOTH

Be sure to catch the Toronto ORT community display booth marking ORT Month at Fairview Mall, noon to 5 p.m.

MUSICAL AFTERNOON

A musical afternoon of popular and Hebrew music by concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** takes place 1:15-1:45 at Terrace Gardens, 3705 Bathurst St.

Monday, May 16

CONSECRATION CEREMONY

The Consecration ceremony (the initiation ceremony welcoming children to Jewish studies) for the Aleph (Grade 1) children enrolled in the Beth Tzedec Congregational School and children of members enrolled in other accredited congregational and day schools (USDS, Bialik, Associated) is at 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Wednesday, May 18

ALMONDS AND RAISINS

Overbrook Cultural Club features a video *Almonds and Raisins*, 2 p.m., Lodzer Centre, 12 Heaton St. (Bathurst/Sheppard). Refrechments follow. Members free, non-members $2. For information, **Millie Herzog**, 221-7207.

ORT B & P CHAPTER

Toronto ORT Business and Professional chapter presents an evening on How Does Your Garden Grow? Free admission. For details, 787-0297.

IT'S ONLY MENOPAUSE

Beth Tzedec Sisterhood presents It's Only Menopause — Things Could Be Worse, 7:30 p.m. Guest speakers **Sharon Gottlieb**, dietician/nutritionist; **Gail Weber**, coordinator of Programs for Midlife and Older Women/Menopause Education, educator, Regional Health Centre, Women's College Hospital; **Fay Weisberg**, obstetrician/gynecologist. Admission free. Everyone welcome.

ANOREXIA BULIMIA SUPPORT GROUP

The Anorexia Bulimia Family Support Group for sufferers, family and friends, meets 7:30 p.m., Toronto City Hall (Nathan Phillips Square). **Antoinette Dunn**, 766-8134.

Thursday, May 19

SCHINDLER'S LIST

The Polish-Jewish Heritage Foundation of Canada invites you to attend a panel discussion, Schindler's List: The Image of Germans, Jews and Poles, with panelists **Ryszard Bugajski**, film maker; **Elsa Chandler**, trustee, North York Board of Education, Krakow Ghetto survivor; **Robert Fulford**, writer, film critic, the *Globe and Mail*; and **Michael Marrus**, professor, Department of History, University of Toronto. Time is 8 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple.

BB HALTON PEEL LODGE

B'nai Brith Halton Peel Lodge will meet 7:30-9:30 p.m., Peel Board of Education, Brampton Room, 5650 Hurontario St., Mississauga, when **Joel Cuperfain**, chair, Israel affairs committee, Central region, B'nai Brith Canada, speaks on Israel and the Peace Process. For information, **Joyce Aster**, area coordinator, (905) 678-9691.

RSVP

Jewish Community Centre New Leadership Division in association with Aish HaTorah presents the fourth informative RSVP (Relationships Seen Through Varied Perspectives) round table discussion program for singles 30-45 with speaker **Mitch Mandel** on the topic In Love or Infatuated? What is the Difference? Doors open 7:30 p.m., program begins 8 p.m. $10. RSVP **Rosanne**, 631-5658. First 50 people to RSVP will receive a JCC Health Club pass.

ALAN BOROVOY TO SPEAK

The Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada presents **Alan Borovoy**, general counsel, Canadian Civil Liberties Association, speaking on Liberal Principles and Jewish Interests: Is There a Conflict? at a luncheon at noon, Park Plaza Hotel. Couvert for luncheon, $20. Kashruth observed. RSVP to **Slavia**, 594-1812. For information, **Bert Raphael**, 594-1812.

And What Else Is New...

EXPERIMENT WITH YOUR SENSES

The Wellness Education Group of Baycrest Centre presents Experiment With Your Senses, Wednesday, May 25, 1-3 p.m., Wagman Centre. The session, open to the public, includes demonstrations of aromatherapy and massage, herbal tea preparations, reflexology and Tai Chi. Admission is free. Register by May 24 by calling 785-2500, ext. 2267. For information, **Judy Chu**, ext. 2341.

ROMEO AND JULIET

The Leah Posluns Theatre School Young Company presents *Romeo and Juliet* May 25-31. Student matinees, evening performances, group rates available. 636-1880, ext. 287/298.

CHAI SHALOM

Chai Shalom's first anniversary celebration open house for all prospective members is Tuesday, May 24, 7:30 p.m., Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, with entertainment by singer/pianist **Lenka Lichtenberg**. Admission $5. For information, **Paul Sheffield**, 445-8153, **Marlene White**, (905) 731-2515 evenings, **Willie Silverberg** 633-3748 or shul office 633-3838.

HOW TO TALK & LISTEN TO KIDS

In celebration of the International Year of the Family, Earlscourt Child and Family Centre is hosting a lecture with **Adele Faber,** *New York Times* best selling author of *How To talk So Kids Will Listen And Listen So Kids Will Talk*, Monday, May 30, 7 p.m., Metro Toronto Convention Centre's John W.H. Bassett Theatre, 255 Front St. W. Tickets $15 in advance at TicketMaster 870-8000, $20 at the door. All proceeds to Earlscourt Centre.

BURGESS ON BROADWAY

Michael Burgess, renowned Canadian musical performer (he originated the role of Jean Valjean in Canada in *Les Miserables*), headlines a gala concert at Beth Tzedec Congregation, Wednesday, May 25, 8 p.m. Burgess on Broadway at Beth Tzedec also features singer/cabaret "diva" **Beth Ann Cole** with music direction by **Kerry McShane**. Tickets $35 adults, $25 seniors and students. Call the synagogue, 781-3511.

WAR CRIMES

Canadian Society for Yad Vashem and Beth Tzedec Holocaust memorial committee recently sponsored a lecture by Eli Rosenbaum (left), acting director, Office of Special Investigations, Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice, on the topic The Investigation and Prosecution of Nazi War Criminals in the United States. Pictured with him are (from left) Miriam Geibloom, co-chair, Yad Vashem; Dr. Joel Dimitry, national chair, Yad Vashem; and Marylyn Light (seated), chair, Beth Tzedec Holocaust memorial committee.

JIS UPDATED DIRECTORIES

Need information? Jewish Information Service has just released newly updated directories on Day Care, Singles Life, Modest Temporary Accommodation in the Greater Toronto Area. JIS publications also cover resources, programs, information on cultural events. The Accommodation Registry of more permanent basement apartments, rooms, flats and apartments to share is an ongoing service. For details, 635-5600.

HOW TO LIVE ALONE

How To Live Alone Until You Like It...And Then You Are Ready For Sombody Else, starring **Corrine Copnick, Gloria Valentine** and **Murray Ellis**, runs May 17-29, North York Performing Arts Centre Studio Theatre, 5040 Yonge St. Play and lyrics written by Copnick who also co-directs with **Janice Spiegel,** with music by **Nathan Samuel Rosen** and creative collaboration by Valentine. Produced by La Magie De L'Art Inc. in association with Jewish Artists Scholarship Society. Tickets $11-$19.50, at the box office or TicketMaster 872-2222.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

Keren Hatarbut Institute, 788 Marlee Ave., is taking registration for summer courses for adults and teenagers in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced students. Evening classes, Tuesdays, May 31-Aug. 30, 7:30-9 p.m., conducted under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers. The promise is that beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew in 14 sessions. Free introductory private lessons for beginners. For consultation/registration, **Joseph Klinger**, 787-0197.

NCSY CONVENTIONS

NCSY Junior Regional Convention, June 3-5, in Chomedy, Laval, a suburb of Montreal, is open to students Grades 6-8. Meet friends from across Ontario and Quebec and enjoy this unique and fun experience. 782-4426.

Also, a reminder about the NCSY Senior Regional Convention May 20-23 for students in Grades 9-13 at Olympia Village Sports Facilities in Muskoka. 782-4426.

HEBREW SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Ahavat Israel Hebrew School offers a Sunday School program for children ages 5-12. Curriculum includes Hebrew language, reading, writing, prayers, holidays, Jewish history and Bible. Special events during the year include sukkah decorating, Passover seder, challah baking, and Purim party. Registration for 1994/95 is now being accepted. Previous Jewish education is not a prerequisite. **Leslie Shapiro**, (905) 731-5054.

NEWS FROM SOLEL-MISSISSAUGA

Family Shavuot service with Yizkor and L'Dor V'Dor service is Monday, May 16, 10 a.m.; regular Friday service May 13, 8:30 p.m.; Saturday services May 14 and 21, 10 a.m. Family service Friday, May 20, 7:30 p.m. For information, call Solel (905) 820-5915.

JF & CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service groups — Looking Ahead (anger, loneliness, other realities, separate from the past and look to the future, begins May 18); Positive Parenting (groups for teens, pre-schoolers, school-age and preteens). For information, **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

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What's New

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of the Holocaust meets Thursdays, 10 a.m. to noon, Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Purpose of the group is to explore the emotional impact the Holocaust has had on people's lives. Leader is **Doris Strub Epstein**. Call 630-0164.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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BAYCREST TERRACE SYNAGOGUE

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds Shacharit services weekdays, 8:30 a.m. and Mincha Maariv, 6 p.m. Shabbat services are at 9 a.m. preceded by Talmud studies with **Gershon Samonovits** at 8 a.m. For information, call **David**, 256-1600.

SPECIAL NEEDS RECREATION

The City of Vaughan is committed to providing accessible recreation programs for people with disabilities including those with physical and developmental disabilities. Register now for summer day camps and programs (2-15 years old); spring specialty/instructional sport/fitness programs (for pre-schoolers, children, youth, adults, seniors); summer tennis lessons (children, youth, adults); spring/summer recreational sport (youth, adults).

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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Help close in on a killer! Volunteers are needed for Leukemia Research Fund Tag Days, June 10, 11 and 12. Locations convenient for taggers are available and easy kits will be provided. Call the Fund office, 638-8522.

VON MATERNAL CHILD PROGRAM

The Victorian Order of Nurses Metro Toronto is offering an expanded Maternal Child Program. The new program will provide families with pre-natal classes as well as post-natal visits. Also individual home visits by qualified breastfeeding consultants are offered to mothers experiencing difficulty feeding their new infants. For information, call 499-2009.

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ORT MOSCOW COMPLEX

Following a visit to London by the Russian minister of education and the chair of the Moscow Department of Education, an agreement was signed with World ORT Union for the cooperative establishment of an ORT Comprehensive School in Moscow. The school will serve 300 to 400 students, ages 10-17. The overall plan includes the development of a Teacher Training Institute and a high-tech Resource Centre. The school will provide a Jewish education program along with technology.

at the JCC

An art exhibit of waterclolors by **Yanina Volski Cohen** is on view through May 26 at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave.

Register now for the JCC Valley 1994/5 programs, Pintsize, Nursery, Junior Kindergarten for ages 18 months to 4 years. Call **Lynn Cone** or **Wendy Preskow**, (905) 889-0813.

for seniors

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Group for Widows meets Friday, May 13, 9:30-10:45 a.m., in the Board Room. For information, **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). May 12 is bingo and a free evening and May 19 a discussion about Canada with questions and answers by **Aharon Dahary**. For information, 661-4689 or 783-9453.

LZA Seniors Club outings — Stage West Wednesday, June 22, to see **Mickey Rooney** in *The Mind with the Naughty Man*; the Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills, July 20-26; day cruise on Lake Simcoe leaving from Barrie, Wednesday, Aug. 24; Stratford, Wednesday, Oct. 12 to see *The Pirates of Penzance*. The Cultural Club meets 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Ladies Line Dancing Tuesdays 1 p.m. at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Family Service Association is offering a peer help program, A Time For Me, at Illahee Lodge, Cobourg, May 20-27, in partnership with Connecting Seniors of Canada, with workshops on communicating skills, self-esteem, and learning through role playing, plus a wide variety of leisure activities. For details, **Carmel** at Family Service Association, 922-3126.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club happenings — Tuesday, May 24, Port Dalhousie trip; Wednesday, May 25, 2 p.m., the movie *Crossing Delancy*; Sunday, May 29, 7:30-10:30 p.m., dance with live band; Sunday, June 12, Father's Day dinner dance; Tuesday, June 14, day trip to be announced; Wednesday, July 6, 12:30 p.m. *Forever Plaid* $24; Tuesday, July 12, day trip to be announced. A few spaces available for Catskill trip to Raleigh Hotel, July 25-31. Call 395-7881.

Senior Adult Services, Jewish Community Centre Eastern Canada tour, June 26-July 8, includes Quebec City, Charlottetown, Halifax and famous Tattoo, Cabot Trail, Bay of Fundy, Jewish history of St. John, N.B.; St. Andrews, Vermont; and special evening with one of the Van Trapp family and more. Deluxe hotels, 12 breakfasts, 7 dinners, gratuities, insurance, price $1,681, twin. Contact **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

Club Hadar meets Mondays and Thursdays, 1-4 p.m., Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2, for Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. **Viola Landman**, (905) 886-2625.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., is arranging a nine-day trip to the Catskills sometime in August at the Homowack Hotel. Also, a day cruise to Fenelon Falls, July 28. For information on all activities, **Lena**, 785-5773, or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Sunrise trip to Pines Hotel May 30-June 3 includes guided tour to New York, $495. **Esther**, 223-9165 or **Sonia**, (905) 889-9436.

Funtime Seniors has planned a seven-day trip to Cape Cod leaving June 12, plus these day trips: Buffalo, Thursday, May 19; Elmira and St. Jacobs, Thursday, May 26; *Lady Be Good*, Wednesday, June 1; *Music Man* and cruise, July 19. **Sylvia** 730-0503.

Young at Heart Seniors trip to the Pines Hotel, Aug. 5-14. If money exchange goes down, price the same as last year. Make your bus reservations now. **Doreen** or **Helen**, 635-6343.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

In celebration of Canada Health Day, the Centre presents Independence in the Year of the Family, a day-long exploration of independence and health, Thursday, May 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Program includes exhibits, speakers, clinics, demonstrations, Baycrest Physiotherapy's Walking Clinic. Co-sponsored by La'Briyut Wellness Centre and Social Services.

Lifelong Learning Institute, in partnership with North York Board of Education Continuing Education, presents Politics from a Sociological Perspective with **Harvey Rich**, political sociologist, University of Calgary, Tuesdays, 10 a.m., through to June 14. Registration necessary. For information, **Bookie Kwart**, 225-2112.

The movie, *Three Men and a Baby* will be shown Sunday, May 15, 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members $1.

The Wednesday afternoon social features the Intergenerational Choir from Rockford School and Bernard Betel Centre Choir, 1:30 p.m. Members $3, non-members $4.

Music Appreciation series, From Liszt to Debussy, Part II, with **Mildred Bennett** continues Wednesday, May 18, 1 p.m.

Readings of original works by the Creative Writers takes place Thursday, May 19, 1:30 p.m. Open to the community. No charge.

About People

DENTAL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Bramalea dentist **Dr. Rick Bossin** was recently installed as president of the Ontario Dental Association (ODA) for the next year. Elected to the ODA board of governors in 1986, Bossin has served on several ODA committees and was elected to the executive council in 1989. He has held executive positions in the Halton-Peel Dental Association including a term as president in 1985. Bossin is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario Faculty of Dentistry.

CALGARY CANTOR

Cantor Gary Zener, cantor of Calgary's Beth Tzedec Congregation, was recently elected to the Provincial Board of the Pastoral Care Association for the province of Alberta for a two-year term. A native Torontonian and son of **Ruth Zener**, he spent his formative years at Adath Israel Congregation under the tutelage of his mentor **Cantor Eliezer Kirshblum**. Graduating from York University with a BA in sociology, Cantor Zener went on to the Jewish Theological Seminary Cantors Institute where he won numerous awards, graduating in 1983.

While participating in meetings, seminars and workshops, Cantor Zener lends his talents to physical and spiritual healing. Having earned his Pastoral Care Training Certificate, he is involved throughout the province in educating and fostering a greater awareness of the need for others to become involved.

FOSTER PARENTS HONORED

At an evening honoring the Foster Parents of the Jewish Family & Child Service, foster child Diane spoke with affection about her life with the Kanevsky family, who have raised her since she was 12 (she is now 18) with warmth and compassion. Seen above are (from left) Michael and Etta Kanevsky; Howard Sandys, chair, Foster Care Recruitment Committee; Diane; Garry Foster, president, JF & CS. Among the speakers was Susan Jackson, director, Community Services and Youth Activities, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for Israel Defence Force soldiers took place on Yom Hazikaron at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, an annual event organized by members of Club Etrog. Seated (from left) Col. (Res.) Yaacov Erez, Mayor Mel Lastman, Cantor Chaim Weiner. Standing (from left) Shmuel Fish, president, Club Etrog; Ete Erez; Shlomo Peled, Israel consul.

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Organizations and People

Schindler's List author charms Toronto crowd

But delivers serious message

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The author of *Schindler's List* recently demonstrated superbly that besides being a good story teller he has a remarkable understanding of Jewish-Gentile tensions and of why Holocaust survivors have such a fear that the world will forget.

"You are a real mensch," is the way Jewish National Fund Toronto president Patricia Alpert described Thomas Keneally. The Australian author charmed a packed audience at the Pantages Theatre with his witty and insightful delivery.

Though not demeaning Oskar Schindler in any way, Keneally did say that if he knew then what he knows now about Schindler he would not have entered as "joyously" into writing the book.

Schindler's widow Emily is wrong in saying she was not consulted, he said. Conceding that Schindler's widow is "in a terrible situation because her husband deserted her in 1957," Keneally added, "I have extensive correspondence with her in which she answers questions posed by my lawyer after she said she was too ill for an interview. She didn't make any complaints until the film came out. At any rate, we're both speaking at a meeting in Florida next month and that should help clear the air.

"If the film did not have enough about her own heroic actions, it was the editing process, not through any malice on Steven Spielberg's part." The author recalled that Emily personally fed a woman with a special bland diet to keep her alive.

He believes Spielberg erred in the final scene of the film, where Schindler breaks down and cries because he could have saved many more Jews. "The survivors have told me that Schindler was at the limit of the number he could save and he knew it."

A jovial man with white hair and a goatee, Keneally nevertheless delivered a serious message, saying it is nonsense to blame the Hebron massacre on feelings inflamed by emphasis on the Holocaust, and warning both Jews and Gentiles not to "blinker" themselves into thinking that "Israel does not concern us because it is away off there some place."

Holocaust deniers can draw no comfort from the fact that *Schindler's List* is under the fiction category in libraries, Keneally said, because he has authentic documentation, including a 21-page tightly-written, single space report written by Schindler for the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), the contents of which were confirmed by survivors.

"As for Holocaust deniers they wouldn't believe it if it was confirmed by the Pope, the Chief Rabbi of Israel and Julia Roberts," he said.

To Keneally, Schindler was a "flawed man," who failed miserably in business after the war because it held no thrills from black marketing and chicanery as did his exploits with the Nazis. "He just wanted the fun, or as one survivor put it, 'He wanted his Mercedes and the Jews.' "

The Australian author is convinced that once Schindler learned about the extermination of Jews, he became a changed man and journeyed at great personal risk to Budapest, and perhaps to Istanbul, to let the JDC know what was happening. "Schindler never bought into the idea that the Jews were alien to Europe and should be got rid of."

The calumny heaped on Hollywood as a place run by Jews, "is a classical example of anti-Semitism," Keneally said. "If it is run by Jews why did it take 50 years for *Schindler's List* to be made, and why was it so timidly released?"

He said Spielberg's movie was the "kiss of life" for the book written in 1982, which was lagging in sales.

He spiced his talk with numerous anecdotes about Leopold Page (Poldeck) of Los Angeles, a Schindler survivor who first told him about the German's exploits.

"When we were in Poland, trying to get permission to film things, Poldeck would tell the Polish officials, 'You're just the type we need in the movie, you've got the right Slavic features, give us your name and address.' There are still many Poles waiting to be called for the movie."

The first time they met Spielberg, Poldeck took Keneally aside, muttering, "He grosses $2 million. Why is he wearing sneakers?" Keneally said Poldeck struck fear into Spielberg's heart by saying, "I was just talking to your mother." It was Poldeck's persistence which finally resulted in the film being made, and he is a real hero, the author said.

When a man in the audience said Poldeck wanted Keneally to be awarded the Nobel prize for literature, the author quickly replied, "Thanks, but I think my luck has run out."

A survivor who forged Schindler's documents so he could travel to Budapest is now a judge on the Israeli Supreme Court, Keneally said.

Though he once got a death threat by fax over his efforts to separate Australia from the monarchy, Keneally said he had little or no hate mail and no letter bombs after he wrote *Schindler's List*."I get the odd phone call where someone says, 'You and the Jews stink like dogs,' and hangs up, stuff like that."

Nathan Disenhouse and Stephen Karr, of the New Leadership Division, which sponsored Keneally's visit, were co-chairs.

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Metro Toronto Singles presents our annual Victoria Day Long Weekend Party at **Berlin,** 2335 Yonge St. (north of Eglinton) on Sunday **May 22nd at 8 p.m. Grand door prize a pair of tickets for the Eagles concert.** Traditionally our second largest party of the year! Accepting applications for our 3rd annual co-ed Softball League. Looking for male & female players. Registration takes place Sunday May 15th. Call 222-7111 for both events.

R.S.V.P (Relationships Seen Through Varied Perspectives) **Thursday May 19, 1994,** Jewish Community Centre North Y Branch 4588 Bathurst St. JCC New Leadership Divison in association with Aish Hatorah presents its **fourth** informative, round table discussion for singles 30-45. **Speaker Mitch Mandel.** Topic: **In Love or Infatuated! What Is The Difference?** Room 206 Doors open 7:30 p.m. Program 8:00 sharp. Refreshments served, $10 RSVP 631-5658. **First 50 people to RSVP receive a JCC health club pass.**

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BGU Associates completes its 'most successful year ever'

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Toronto chapter of Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU) marked its "most successful year ever," said chapter president Paul Jacobs at the organization's annual meeting held recently at the Primrose Club.

Its income of $1.245 million for the year ending Sept. 30, 1993, exceeded its budget of $1.125 million by almost 11 per cent, Jacobs noted. Accounts receivable indicating rising pledges totalled $3 million.

In the past six months, said Jacobs, the chapter has had an income of $680,000 with a budget of $468,000 representing a 45 per cent surplus of income over budget.

Paul Jacobs was re-elected as president of the Toronto chapter for a second year. Valerie Fine and Robert Goldberg were re-elected as vice-presidents; Nani Beutel and Carey Diamond were elected vice-presidents, and Ed Merkur and Henry Goldbach were elected treasurer and secretary respectively.

Past president Aly Larson presented certificates to new "founders" (donors of at least $25,000) including Dov and Ruth Gilad. Gerda Frieberg was presented with a gold pen in honor of having established a chair in agricultural water management.

Eliezer Oren

BGU professor Eliezer Oren, incumbent in the Canada Chair in Near Eastern Archaeology, spoke of his findings at the Tel Haror site over the past decade. The site, located in the Negev, dates back to biblical times, and is criss-crossed with military trenches from World War I, when it served as "one of the major Turkish-German defence points or part of a defence system meant to stop the British advancing from Egypt to Gaza."

Tel Haror "no doubt [was] the largest Canaanite and later Philistine Israelite city-state in southern Israel," said Oren. Known as the Land of Gerar project, the BGU excavation is "clearly one of the more exciting windows opening into the ancient civilization of the region."

The 140-acre site, encircled by a system of ramparts, "was a magnet of an area" settled by the tribe of Simeon to seek pasture for their flock, he said.

A particularly interesting find at Tel Haror consists of the remnants of a thick-walled Canaanite temple. It still contains narrow benches (on which to place offerings) and an altar.

"We know so little about the Canaanite culture," said Oren, adding the Israelites were warned against practising Canaanite religions.

The temple also housed repositories filled with animal bones, mainly puppies, from sacrifices. The animals were not eaten, because there were no cut-marks on the bones, and dogs were a symbol of healing in Mesapotamia. No human sacrifices were found.

Snake symbols and donkey skulls were also unearthed, along with a horse bit. "In the ancient Near East, one of the unsolved questions is, 'At what stage was the horse introduced as a practical beast of burden'?" Oren said. He said the Middle Bronze Age bit dates from a transitional time, when donkeys were still being used as beasts of burden and horses had just begun playing that role.

Bais Yaakov Elementary School celebrates its 25th anniversary

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —Banks of flowers surrounded with greenery and decorated watering cans highlighted the theme of the 25th anniversary dinner of Bais Yaakov Elementary School.

Just as a seed, when nurtured, becomes a flower, so too, it was explained, a tiny school of only 30 young girls has grown into an institution with some 500 students on two campuses.

The dinner, held at Beth Avraham Yoseph congregation in Thornhill, paid tribute to three founding families, Samuel and Renee Reichmann, Max and Sally Walerstein and Jack and Anne Weinbaum, as well as the late Yisroel Simon, one of the original parents, who was for many years active on the board of directors and the tuition and finance committees.

Master of ceremonies Shaya Weiss, whose wife was in the first class, noted that the motto of the school is "when you educate a girl, you educate a family."

Bais Yaakov graduates, he said, will create homes filled with Torah, tzedakah (charity) and loving kindness, where parents learning with their children is part of regular family life.

Dayan Chanoch Ehrentreu, head of the London, England Beth Din and rosh kollel of Kollel Bais Yisroel and spiritual leader of Bais Medrash Bais Yisroel in Hendon, was the keynote speaker.

He praised the honorees as people having a vision for the community, who are willing to put in the effort to turn their dreams into reality.

He said people don't always realize what they are doing will have an important impact on the future.

Genuine permanence "does not exist in the the physical world. Eternity is in the realm of the spiritual — and Torah is the spiritual world."

When the Reichmanns, Walersteins and Weinbaums helped found Bais Yaakov, a school based on Torah values, he said, "they were creating eternity."

Simon was praised by Philip Weitz, also a volunteer worker for the school, as a modest, gentle and committed man, who recognized that his success came from G-d. His son, Rabbi Yosef Zalman Simon, who accepted the commemorative plaque on behalf of his family, said when he and his siblings would sit down in the evening to do homework, his father sat down with his — which was work for Bais Yaakov.

Meyer Weinstock praised the Reichmanns as "pioneers of Jewish philanthropy in Toronto and around the world."

Grandson Shmuel Reichmann accepted a plaque on behalf of the Reichmann family.

Rabbi Yaakov Felder, spiritual leader of Shomrai Shabbes Congregation, the synagogue of the Weinbaum and Walerstein families, praised them as examples of "ahavas chesed — charity, love and kindness.

"They are soldiers, generals, in the army [of righteousness], who understand that we must extend ourselves to enable our young children to be educated in an atmosphere conducive to Torah and Yiddishkeit."

Besides the plaques presented to Max Walerstein and Jack Weinbaum, bouquets of flowers were presented to Sally Walerstein and Anne Weinbaum by school principals Millicent Drebin and Magda Simon.

Allen Weinbaum thanked the school on behalf of both families.

Cantorial selections were presented by Chazaan Chaim Weiner, cantor of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation.

Irv Ungerman to be honored

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Longtime boxing promoter and philanthropist Irving Ungerman has been chosen as honoree for the 43rd annual Humanitarian Award Dinner of the Beth Sholom Synagogue Brotherhood.

Ungerman joins an impressive list of past award recipients which includes figures such as last year's winner, Ed Mirvish, and John Turner, Monty Hall, Maxwell Cohen, Tommy Douglas and Lincoln Alexander.

"Ungerman has a record that speaks for itself," said Norm Talsky, president of the synagogue. "We felt he is a mover not just in the Jewish community but in the non-Jewish community and he's a worthwhile recipient."

Perhaps best known as a boxing promoter and as manager for former Canadian heavyweight champion George Chuvalo, Ungerman has also been a longtime supporter of the Maccabi sports movement. The Reena Foundation Sports Complex is named in his honor as is a Maccabi resource centre at the North branch of the Jewish Community Centre (JCC).

Ungerman was the first inductee into the Canadian Boxing Hall of Fame in 1973, and earlier this year he became the first Canadian named to the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame in Israel. In 1990 he was named JCC sportsman of the year.

Ungerman's community activities include board positions with the Mount Sinai Hospital and the Shaare Zedek Hospital in Israel. He also devotes time to promote the Variety Village and serves as director of the Santa Claus Parade; in 1984 he received the North York Humanitarian Award.

This year's dinner is scheduled for Tuesday June 7.

With 550 guests expected this year, the brotherhood hopes to raise a substantial sum which will be donated to a charity yet to be named, Talsky said.

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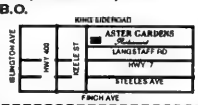

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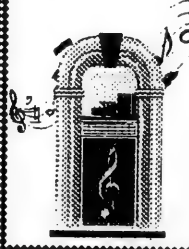

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Serge Koussevitzsky's Music Shed at Tanglewood

Tanglewood charms music lovers

By GERRY MORRIS
Special to The CJN

LENOX, Mass. — Boasting the presence of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Tanglewood has remained one of the pre-eminent American summer music festivals for over 50 years, surpassing the Philadelphia Orchestra in Saratoga, N.Y., and the Blossom Concerts by the Cleveland Orchestra in Ohio.

The Tanglewood region — just 90 miles from Albany, N.Y. — offers charm, grace, tradition and above all magnificent music amidst the serene beauty of the Berkshire Hills.

Each summer, 350,000 listeners flock to the 5,000-seat Serge Koussevitzky Music Shed to hear symphonic and chamber offerings by one of the world's great orchestras. Many also come for picnics on the 500-acre manicured lawn.

This season's highlight will be the July 7 opening of the $10-million Chamber Concert Hall, with seating for 1,200. It is the first new facility at Tanglewood in over 50 years.

The Boston Symphony, under music director Seiji Ozawa, will welcome Leon Fisher, Yo-Yo Ma, Jessye Norman, Peter Serkin and the Juilliard String Quartet, John Williams and the Boston Pops, the Tanglewood Music Centre Orchestra and the Tanglewood Festival Chorus.

Other outstanding soloists during the seven-week season are Emmanuel Ax, Joshua Bell, Alicia de Larrocha, Itzhak Perlman, Andre Watts and Midori. On the roster of distinguished Tanglewood conductors are Andre Previn and Leonard Slatkin.

In this culturally rich area balletomanes can attend the dance festival at Jacob's Pillow. The nearby Williamstown Theatre and the Berkshire Playhouse in Stockbridge are amongst the most distinguished summer theatres in the country.

For a Tanglewood brochure with complete programs and information on how to order tickets write: Tanglewood Brochure, Symphony Hall, Boston, Mass. 02115, or call (617) 266-1492. For information concerning accommodation call Lenox Chamber of Commerce (413) 637-3646. Bring your sweaters — it can get quite chilly at night.

Guide book offers the basics

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

For more than half a century now, the *Jewish Travel Guide* has accompanied Jewish travellers around the world.

Though it was never a comprehensive compendium, it could be relied upon for the basics — addresses, phone numbers, and the like.

As a rule, you did not consult the *Jewish Travel Guide* to gain an understanding of the historical underpinnings of this or that Jewish community. You perused it to find the address, and perhaps the telephone number, of a synagogue, a hotel, a kosher restaurant, an organization or a club. The *Jewish Travel Guide* had no pretentions to greatness.

The 1994 edition, edited by Stephen Massil, is much the same. It has been enlarged, with slightly more background information. But essentially, it remains what is has always been — a simple nuts-and-bolts directory.

Being a British publication, the *Jewish Travel Guide* leads off with Britain, followed by Israel and the United States. You'll have to plough through 211 pages, or more than half the book, before you reach other countries, ranging from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe.

The section on Canada is 14 pages long and is, as expected, relatively skimpy. Even by its own modest standards, the chapter on former Soviet republics is threadbare, and therefore, badly in need of revision. Hungary, with the largest Jewish community in the former East bloc, is dismissed, in about one page. Argentina, whose community is not much bigger, receives proportionately better treatment.

Published by Valentine, Mitchell & Co., the *Jewish Travel Guide* is distributed in North America by Sepher-Hermon Press, 1265 46th Street, Brooklyn. It retails for $11.95 (US).

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There is no shortage of guides about Israel, but Lonely Planet's version, *Israel: a travel survival kit* (Raincoast Books, $21.95), stands out as one of the finest.

Neil Tilbury's guide doesn't miss a beat. He delves into Israel's history, geography and economy. He describes its cultural, religious and political dimensions.

TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

Extraordinary Collection of Judaica: In the early years of this century, U.S. Judge Mayer Sulzberger donated 26 objects of Judaica to the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and suggested the formation of a museum. The result is Manhattan's Jewish Museum, which marks its 90th anniversary this year. Situated at Fifth Avenue and 92nd Street, the Jewish Museum is the showplace for the world's largest collection of Judaica, with more than 27,000 paintings, sculptures, photographs, antiquities, coins and other objects.

The museum is housed in the Warburg mansion, a landmark building styled as a French Renaissance gothic chateau. It has just emerged from a major renovation that has doubled its gallery space. "Now we have room for our new permanent exhibition on the Jewish experience on the fourth and third floors, and also two other floors for changing exhibitions," says publicity director Anne Scher.

Highlighting 4,000 years of Jewish history, the permanent exhibition traces the journey of the Jewish people from Biblical times to the present. Entitled Culture and Continuity: the Jewish Journey, its four sections (Forging an Identity, Interpreting a Tradition, Confronting Modernity, Realizing a Future) are spread over 17 galleries. Unique and irreplaceable artifacts include a Torah ark from the Urbino Synagogue dating from 1551, and items from 10 crates of communal property from Danzig, sold to raise funds for emigration in 1939. Also on view are a one-third scale replica of the Western Wall, treasures from ancient synagogues, textiles, paintings, ceremonial objects and interactive computer and audio-visual exhibits.

"We're living in a time when Jewish people feel very comfortable with claiming their identity as Jews, yet there are fewer and fewer people both Jewish and not who are knowledgeable about what it means to be a Jew," says museum director Joan Rosenbaum. "This is what the permanent exhibit is meant to address. It answers the question, 'Why have Jews lasted so long?' "

Beyond its display space, the Jewish Museum features the innovative and kosher Cafe Weissman, educational facilities funded by Edgar Bronfman, and a museum shop with a wide selection of wares. The museum is open Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., and Tuesday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Adult admission is $6, except Tuesday after 5 p.m., when a pay- what-you-wish policy is in effect.

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Tenement Museum

Tenement Museum: A tenement building at 97 Orchard St. on New York's Lower East Side, whose upper floors were vacated and closed off around 1930, may be the only surviving example of a unretouched 19th-century tenement house. Built in 1863, its floors and dark hallways resonate with ghosts and history. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the building enshrines many typical apartment dwellings of New York's "urban pioneers" of many backgrounds: Jewish, Italian, Dutch, African, Portuguese, Chinese.

Since 1988, the building has been home to the Lower East Side Tenement Museum. Last summer, the museum's urban archeologists found more than 1,500 objects under floorboards, on cabinet shelves, between cracks and crevices and in the backyard dirt outside the six-story building. Many of these objects are on view, as is a scale model of 97 Orchard St., showing cutaways of apartments with actual families that once lived here.

Museum tours, walking tours of the Lower East Side, and various exhibits and programs are offered. For a brochure or further information, write 66 Allen St., New York City 10002. Telephone 212-431-0233, fax 212-431-0402.

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For The Jewish Armchair Traveller: Many North American Jews yearn to learn more about their ancestors and of the shtetlach where they lived two, three, four and more generations ago. Numerous travel agents and book publishers now cater to this strong demand for Jewish heritage travel. But one must generally step aboard a jumbo jet before walking in the footsteps of those who went before. For those on a modest budget, library books are far more accessible.

More than 800 yizkor (remembrance) books have been published that detail the colorful histories of nearly as many Jewish communities across Eastern Europe, most of which were destroyed half a century ago. The best source for yizkor books in Canada is Toronto's Robarts Library, with close to 500 titles on its shelves. Knowledge of Hebrew or Yiddish is usually required. (For a sampling of yizkor books in translation, see *From A Ruined Garden: The Memorial Books of Polish Jewry*, edited and translated by Jack Kugelmass and Jonathan Boyarin.)

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada, which has published a comprehensive list of yizkor books found in Canadian libraries, recently made a donation to Robarts which allowed for the acquisition of 15 more titles. The books refer to these towns and areas: Antopol, Bialobrzegi, Brzesko, Dusetos, Gorlice, Krasnobrod, Lodz, Ludwipol, Stoczek Wegrowski, Szczucyn, Wasiliszki, Wislica, Wolbrom, Yurburg and Zdunskah Wola.

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He tries to reach agreements through negotiation, and sees his job as "keeping people out of the courts". Rather than help one party win while the other loses, he tries to put his client in a "win-win situation" where both gain. He quotes Mahatma Gandhi, who was himself a lawyer:

"I had learned . . . to find the better side of human nature, and to enter men's hearts. I realized that the true function of a lawyer was to unite parties driven asunder."

Freesman, after over 15 years' thinking about how to implement this ideal, quotes Abba Eban's maxim that "each party can accept a compromise from a third party that it could never accept from its adversary or initiate itself." Successful negotiation requires a party who is not emotionally involved with the others.

In adversarial bargaining, parties try to one-up one another. They are afraid to lose face by giving ground easily; also, they come to enjoy the fight itself, and actually want it to continue. Rather than resolve conflicts, this system may exacerbate them.

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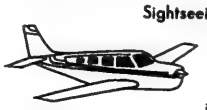

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Ronnie Richman, Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation's special projects co-ordinator, says it's important women are aware there is an up side to breast cancer that is often not discussed.

Ronnie Richman is flanked by Renée Wolfe (left) and Sharon Grossman.

Hampson keynote speaker

"There are a lot of survivors out there. We try to have a survivor at every education event because people can relate better if they see someone who admits to having had breast cancer," Richman says.

Sharon Grossman, co-chair with Renée Wolfe of Hadassah-WIZO's symposium committee, announces the keynote speaker is breast cancer survivor Sharon Hampson of Sharon, Lois and Bram.

Medical panelists are radiation oncologist Dr. Roy M. Clark, reconstruction surgeon Dr. John L. Semple and research dietitian Mary Cousins. A breast cancer screening booth and information pamphlets will be available in the lobby.

Wolfe notes that "the purpose of this symposium is not to raise funds but to educate women about an important issue that touches us all. Our sponsor, Pharma Plus, shares our commitment. We welcome its support and generosity."

Richman says the partnership with Toronto Hadassah-WIZO "is a fabulous opportunity for our national foundation.

Enhances relationship

"We hope to do these events across Canada. It's a way of reaching women in cities where we don't have chapters."

Grossman says, "Sponsorship of an awareness night that is completely open to the public enhances our relationship with the community by giving women the opportunity to be better informed about this disease. It's just an extention of our educational programming."

For more information or tickets, call the Toronto Hadassah-WIZO office at (416) 789-4373.

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Pssst! There's a special shop on Bathurst Street that has a sure cure for growing pains. Step inside its doors, and your children's growing pains will begin to ease noticeably. Have them slip into that special bat mitzvah dress or bar mitzvah suit, and the pains will vanish completely.

The shop, ironically named **Growing Pains**, has been performing this type of sartorial magic (in sizes 0-20) for eight years. Under the watchful eye of owners J.D. Leiner and Myriam Reichman, the shop has sailed through its own "childhood" relatively pain-free by satisfying its customers with a fabulous selection of outfits from dressy to casual. Its mainstay is special occasion wear for the high holidays, bar/bat mitzvahs, and other special events.

J.D. and Myriam travel twice yearly to France, Italy, and Belgium to buy for the shop, and import many lines directly and exclusively. You won't find ten of this and twenty of that; what you **will** find is a marvellous cross-section of enticing pieces. If you're looking for a special outfit, it's sure to be here.

Unusual service

Growing Pains also carries a number of high-quality domestic lines that are slightly easier on the budget without sacrificing style. J.D. and Myriam also provide an unusual "service" that many shops don't: if you've purchased an outfit from them, they'll do their **best not to sell** the same outfit to someone else whose child might be attending the same party or shul. "We've gotten to know our customers pretty well", says Myriam, "so we try to avoid embarrassing situations wherever possible. Sometimes the best sales are the ones we **don't** make".

Spring spectacular

Obviously, they make enough sales to keep a legion of parents *kvelling* over their well-dressed children. Spring is no exception, with a wide range of offerings guaranteed to make your child as presentable or compelling as the occasion dictates. The natural look is strong, with plenty of earth tones in linens and silks. Navy and white are ongoing favourites, and a number of lovely floral prints are also in evidence.

Dress shirts and dressy blouses are a speciality, and are available in several styles and sizes to ensure a proper fit. A selection of outerwear will help combat the April showers that overstay their leave well into May and beyond.

On May 12 and 13, the store is holding a special pre-Shavuot "three-for-two" sale: buy two items and get a third item free (details below).

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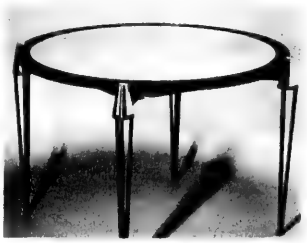
With its origins in Italy and a 15-year history in the U.S. (New York, L.A., Philadelphia and Dallas), Palazzetti is well-known throughout the design world for its original pieces and reproductions of modern classics. Since opening its new showroom in the Taps building at 1020 Lawrence Avenue West, Palazzetti has attracted a large number of "destination" shoppers seeking not so much to furnish an entire home (though co-owner Fabia Sadoch can and does accommodate such requests) as to find that one elusive piece that will finish off a room in style.

The round "Baloo" table by Daniel Aberg (1992, pictured opposite) features a tan-coloured top of bird's-eye maple with rosewood perimeter trim and triad steel rod legs. The table can be custom-made in many shapes and sizes.

An inviting sofa with soft flowing lines, warmly finished in rust ultrasuede (Jean Michel Frank, 1930) is available as a two- or three-seater, with or without a matching armchair. As with many Palazzetti pieces, finishes can be custom ordered to suit your taste.

Handcrafted designer area rugs are a highlight. Recipient of the prestigious Roscoe Award for creative product design, Eileen Gray's *Marine d'abord* recreates a seascape, while Vantongerloo's *Stijl* is reminiscent of Mondrian, with whom he helped found the "de Stijl" school. These are pieces to look up to (wall-mounted) or down to (underfoot) with equal reverence. In fact, says Sadoch, area rugs are now considered so important to a home's overall decor that the rug is often the first piece chosen, with the remaining pieces selected accordingly.



Other area rugs by Gray, Josef Hoffman and Ferdinand Léger are available in the Art Deco collection. Palazzetti also distributes the Avant-Garde Russia and Massimo Iosa-Ghini collections.

Interesting accent pieces abound, from Silvio Russo's "Palle" tables with their three-dimensional inlays to the enigmatic Fornasetti ceramic dinner plates that are an affordable collector's item.

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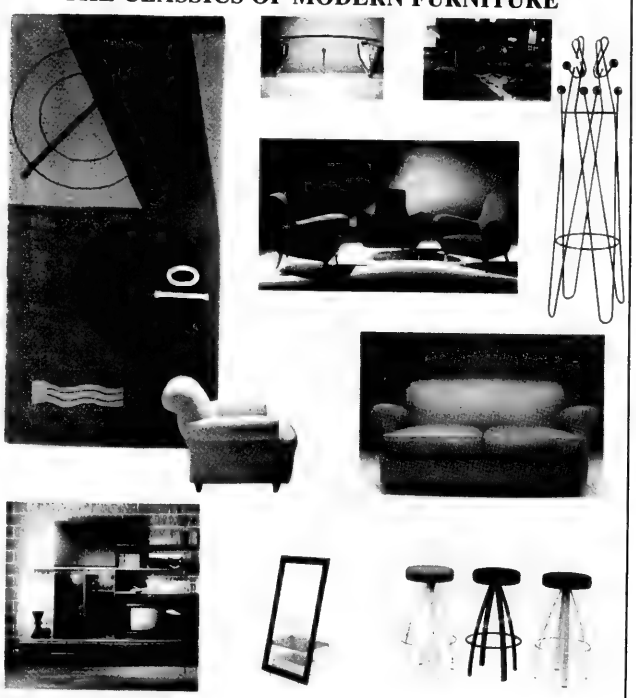

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Even for pre-schoolers who are not from disadvantaged families, day care is a vital need. Almost all young families in Israel have mortgages. Parents must often choose — to live in below-standard living quarters or to neglect their children while they both work. It would be better if they had the choice of sending the children into the loving arms of Na'amat.

So for those working parents, form immigrants and for the disadvantaged who cannot afford the full cost of child care, there must be subsidies. It is the aim of Na'amat Canada's present Adopt-A-Child campaign to raise funds to provide as many children as possible with Na'amat's day care — for the sake of Israel's future.

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The offer is part of Unique's ongoing commitment to provide (as stated on their business card) "Creative Quality Clothing for Men and Women at Unique Prices". "We stand behind our products, our quality and our prices," says Derek Rea. "When we advertise something, we mean business; we're not just paying lip service. There are a lot of so-called 'fashion outlet' stores out there advertising low prices, and when consumers check them out they're usually disappointed with both the quality **and** the prices. At Unique we give them high quality and affordable prices, plus personal service by knowledgeable salespeople."

Tanks & "Ts" $5 & $6

Unique has an in-store Levi's boutique that offers a full range of Levi's merchandise for men and women at **Unique** prices.

For spring/summer, **Unique** is offering an expanded collection of ladies' casual wear, with everything from basic blouses to tights and shorts. Body suits are flying out the door at $9.98 (reg. $25-30), as are chambray wrap skirts, also priced at $9.98. Assorted tops start at $3.98.

Guys can "leg it out" with Point Zero bermuda shorts in assorted colours at $16.98, and "top it off" with a selection of Mexx tops, polos, and "T"s, now 25% off suggested retail.

Of course, the most **UNIQUE** value for both men and women is still the **UNIQUE** 100% cotton tanks and "T"s at $5 and $6 respectively in a rainbow of fashion colours. You really have to see and wear them to appreciate just how **UNIQUE** this fashion value really is.

Sidewalk sale event

On Saturday May 21 and Sunday May 22, Unique will hold its annual **SIDEWALK SALE EVENT**, with free soft drinks and snacks and, oh yes, prices up to 80% off suggested retail. It's an opportunity to " 'Picnic' with the whole family and 'Feast' on some **UNIQUE** values", says Rea. (With lines like that you could give up your day job, Derek – but you probably shouldn't).

Not satisfied with offering **unique** prices, Rea keeps the store **looking** unique; on each visit, in fact, the decor is a little bit different. Rea has an artist update it "almost daily" to reflect current trends. With the latest music playing in the background, "it's easier to dress up-to-the-minute when you **feel** up-to-the-minute," he says.

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The buck really does stop at Buckstop/Shop-rite stores

Success in business is easy, says Sidney Lugassy, co-owner (with his partner Jonathan Baena) of the new Buckstop/Shop-rite superstore in Lawrence Plaza. Just stock a store with the everyday items people use most – food, clothing, housewares, personal care products, etc. – and then price them so low that "my hand starts to shake when I write the price", says Lugassy. "If my hand doesn't shake and my palms don't sweat, then I know the price is too high."

A typical day sees Lugassy haggling with as many as thirty suppliers over deals. "It isn't pretty," he says, "but the prices sure look beautiful to our customers."

Some of the deals at Buckstop are, indeed, mind-boggling. Many items at $1 or $2 compare favourably with those sold elsewhere for three to five times as much. Hardware, luggage, school supplies, party supplies, food items – everything is marked down to the lowest possible price. This is one store where the term "low prices" really **means** something.

Seniors days

Those low prices get even lower for seniors on Tuesdays, when they are entitled to 10% off on everything except food, sale & promotional items.

Buckstop/Shop-rite is part of a growing chain that will soon open a store in Thornhill.

Monthly draws for some substantial prizes are now under way and will continue to June 30 (details below).

Ready for camp

Buckstop is well-stocked for the camp season, with a full range of merchandise that Lugassy guarantees to be as low or lower than anywhere else.

If it's kosher food you're after, Buckstop will save you huge sums on staples, as many shoppers discovered during Passover when Buckstop's prices on oil, matzoh and other items clearly undercut those of their competitors.

One trip to Buckstop will give you a good idea of the range of items sold, but the stock is constantly being updated with each new deal purchased by Lugassy. Since some of this merchandise sells out within a few days of hitting the shelves, the only way to cash in on every deal is to visit the store regularly. Many do, and Lugassy isn't complaining.

"At most stores, you may drop in to see what's on sale," he says. "At Buckstop, you drop in to see what's **at regular price**, because our regular prices are always rock-bottom."

And, though the store is large, Lugassy and his staff believe in serving you personally, and helping you find what you need. If they don't have it, "tell us and we'll get it," he says, "at the lowest possible price."

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Arts

Photos a testament to Holocaust survivors

By JACK KOHANE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Writer Elie Wiesel was moved when he saw the people in the photographs.

The 65 black-and-white pictures were portraits of Holocaust survivors from around the world, taken by 23-year-old Toronto documentary photographer Jason Schwartz.

Schwartz showed the photo collection, called *Testament*, to Wiesel in the author's New York apartment last March 23. They met through American photographer Arnold Newman.

Wiesel put his hand gently on Schwartz's shoulder. "A most worthwhile mission," he said.

Schwartz graduated from York University with a degree in fine arts in 1992. Since then he has been busy conducting group and individual photographic shows around Toronto. He also paints because he says it enhances his creative vision.

Testament began more than two years ago as a picture of his great-uncle, Henry Eisenman, a survivor of Auschwitz-Birkenau and other camps. The print struck such a deep chord within him that Schwartz went off to Israel and Europe to photograph other survivors.

"The product must trigger an emotional response in the audience. Without that spark the picture is lifeless," he said.

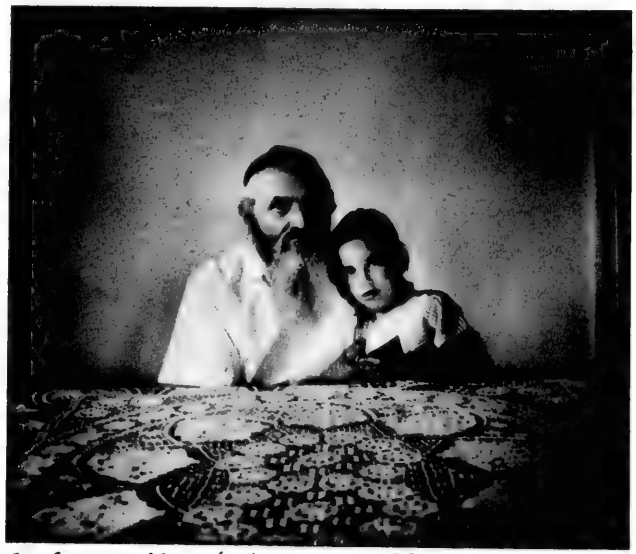
Overseas, Schwartz worked through local contacts he established in each country to locate survivors and ask them to become part of his expanding photo essay.

He also wanted their words to accompany their images. But Schwartz said it was difficult to get survivors to articulate the effects of the Holocaust on their lives. Few could readily encapsulate their memories of those years into a few sentences.

Among the survivors he met was Nikolaus Lehner, a former Dachau inmate who now lives five minutes from the camp's main gates. Lehner told Schwartz that after liberation he had nowhere else to go and decided to pick up the pieces of his shattered life in Dachau. His contribution to *Testament* was: "Indifference is the most tragic attribute to human suffering."

Schwartz undertook *Testament* to learn more about the Holocaust. "Most of what I knew of the Holocaust came from what I had heard from others, and sounded cliched. What the media gave us trivialized the enormity of the crimes committed against Jews. It made the events seem too remote, too unreal." He now feels he has been changed spiritually and intellectually.

For the past 24 months, Schwartz has catalogued, captioned and dedicated the photographs. He plans to publish the essay in book form later this year, then return to Israel to document the faces and fears of Israeli border soldiers.



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Beat poet's ardor undimmed by time

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

It seems incredible that Allen Ginsberg, the poet laureate of the Beat Generation and the guru of American counterculture, is nearing the age of 70.

Time has certainly aged Ginsberg, but it has not dimmed his ardor as a literary, social and political icon.

This is the picture that Jerry Aronson draws in his intellectually stimulating documentary, *The Life and Times of Allen Ginsberg*, which is scheduled to open on May 13 at the Metropolitan Cinema.

The film is an amalgam of file footage, stills and interviews with personalities who've been touched by Ginsberg, people like Norman Mailer, Joan Baez, Abbie Hoffman and Timothy Leary, all of whom obviously respect him.

Aronson has done well by his subject. *The Life and Times of Allen Ginsberg* is an admiring and admirable profile of a luminous, though controversial, poet.

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Mystic Quest by David S. Ariel, Jason Aronson

Mysticism is religion at its most intense. It attempts to establish personal and intimate communion between the worshipper and God. The mystic cries out "Show me your glory." Often this quest for insight and meaning is accompanied by fasting, contemplation, special prayers, the study of occult knowledge and secret doctrines, songs and dances, and ecstatic exultation.

To those in the Jewish tradition who looked to rationalism and reasonableness as the best means of understanding God, the way of the mystic seemed childish and even superstitious.

Mystery of creation

The word Kabbalah means "doctrine received by tradition" and connotes the mystical aspect of Judaism. It goes back to pre-Common Era speculation about such obscure biblical teachings and traditions as the meaning of the seven branched menorah, the divination stones on the breastplate of the high priest, the prophetic visions of Ezekiel, the nature of angels, the various names for God, the taking up of Elijah to heaven, etc.

An early notable work in the field of Kabbalah was the Sefer Yetzira, the Book of Creation. It concerned itself with the mystery of the creation of the world and a symbolic system of numbers and letters. It introduced for the first time the doctrine of sephiroth, the 10 heavenly spheres, which became a basic enduring concept of Kabbalah.

Sometime in the 13th century, Spanish mystic Moses de Leon compiled the major work of Kabbalah, the Zohar. This is a mystical commentary in Aramaic, on the Five Books of Moses as well as an encyclopedia of occult lore. It contains treatises on astronomy, angels and demons, the mystic science of numbers, the seven palaces of heaven, a journey through Paradise, the 613 Commandments of the Torah, and adds an analysis of the Shema prayer. Further, it gives numerical values to the Hebrew letters in various Scriptural words.

Through the ages, Kabbalah spread from country to country and took many forms. Some medieval scholars tried to reconcile its teachings with the philosophical and scientific concepts of the age. In some places it became entirely practical, seeking to change the nature of events in a magical fashion, devoid of emotional and poetic content.

Chassidic influence

In the 16th century, in Safed, Palestine, Isaac Luria, known as the Ari, or the Lion, gathered a group of mystics together under his leadership and inspiration. His teachings included reincarnation and zimzum, the notion that God found it necessary in the act of creation to so contract Himself so an empty space was left through which it was possible for the world to unfold.

Chassidim, which appeared at the beginning of the 18th century in Poland, adopted many mystical practices in its protest against the rigid formalism of the prevailing Judaism.

The Mystic Quest provides a lucid explanation of the major ideas and concepts of Jewish mystical thought for the general reader. Among concepts discussed are theories about the hidden and revealed God, the feminine aspects of divinity, concepts of soul and human destiny, the Chassidic influence and the role of mysticism in contemporary Judaism.

The author, an authority on the subject, is president of the Cleveland College of Jewish studies. This work is a welcome addition to a growing library on a subject of many-sided fascination.

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Avron's dream comes true with staging of Romanian play

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When he was a boy of nine in 1937, Chaim Avron, one of Toronto's theatre notables, saw Romania's most famous theatrical couple, Lenny Caler and George Vraca, in the romantic comedy *A Winter Night's Dream*.

"I dreamed of the time that I would be able to produce that play myself," he told *The CJN*.

That dream has come true. Avron's English-language staging of the play by leading Romanian playwright Tudor Musatescu is at Fairview Theatre Library May 24 to 29.

To make the occasion complete, Valerie Eugen Pop, Romania's ambassador to Canada, will come from Ottawa to attend the opening May 24 along with Vasile Jirjca, the consul general in Toronto.

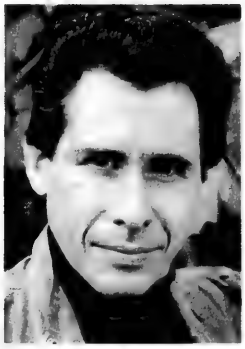
Avron inherited his love of theatre from his grandmother, Esther Vineberg, who used to pick him up from the Bucharest theatre where he was a young choir member in *Carmen*.

Avron thinks it's a good omen that Hillary Goldhar of Toronto is playing the female lead in *A Winter Night's Dream* because she was the 17th performer he auditioned for the role and the Hebrew word for 17 is Tov, or good. Morris Jacobs of Toronto is the male lead in the play which takes place on a New Year's eve. It is the North American premiere for this comedy which has been staged all over Europe in many languages.

"I have done five rewrites of the play in making its adaptation into English," Avron said.

A Winter Night's Dream brings back happy memories of Bucharest to Avron who said it is set in a time when Jews lived peacefully in Romania. "It is a story of day-to-day events in the lives of ordinary people and should appeal to everybody," he said.

Hillary Goldhar



Morris Jacobs

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Theatre launches fund

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The Winnipeg Jewish Theatre has established a new fund in memory of Earl Klein, an Edmonton Jewish actor who died suddenly April 5, one week before the WJT's April 16 opening performance of *The Diary of Anne Frank* in which Klein was cast as Otto Frank, Anne's father.

Klein, who was only 38 and in seemingly good health, was stricken by an aneurism. He died in Winnipeg.

According to Kayla Gordon, the WJTs artistic director, he fell ill Monday evening and was rushed to hospital. He slipped into a coma during the night and passed away the next day with his family at his side.

A graduate of Studio 58 Theatre School in Vancouver, Klein had been an actor, director, writer and teacher in western Canada for nearly two decades. Until last summer, he had served as artistic director of Edmonton's Nexus Theatre. Last year, he appeared in the WJT presentation of *Crossing Delancey* as Sam the Pickle Man.

"His death was a tragedy for all of us," Gordon said. "Working with him, we all came to love him. We have had calls from across Canada."

Vancouver actor Ron Halder, who played the role in a Vancouver production in February, will play Otto Frank.

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Domb Records Bach Cello Suites: Adjunct-professor at the University of Toronto and principal cellist of the Toronto Symphony since 1974, cellist Daniel Domb has become the first Canadian to record Bach's six cello suites, an accomplishment that puts him in the company of a select few musicians.

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Tortelier was so impressed with Domb that he insisted the boy move to Paris and stay at his house to continue his cello studies. After a few years in Paris, the family came to New York, and received a surprise phone call from Leonard Bernstein inviting Domb to perform on television with the New York Philharmonic. He has since given recitals at Carnegie Hall, New York Town Hall, Wigmore Hall and the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam.

"The cello is the instrument closest to the human voice," Domb says, "and thus the most expressive. I feel that through the cello I can communicate the most intense emotions and feelings of music and of the human spirit."

Domb's recordings of Bach's six cello suites are on two CDs released on the Fanfare Mastersound label.

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A Star is Born?: Congratulations to 19-year-old Toronto actress Jennafer Tikka Sherman who was recently cast in a leading role in *It's Alive*, a new weekly series that premieres on the YTV network May 14. Sherman's training has included stints at the Leah Poslun's Theatre School and the JCC School of Dance.

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Yiddish at Metro Hall: Allan Merovitz, lead vocalist of the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band and a gifted actor, playwright and storyteller, performs Hartzedike-Lider ("Heartsongs") in the Rotunda of Metro Hall, 55 John St., Toronto, May 17 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. You don't have to be Jewish to enjoy Merovitz's melange of well-loved Yiddish songs with original stories of Jewish Canadians, but it helps. He appears as part of Mayworks 1994, the ninth annual Festival of Working People and the Arts.

Also presented as part of Mayworks 1994 is Common Enemies, Common Struggles, a set of photographs by Toronto photographer Hamid Sodeifi, also known as Left Eye. The theme is Sodeifi's experiences with racism and unemployment since arriving as a refugee from the Middle East seven years ago. CAW Local 40 Hall, 527 College St., May 12 to 20. Call before viewing, (416) 972-7662.

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Tribute to Broadway: Michael Burgess, the acclaimed Canadian star of *Les Miserables* and *Man of La Mancha*, pays musical tribute to brilliant composers and lyricists of the Great White Way — including Jerome Kern, Richard Rodgers, Lorenz Hart, Oscar Hammerstein II, George and Ira Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Lerner and Loewe, Stephen Sondheim and Andrew Lloyd Webber — at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St., Toronto, on May 25, 8 p.m.

Burgess on Broadway at Beth Tzedec, as the evening is being billed, also features singer and cabaret diva Beth Anne Cole, who is certain to please with songs made famous by Fanny Brice in the Ziegfeld Follies, popular numbers from the Yiddish Theatre as well as classic and modern Broadway hits.

Tickets are $35 for adults, $25 for seniors and students. For reservations or further information, phone (416) 781-3511. Fax (416) 781-0150.

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Living Alone: Corinne Copnick has written and produced a play, a book and a cassette of original material, all with minimal outside funding. *How to Live Alone Until You Like It ... And Then You Are Ready for Somebody Else!* — as the show is called — runs May 17 to 29 at the North York Performing Arts Centre, Studio Theatre, 5040 Yonge St., North York. It stars (who else?) Corinne Copnick, Gloria Valentine and Murray Ellis, and contains 10 tunes co-written by Nathan Samuel Rosen. According to a press release, the play looks back with laughter at difficult situations of the greedy eighties, and examines the issue of survival in the nineties. Produced by La Magie de L'Art Inc. in association with Jewish Artists Scholarship Society (JASS). For tickets, call Ticketmaster (416) 872-2222.

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Watercolors Juried Show: The 225-member Toronto Watercolour Society is holding its annual juried show at the North York YMCA, 567 Sheppard Ave. E., May 15 to 29. Weekdays 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., weekends 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Opening ceremonies, May 15, 2 p.m.

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More Watercolors: Choice watercolors by artist Eleanor Besin are featured at Gallery 306, at 80 Spadina Ave., Toronto in a show that runs May 17 to 28. Opening is May 18, 5 to 8 p.m. For further information, phone (416) 449-9543.

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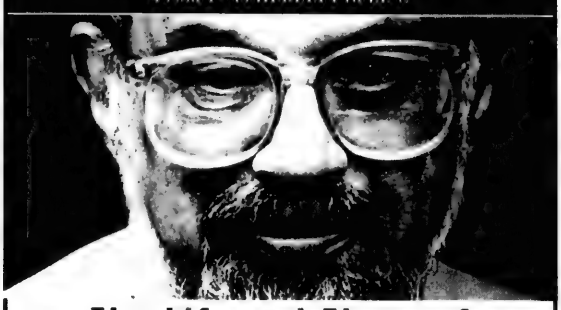

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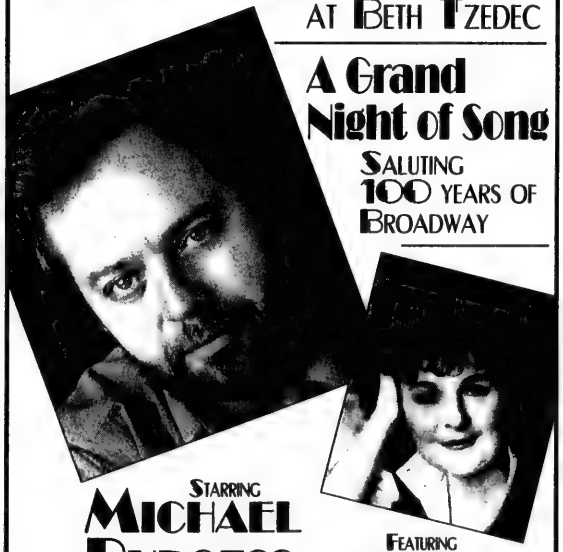

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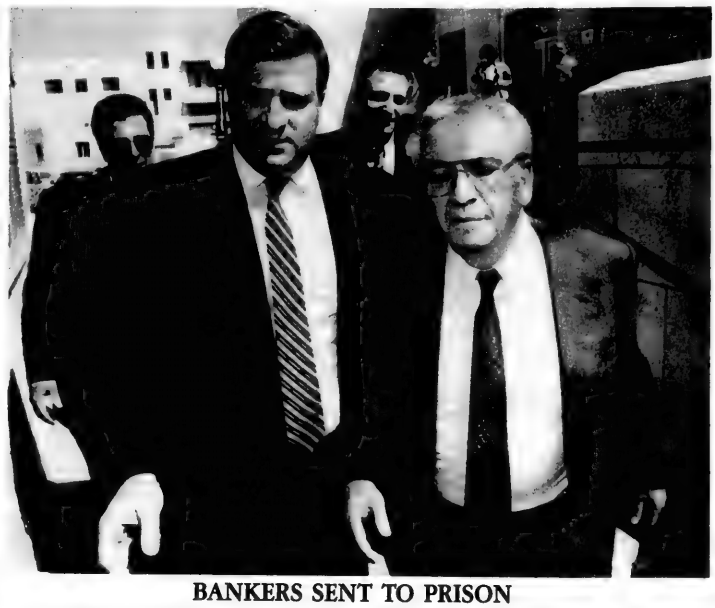

BANKERS SENT TO PRISON

Former chairman of Bank Discount, Raphael Recanati (right) and his son Udi, leave the Jerusalem District Court after Recanati received an eight month prison sentence and a large fine. Udi also received a large fine. Senior bank officials were given sentences and fines for their part in the manipulation of bank shares 10 years ago. Several major Israeli banks has manipulated their shares and persuaded customers to invest large amounts of money knowing that the price of the shares was being manipulated.

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Shoplifting numbers stabilize

TORONTO — The 1994 Shrinkage Survey of Canadian Retailers released at the Retail Council of Canada's Annual Loss Prevention Conference last month showed thieves are taking $2.25 billion in merchandise each year from Canadian stores.

This is the same level as reported last year, and marks the end of an upward trend over the past decade.

"Even though losses due to shoptheft are still at an intolerable level, Canadian retailers have managed to halt the upward trend," said Retail Council of Canada vice-president Mel Fruitman.

Fruitman said better trained staff, the use of anti-theft equipment, and an increase in prosecutions have helped stop crime.

"[But] $2.25 billion in losses is absolutely intolerable. If that money were available to retailers they. . .[could] become more competitive internationally and could create 100,000 new jobs."

The shrinkage rates, which include bookkeeping errors, customer theft and employee theft, ranged from a high of 2.1 per cent of sales in department and general merchandise stores, to a low of 0.5 per cent in furniture stores. Large organizations with shrinkage levels of 1.7 per cent suffer more than do the smallest stores at 1.0 per cent.

Retailers estimate that 80 per cent of total shrinkage is due to shoptheft — stealing by customers and employees. In addition to the loses, retailers spend significant amounts to bring the losses under control. Over 10 per cent of the companies surveyed reported spending 15 per cent of sales in their efforts to combat this crime.

"Retailers are vendors of merchandise — they are not police," said Fruitman.

The Retail Council of Canada has produced the Shrinkage Survey annually for the past four years. To order a copy contact the Publications Department at (416) 598-4684.

Business Briefs

The following business briefs were compiled from information supplied by Israel's Economic Mission in Toronto at (416) 961-1242.

Multiplying Missions

ISRAEL — Israel will soon be opening its eighth Economic Mission office in North America. The site is Santa Clara, in the heart of California's Silicon Valley, where companies are showing considerable interest in Israel.

That's also where the BIRD Foundation, which specializes in U.S.-Israel industrial research and development, will set up its headquarters.

Israel operates Economic Missions in New York, Boston, Chicago, Atlanta, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Toronto. Ben Noy is the Canadian consul for economic affairs in the Toronto office.

The missions provide data and advice about investing in Israel, through private consultation, seminars and dozens of publications.

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Funds Sees Booming Baby Business

CANADA — Evergreen-Canada Israeli Investments is expecting growth in the baby market.

It has signed an agreement to buy a 28 per cent stake for $2.1 million in the Shilav chain, which manufactures and sells children's clothes, toys, furniture cosmetics and other products.

The company is hardly in its infancy. There are 25 Shilav stores so far, with two more on the way.

Sales last year, at approximately $16.8 million (US) were up 30 per cent from the year before.

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Hot Soup . . . Hot Profits

CANADA — A corporation familiar to Canadian Jewish food consumers is showing a healthy bottom line.

Osem Investments Ltd., the holding company for Osem food products, finished 1993 about $2.3 million ahead of the previous year. Net profit for 1993 was $15 million on sales of close to $230 million.

Osem is well known in North America for its soups and soup related products, but the company is also popular among Israel's Arab population.

During the holy month of Ramadan, when Muslims fast during the day and eat a festive meal at night, Osem aggressively marketed foods associated with the holiday period. It also distributed a Ramadan calendar with the times at which the fast started and finished each day.

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Israeli Planners on Track

ISRAEL — Many Israelis and visitors to the country often wonder why train travel is so underdeveloped. Most commuters rely on cars and buses along the Tel Aviv to Jerusalem route, even though there are scheduled trains between the two cities.

A group of Israeli planners wants to bring rail travel back on track. They're recommending construction of nine new train stations in the centre of the country, close to trade and industrial areas.

Israel's Land Authority is already doing its best to make business travel more convenient by adding local airfields and expanding Ben Gurion airport.

The business behind viewing entertainment

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Behind the glitz of a movie or television production are the people who really deliver the latest in entertainment to viewers.

Today, many productions have operating budgets that can reach as high as $35 million; this means the business side of this glamorous world is extremely competitive and complicated.

Michael Taylor, vice-president of Telegenic Programs Inc., a television program distribution company in Toronto, calls his profession a "relationship business." Contacts are crucial.

Taylor, who has been with the 20-year-old firm for the past 10 years, announced that Telegenic Programs will be producing over $40 million in Canadian content television productions this year.

First is the $5 million two-hour CTV/ABC movie entitled *Johnny's Girl* starring Mia Kirshner, Treat Williams, Ron White, Frank Cassini and Shirley Douglas. The principal photography has been completed in and around Vancouver and is now in post production. The movie should air during the 94/95 season.

Also, in April, the company went into production on *Lonesome Dove: The Series*. With a budget of $35 million, it is one of the biggest budget series in Canada, Taylor says.

Why did the firm decide on this series?

Taylor says that the mini-series was an appealing, intriguing production that was widely viewed across the country. Canadian ratings show that CTV had 2.8 million viewers for the final instalment of the show and more than 2.6 million viewers as a four-night average.

In addition to these staggering statistics, Taylor says recognition of the series is a commodity. He explains that many of the viewing public are familiar with the name and the characters so when they see the series listed in the fall, they are likely to watch the show.

Not a random gamble. With the amount of money that is to be invested in the project, Taylor says it helps that broadcasters are also "comfortable" with the production. The mini-series' previous success translates into a low risk factor and a greater confidence in the production. Hopefully, this effect will trickle down from the broadcasters to the advertisers.

In the past, the thought of sinking a large amount of money into a series that carries the "Canadian content" label was considered foolish.

Taylor notes that this change in public perception is only one of the alterations to hit the television industry in the last decade.

He explains that increased competition and hi-tech equipment has made it almost

Michael Taylor

impossible for viewers to distinguish between a made-in-America film and a Canadian production.

Another major change is "the consolidation of ownership of TV stations." Ten years ago, the estimated 100 television stations in Canada reorganized themselves from self-contained units into mini-buying groups.

For example, CanWest now has Global stations in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatchewan, and most recently, the Maritimes. The firm also has stations in Chile, New Zealand, and Australia. They have applied to the CRTC to receive stations in Calgary and Edmonton.

Taylor says the advantage is to the broadcasters, because now the parent company can buy specific productions for specific areas.

Specialty channels are another change, Taylor says, adding that his firm has applied to the CRTC for such a channel itself. This type of programming has taken responsibility away from local broadcasters.

Previously, local broadcasters had to try to fit all the popular programs in and amongst the viewers' calls for shows on rowing competitions. Now, those sports enthusiasts simply turn to one of the sports channels to watch their favorite athletes. This also holds true for music fans, religious shows and a host of many others.

Telegenic Programs is a privately owned television program distribution company formed 20 years ago by H. Lawrence Fein. With a combination of Fein's more than 35 years of television program distribution kowledge and the experience of the existing sales, servicing and support staff, Telegenic has developed into a major force in the industry. In Canada, the firm represents a variety of high profile U.S. network series, specials, TV movies and mini-series.

WHAT GOES UP...

This picture shows dealers in the Tel Aviv Stock (TASE) exchange in triumphant moods as the exchange jumps a record-breaking one-day rise of 6.7 per cent.

Dispute freezes loan guarantees

By DVORAH GETZLER
Special to The CJN

JERUSALEM — A dispute between the Finance Ministry and the Bank of Israel has frozen the money earmarked for immigrant absorption the United States helped secure by providing billions of dollars in loan guarantees.

The disagreement may have already cost Israel millions of dollars.

State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat is reported to have swooped down on the Treasury and taken away bundles of documents to help in her office's probe of the dispute.

The Treasury apparently wanted to use the money secured with the loan guarantees to help companies wishing to invest in new infrastructure projects or to expand their investments in existing projects of that type.

But the Bank of Israel objected to the Treasury's direct involvement in determining who should receive the money.

As a result, a considerable part of the money has been left on deposit abroad for a period far longer than initially anticipated.

The much sought-after loan guarantees were offered to Israel by the Bush administration after a protracted and bitter fight with the American Jewish community.

They were secured at a relatively high rate of interest — in the region of seven per cent annually — while the interest being paid on the current deposits abroad is at a lower short-term rate of only some 3.5 to four per cent.

Bank of Israel figures issued last week indicate that of the $3 billion Israel raised on the U.S. money market, only some $800 million has so far been disbursed, leaving $2.2 billion unused.

The Treasury claims the U.S.-guaranteed loans are being spent daily as the general Israeli public and the business sector buy foreign currency to finance investment and the import of capital goods needed to push economic growth at an accelerated pace.

According to a report in the Hebrew daily newspaper *Ha'aretz*, the Treasury explained the drain on foreign currency reserves is being financed by loans the U.S. funds are guaranteeing.

As a result, said the Treasury, Israel is getting credit on the best possible terms available in the world's money markets.

Entrepreneur contest

TORONTO — The search is on for Canada's top entrepreneurs.

Ernst & Young — along with *Canadian Business* magazine, Bank of Montreal and Burns Fry Limited — announced recently it will sponsor the Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards, an extensive search to find the nation's most talented and successful entrepreneurs.

Ron Gage, chair and chief executive officer of Ernst & Young in Canada, says the program has given the firm another way to support and promote the entrepreneurial spirit in Canada.

"There are a great many entrepreneurial success stories out there," Gage says. "Canadian entrepreneurs have made great sacrifices — in some cases, against great odds — to realize their dreams. We think those stories should be told as often as possible. We also believe that these visionaries and risk takers should be recognized for their contributions to the economic growth of our country."

Ernst & Young, *Canadian Business* magazine, Bank of Montreal and Burns Fry Limited will organize searches for the best entrepreneurs in five regions across Canada — Pacific Canada (British Columbia), Western Canada (Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba), Ontario, Quebec, and Atlantic Canada. Nominations close June 15, 1994. Regional award recipients will be announced at regional banquets in late September and early October.

The Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards recognize excellence in many different sectors, including agriculture and food, construction, life science, retail, natural resources, services, manufacturing, wholesale/distribution, high technology, real estate and financial services, among others. Final categories will be determined by the nature of the nominations received — and by the panels of independent judges.

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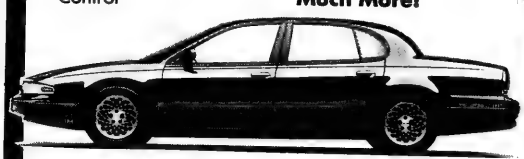

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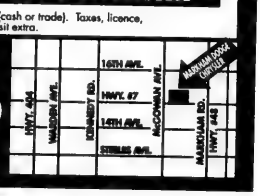

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Tips From Pros

By LEON BOOKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Whatever happened to good old-fashioned customer courtesy, a simple hello, a smile? Whatever happened to employees who look and act as if they are interested in what they are doing, as if they care? Whatever happened to good customer relations, customer satisfaction?

If retail executives expect their salespeople to become knowledgeable, productive, employees, all must be made aware that the most important person in a business is the *customer* — that the success of the business, and yes, the employees' future, depends almost entirely on satisfying the customer.

Here are some suggestions that will ensure customer-centred service. It is largely being mindful of the customer in performing every task.

Treat the customer as someone special. No matter how much or how little customers spend in a particular business, they have a right to be treated as someone special.

Greet customers warmly. A friendly greeting, at the very least a cordial "good morning," or a smile and a nod, tells customers you are glad to see them.

Learn and use customers' names; their names are music to their ears. It is a wonderful feeling to be recognized in this manner and a mood of goodwill is immediately established. Follow up with a brief complimentary remark which is sincere. This is not flattery, rather it is recognition.

Acknowledge the customer's presence. The practical application here is obvious for anyone working in direct contact with customers. If you're busy with a customer when another arrives, acknowledge their presence. A simple statement like "I'll be with you in a minute," will keep the newly arrived customer from getting impatient while waiting to be served.

Be a good listener. It is very frustrating to be made to feel you are being ignored because the salesperson wasn't listening. It is very important to find out what the customer wants. Your attention and assistance builds loyalty and makes the customer feel that you are glad to help.

Friendliness is contagious. If you are friendly and polite to customers, they will naturally be more friendly to you. If, on the other hand, you are glum, abrupt or discourteous you will probably receive the same treatment — and lose a sale besides.

Handling customer complaints: As a rule most of the people who patronize a business are pleasant and easy to deal with. However, you are bound to encounter an occasional customer who has a complaint, who is irritated — often angry. It takes a great deal of tact and diplomacy to handle the situation properly and at the same time maintain the good will of the customer.

Take pride in doing the little things right. Often it's the little things that determine whether a customer's shopping trip is a pleasure or a chore. Doing the little things right means going out of your way to do a bit more than the customer expects of you.

Be informed about the merchandise you sell. Customers have every right to expect salespeople to be informed about the merchandise they are selling, to be familiar with the policies and procedures related to their job.

Be honest. If you are asked for your opinion about something the customer is interested in, give an honest opinion. Do not let the desire to make a sale be your prime objective.

These are but a few suggestions on how to make customer-centred service effective. Every contact between an employee and a customer is important. Favorable contacts can possibly do more to bring customers back to your establishment than advertising campaigns, promotions and low prices. Yes company advertising and good value bring customers in the first place, but it is the kind of service described above that keeps them coming back.

Swing Batter Swing

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It's the bottom of the ninth, men on first and third, two out and you step to the plate. Glavine winds up; there's the pitch, a swing and a miss. Strike one.

You eject a brown stream of tobacco juice and dig into the dirt at homeplate. Here comes the second pitch, a breaking ball that forgets to break. You swing — KNUCK. It's going, going, it's outta here. Home run!

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In your dreams, right?

You bet. But so what? Nowadays, childhood dreams can come true even if, technically, you're an adult and any chance you had of playing pro ball disappeared along with that thick head of hair.

Enter the Adult Sports Fantasy Camps, run by proprietor Sheldon Kideckel. The company president is offering would-be Paul Molitors "the thrill of a lifetime, to don a major league uniform at spring training" and take to the field against a smattering of former Blue Jays.

"It's an opportunity [for participants] to test their mettle and skills against major leaguers," Kideckel said.

The camp, scheduled for June 5-10 at the Deerhurst Resort, will feature instruction from the likes of Ernie Whitt, Rance Mullinliks, Lloyd "the Shaker" Moseby, John Cerutti and Alvis Woods, a Blue Jay original who tagged the team's first-ever pinch-hit homerun on opening day in 1977.

Each participant will receive a uniform bearing his name and will be lodged two to a room at the resort. They will take part in tryouts, calisthenics and baseball drills in batting, fielding and throwing. (No word yet whether tobacco-chewing and sunflower seed-spitting are on the agenda.)

The intention is to let participants feel what it's like to be at a major league spring training camp, Kideckel said.

The 100 participants will be divided into eight teams (managed by the pros) and each afternoon they'll either play a tournament game or work to improve their skills. The tournament will culminate in a "World Series" game followed by what could well be the highlight of the week — an all-star game featuring the weekend warriors versus the major league veterans.

At stake are bragging rights and a lifetime of memories.

Camp participants will also receive 10 authentic-looking trading cards that one day might fool your grandchildren into believing you really played major league ball.

While baseball fantasy camps are fairly common in the United States, this is the first of its kind in Canada to employ former major leaguers, Kideckel said.

What makes this fantasy camp so attractive, he added, is the five-star Deerhurst Resort with amenities like golf, boating, windsurfing, waterskiing, tennis and horseback riding. Kosher meals are available on request.

Cost of the extravaganza is $2,499, and for $500 more you can bring along a wife, child, friend or maybe a scout.

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By LORI DENNIS

TORONTO — With Canadian banks raising mortgage rates, the natural reaction of most people is to panic and lock into longer terms.

While many leading economists say this increase is merely an aberration and are advising people to sit tight, many homeowners are moving to longer term mortgages, says Toronto financial consultant Sonny Goldstein.

Goldstein, president of **Creative Ideas in Financial Planning**, believes it's in the best interest of the banks to panic people and motivate them to move to longer terms.

"The banks' largest source of capital is residential mortgages and they were suffering with narrower margins. Now they've scared people into longer terms so that people are locking in at 9½ per cent, while the banks are offering 5-year GICs at 6½ per cent. Banks are now back to their traditional three-point spread which they always try to maintain.

"With the devaluation of the Canadian dollar, and rising global rates, the Bank of Canada had no choice but to hike up the Canadian interest rate to stabilize the Canadian dollar. As far as I'm concerned, the banks' actions are manipulation of the worst kind. It's no secret that the wealth of our country and of the free world, for that matter, is controlled by the banks. Just look at the astronomical salaries of the banks' CEOs and the record profit they had in '93 during a low interest environment," he says.

Goldstein's advice is twofold: He believes that as Canadians, we're allowing the banks to control our economy and that we have a duty to protest and get politically involved in changing the system. Secondly, on a personal level, he advises investors to use common sense and to choose a financial planner willing and able to educate them on market changes and how their investments will be affected so they won't make rash decisions when the economy begins to turn.

Goldstein, who has been in the insurance and financial planning fields since 1986, also advises that retirement planning is not a do-it-yourself project. He says people need professional advice, someone they can trust to help them plan and save for those later years.

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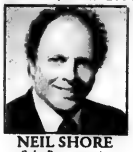

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Marchers at a recent demonstration in Thornhill, Ont. carry placards in Hebrew and English in support of Yoni Shalev and other agunot. The Hebrew on the centre placard reads: 'To all women who are denied a get: there is hope. Good luck!!!' At left is a plea from Yoni Shalev: 'Uzi Shalev, I don't want anything from you! [Just] give me the get.' [Alron photo] (Story on page 6.)

Peace plan in play

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service and Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — After a week of delays, implementation of Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and Jericho has finally started to gather steam.

In Gaza last week, the newly formed Palestinian police force assumed control in the town of Rafah, which lies on the border with Egypt.

Accompanied by the cheers of thousands of Gaza residents, a force of Palestinian police took over the town of Deir el-Balah, making it the first area to fall officially under Palestinian control.

In Jericho, an advance group of Palestinian officers entered the city and began preparations for assuming control there.

Officials with the Israel Defence Force were meanwhile gearing up to escort a convoy of 300 Palestinian police who were soon to arrive from their staging point in Jordan.

The police were to travel through Israel to Gaza, where they would assume their duties. They were allowed to travel fully armed but they were not to be issued ammunition until their arrival in Gaza.

One Israeli officer expressed caution about the operation.

"In an orderly manner, under our supervision and responsibility, they will reach Gaza through the State of Israel," he said.

The officer said this was the first time a convoy of this sort had been planned, and, he added, "It may be the last."

Also last week, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat announced the names of 15 of the 24 people who will serve as members of the Palestinian Authority, the body that will oversee Palestinian affairs in Gaza and Jericho.

Among the 15 were Arafat himself; Ahmed Karia, also known as Abu Alaa, head of the PLO's economic division; Nabil Sha'ath, a senior adviser to Arafat who was also chief Palestinian negotiator at the Israeli-PLO talks successfully concluded last week in Cairo; Saeb Erekat, a member of the Palestinian negotiating team in Washington; Hanan Ashrawi, a former Palestinian spokeswoman; and Elias Freij, the mayor of Bethlehem.

Sha'ath said that the remaining names would be submitted to Israel within the next few days.

During a special meeting of the Israeli cabinet last Wednesday, it was announced that the Palestinian Authority will assume control of the entire Gaza Strip and Jericho district by the middle of this week.

Cabinet unanimously approved the Gaza-Jericho implementation agreement, with Deputy Chief of General Staff Maj.-Gen. Amnon Shahak telling ministers the IDF could complete its pullout from Gaza and Jericho by the end of this week.

"Amnon [Shahak] said the withdrawal could be complete by [this] Friday," one minister said later privately,

"By Friday ... authority for the southern part of the Gaza Strip and all of Jericho will be transferred to the Palestinians. By next Wednesday, authority will be transferred for all of the Gaza Strip," Environment Minister Yossi Sarid later told reporters.

Officials in the prime minister's office have not ruled out complete withdrawal by then, but one hastened to add, "There can always be delays."

Angered that Palestinian police did not arrive when they were expected, Jericho youths shouted at troops and threw stones. Troops responded with tear gas and stun grenades.

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Report on sex concerns rabbis

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Some Conservative rabbis in Canada are casting a wary eye at a provocative draft report on human sexuality, released earlier this month at the annual convention in the Catskills of the Rabbinical Assembly (RA).

Entitled "This is My Beloved, This is My Friend," the 35-page pastoral letter has yet to be approved by the movement's authoritative Committee on Jewish Law and Standards before becoming official policy. Even so, it may drive a bigger wedge between liberal rabbis in the Conservative movement and their more traditionalist counterparts, many of those in Canada.

Two years in the making, the groundbreaking report by the RA's Commission on Human Sexuality strongly advocates marriage and calls on Jews to have three or four children.

But it also accepts that even outside marriage, committed and loving relationships between single Jews "can embody a measure of holiness."

The report also delves into such controversial areas as AIDS, the halachic view on contraceptives, Jewish sexual values, teen sex, and infidelity, and addresses — some would argue tiptoes around — the delicated subject of homosexuality, which has rocked Conservative Judaism since 1990.

Included in the report is what is believed to be the first call on Conservative Jews to consider observing the laws of family purity. These include the prohibition of sex during a woman's menstrual period and for a week thereafter, followed by her immersing herself in a mikvah.

"Judaism has much to teach all of us about how we should think about sex and how we should behave sexually — whether a person is single or married, heterosexual or homosexual," the pastoral letter states.

The letter, drafted by Los Angeles Rabbi Elliot Dorff, strongly condemns adultery and incest as well as "casual or promiscuous sexual encounters, since they involve little or no love or commitment."

It stresses that Judaism "understands marriage to be the proper venue for sex in the first place."

But for singles, sex can mean that "all of the concepts and values described [for married couples] apply to their sexual activities ... Committed, loving relationships between mature people who strive to conduct their sexual lives according to the concepts and values described [in the letter] can embody a measure of holiness, even if it is not the full portion available in marriage."

Reportedly, one of the most hotly debated aspects of the letter was the possibility of holiness in non-marital relationships.

Another was the letter's stand on homosexuality. It acknowledges the issue "has become a deep source of controversy," but repeats a 1990 Conservative resolution that endorsed full civil (not religious) equality for gays and lesbians and said such Jews should be welcomed as members in Conservative congregations, yet stressed that traditional Judaism recommends a heterosexual lifestyle.

In 1992, the movement's law committee voted to accept a minority responsum that Conservative Jewry no longer view homosexuality as an abomination. But it also accepted a majority view reaffirming that homosexuality is Torah-abhorrent.

According to the movement's rules, both views are valid and can be used as bases for action by rabbis and synagogues.

The pastoral letter states homosexuality is "a result of both nature and nurture" and that a person's sexual orientation "is not a matter of choice."

In the view of many Canadian Conservative rabbis, their movement has been sliding to the left ever since it began ordaining women a decade ago. Stands on homosexuality and other matters have pushed some rabbis, especially in Ontario, perilously close to breaking away from the RA.

In 1992, Rabbi Wayne Allen of Toronto's Beth Tikvah Synagogue resigned as chair of the RA's Ontario wing and quit the RA altogether, partly over the creation of the commission on human sexuality and the movement's stance on homosexuality.

'All sorts of lights are flashing'

Among other Conservative rabbis in Ontario, unhappiness with the movement's direction has been simmering ever since.

Rabbi Eliot Malomet of Montreal, who attended the RA's convention, said he's "quite convinced" the commission's draft "will be torn apart piece by piece, limb from limb" by the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards to make it conform to Halachah.

However, Rabbi Malomet said he's "concerned" about the report's stance on non-marital sex.

"All sorts of lights are flashing," he told *The CJN*. "Kiddushin [sanctifying a marriage] also means boundaries, and those must stay intact. Either something is kosher or it isn't."

He said he joins with other Conservative leaders who believe the real issue facing the movement is not sex but continuity.

As for splitting the Conservative rabbinate between left and right, Rabbi Malomet said "the wedge is already there."

Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl of Toronto's Beth Tzedec Congregation agrees that while much of the report speaks of a "positive and healthy framework within kedushah," the controversy revolves around its stands on non-marital sex and homosexuality.

"The report realistically reflects the situation of many Jews who are single. It clearly understands that teens and young adults are sexually active and it tries to create an ethical framework to provide guidance to young people.

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JCC branches plan fundraising campaign

Tennis at JCC Valley branch

Valley's goal set at $1 million

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Speculation over the financial future of the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) has hurt the Valley branch, but the recent proposed bailout by the Federation and the pending independence of the branch should turn that situation around, said Allan Wexler, chair of the branch's management committee.

"Anything that creates some sense of security is beneficial for the Valley," he said. Rumors that the JCC faced bankruptcy had made it difficult in recent months to sell memberships. With an autonomous future ahead, that situation should turn around, he said.

Under terms of an arrangement between the JCC, the Federation and the Bank of Montreal, the Centre's main creditor, the Valley branch at Leslie and Steeles will become independent. A non-profit corporation run by a users' group will be established to acquire the property for $1 million and another members' corporation will run the facility. The $1 million, to be raised over five years, will comprise the Valley's contribution towards payment of the JCC's massive debt.

"We're very pleased that the arrangement was made," Wexler told *The CJN*. "Without some assistance [from the Federation] and a financial restructuring, the entire agency [the JCC] was at risk."

While acknowledging that the vast majority of the JCC's debt was run up at the JCC's other branches, Wexler said that like in any enterprise, some segments of "the business contribute to the betterment of the others.

"The plan is fair in that it works out to the benefit of the overall agency," he said. In the past, he noted, the JCC aided the Valley branch to get through difficult times.

Wexler said he is confident that many of the Valley's 850 members will help in the upcoming fundraising campaign.

He said the Valley's pastoral location away fom the hustle and bustle of the city make it an attractive facility for members and their families. "There is a special atmosphere there, an informality. It's not a country club setting, it's more of a camp setting," he said.

In addition to its adult members, 400-500 children use the facility on a limited basis. The branch also operates a nursery school and provides day-care as well.

"The long-range plans are for the [Valley] to be more of a community centre," offering educational, social and cultural programming in addition to its core tennis and swimming programs, Wexler said.

With the tripartite agreement set, the branch has begun to consider a variety of fundraising schemes. "It looks like the core members are committed to it," he said. "There is a very strong core membership who would do as much as they could because they see [the Valley] as the place to be."

Despite his optimism, Wexler is expecting some members to leave if the Valley hikes its tennis/swim fees by as much as $500 per member to help in the fundraising campaign. That jump in fees for the 1995 season is being considered by the branch committees studying the Valley's future, he said.

Currently, members pay $545 for single tennis/swim membership and $1,025 for a family membership.

Wexler foresees the Valley's being run more efficiently under the new arrangement, with management having a better appreciation of the special needs and strengths of the facility. "That could lead it to being more efficiently run with more specific marketing," he suggested.

Bloor to rely on member support

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (JFGT) was asked by the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) last summer to help it meet its financial obligations, a task force at the Centre's Bloor Street branch took a step back from its deliberations and adopted a wait and see attitude.

For more than six months, the task force had been meeting to investigate ways it could "secure" the downtown facility in the face of long-standing rumors that the branch might be sold to pay off a portion of the JCC's debts.

As the task force bided its time, the JCC, the JFGT and the Bank of Montreal, the JCC's main creditor, hammered out an agreement that will see the Federation bail out the JCC.

The task force was more than pleased with the agreement, even though it calls for a $3 million contribution towards payment of the JCC's debtload.

A corporate entity that will be established by the downtown membership group as part of a massive restructuring of the JCC will be responsible for raising the amount, in exchange for which it will get control over the Bloor Street property.

The Federation will make available $750,000 over three years for the purchase of debentures to assist the users in acquiring the property.

The facility will no longer be a "branch" or an asset of the JCC but a full-fledged independent entity owned by a company responsible to the local members.

That will substantially meet the requirements set out long ago by the Bloor task force, said Karen Chisvin, chair of the Bloor management committee.

"What is now going to happen is exactly what Bloor wanted to happen," said Mark Sarner, chair of the task force. "The concept of creating a new Bloor that ran and owned and financed itself with a mission to serve the downtown Jewish community originated at Bloor.

"As a result of the Federation deal, we are getting the opportunity to do exactly what we set out to do. . . with the added benefit of a significant level of Federation support," he said.

In addition to financial assistance, the Federation has offered its expertise in fundraising to help the membership group raise the $3 million, Bloor's share of the JCC's $9.5 million bank debt.

Both Sarner and Chisvin were confident that such a campaign will prove to be a success.

"This is built on the premise that there is a community that wants and supports a downtown community centre," Sarner said. "We believe there are people who want to keep it alive and will contribute to that end."

While a goal of $3 million, along with a further $1 million to renovate and upgrade the facility, might appear daunting, Sarner said he expects the downtown community to rally around the centre. "More and more people are asking how they can help and they're saying, when you need me, I'll be there."

If the nay-sayers prove to be right and the $4 million is too ambitious a goal, "that would be sad for the downtown Jewish community," he said. The question of whether the facility is viable as an independent entity will be answered by the fundraising process, he added.

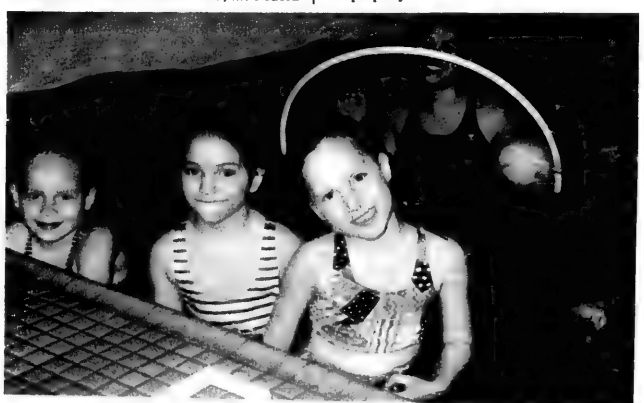
"The premise for what we're doing is that Bloor is alive, it's vital and pivotal to the vitality and growth of what is a very sizeable Jewish community in the downtown area. Everything hinges on that."

The Bloor branch has approximately 3,500 facility users.

Stuart Schoenfeld, professor of sociology at York University, pointed out that the Jewish population downtown has continued to grow over the past 10 years. That remains true whether downtown is measured south from Bloor, St. Clair or Eglinton.

"For many people downtown, this is their primary institutional link to the Jewish community," Sarner said. "It's the last remaining Jewish institution on Spadina, so it's a link to the past."

The new Bloor JCC will offer a full athletic membership program in upgraded facilities, he said. While it is not yet clear whether memberships will be accepted at all current JCC branches, Sarner said "I think we'll probably see our membership strengthen and probably we'll attract a lot of new users who have not renewed [in the past] due to concerns over the security of the property."



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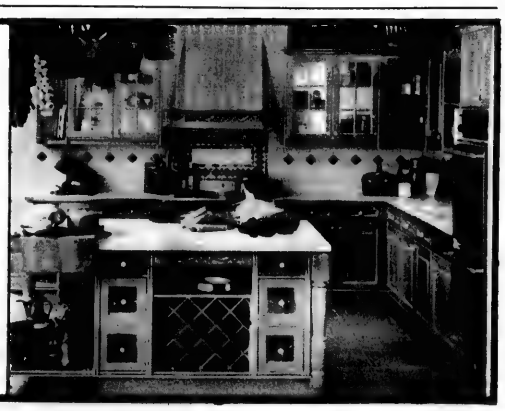

Labor Party rebel gets nod to head Histadrut federation

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — In an unprecedented defeat for the traditional Labor Party establishment, upstart Haim Ramon has succeeded in his quest to head Israel's massive Histadrut labor federation.

With 84 per cent of the ballots counted the morning after last Tuesday's nationwide election, Ramon had received 47 per cent of the votes for his New Life in the Histadrut party, against 33 per cent for Labor, headed by incumbent Histadrut Secretary-General Haim Haberfeld.

Ramon, a former Israeli health minister, broke away from Labor last month to enter the Histadrut race.

Likud, always a minor force in the Labor-dominated Histadrut, received only 18 per cent, a decline from its previous strength that reflected Ramon's inroads among Likud voters.

Joining Ramon and other breakaway Labor members in the New Life for the Histadrut slate were the left-wing Meretz bloc and Orthodox Sephardi Shas party.

Haim Ramon

Ramon campaigned on a platform of reform, although it remains to be seen how much he will be able to wrest control away from the deeply entrenched Histadrut bureaucracy.

But it is clear he scored a victory in what is being seen as the first fight in the next era of Israeli politics.

It is an era in which issues of economics are expected to eclipse those of war and peace, and in which the prime minister will be elected on a personal basis, rather than on party lines.

There has been speculation that Ramon, 46, may spearhead the creation of a new left-of-centre party.

Inside or out, Ramon has now become a leading contender to follow septuagenarians Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres when they bow out of the party leadership.

He has displaced a whole generation of middle-aged politicians who have been waiting in the wings, including such aspiring leaders as Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer and Police Minister Moshe Shahal.

The only person with comparable political popularity to Ramon on the left of the party is Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak, the Israel Defence Force chief of staff.

Barak is seen as certain to join Labor when he sheds his uniform. His candidacy is being touted as one that will reassure an electorate fearful of Palestinian autonomy.

Ramon's victory last week is the culmination of a strategy going back to before Labor's 1992 primaries. At that time Ramon staked out as his area of concern the relationship between the Histadrut labor federation, the Histadrut-linked Kupat Holim Klalit health fund and the Labor Party.

Following Labor's June 1992 victory, Ramon was named minister of health. He resigned the post in February when Labor refused to back his proposed national health reform bill.

The bill would have severed the link between the Histadrut and its mammoth health fund, the Kupat Holim Klalit. The Histadrut pressured Labor to torpedo the bill, fearing a threat to its power.

Currently, according to Ramon and other Histadrut critics, many people join the union only because its dues are included in their health fund premiums.

Ramon now promises to do as Histadrut chief what he failed to achieve as health minister.

Before last week, the Labor Party — including Rabin — charged that Ramon was weakening the party just when it needed all its strength to push through the agreement on Palestinian autonomy.

After the results of the election were in, however, Rabin declared that "the Likud is the enemy," and urged a Labor-Ramon coalition in the Histadrut.

Labor fought its ultimately losing battle against Ramon bitterly. As the campaign entered its final days, the election proved as dirty as any for national or local office.

Most infamously, Shas heatedly protested as anti-Semitic and pornographic a Labor Party poster attacking the Ramon-Meretz-Shas alliance.

It depicted Meretz leader Shulamit Aloni dancing in her underwear with Shas leader Aryeh Deri, under the heading "Dirty Dancing II."

But Deri said after the elections that the campaign and its results would not influence his party's promised, but delayed, return to the governing Labor coalition.

Soldiers close Jericho to media

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Reporters who had been invited to Jericho for a Tuesday civil administration press briefing were kept away by soldiers who told them Jericho had been declared a closed military area to journalists. Several reporters abandoned their cars and walked to Jericho, but missed the briefing.

At the cabinet meeting, the IDF's coordinator of activities in the territories, Maj.-Gen. Danny Rothschild, predicted that Arafat will enjoy an upsurge of public support as Palestinians actually see negotiations become a reality.

Everything about the cabinet vote appeared to be anticlimactic.

The session was held a day after the Palestinian police had entered the Gaza Strip and took over Deir el-Balah.

The entire discussion of the 186-page document took no longer than 90 minutes.

The Knesset's rare unanimity (the vote was 52-0 to approve the agreement) occurred only after all the members of opposition parties walked out, demanding the government hold a national referendum on the accord.

In the debate leading up to the vote, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin spoke of the "great pleasure" it gave him to see Israeli soldiers give up their posts on the strife-ridden streets of Gaza, where they were replaced this week by the first contingents of Palestinian police.

Israeli soldiers, Rabin said, have "no business there, and no one has the right to endanger their lives by keeping them there. No one!"

Rabin assured the Knesset that the agreement contained no secret clauses.

"This is a good agreement that presents us with a real chance for peace," the prime minister said.

Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu countered with his own view of the situation, charging that Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres were the only people anywhere in the world who still trusted Arafat.

"You have been cheating the public," Netanyahu asserted, adding that "the day this agreement was signed was a black day for us. It is a catastrophe, a mistake of historic proportions."

As Netanyahu spoke of Arafat's "expansionist" goals, charging they would extend far beyond Israel's borders, Rabin shrugged dismissively and said, "Nonsense."

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Jewish war vets, CJC to hold memorial

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — The Jewish War Veterans of Canada and Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) will honor those who served Canada during World War II at a ceremony at the War Memorial in Ottawa on May 31.

The ceremony takes place a week before hundreds of people gather here to observe the 50th anniversary of D-Day, which marked the beginning of the end of World War II.

"It has a Jewish resonance because D-Day led the way to the liberation of the camps," says Alan Rose, executive vice-president of CJC and a war veteran himself.

Organizers expect about 150 Jewish war veterans from across the country to attend the ceremony. Wearing full uniform, they will assemble at the Sparks St. Mall and, led by a military pipe band, march the few blocks to the War Memorial near Parliament Hill.

There, they will be met by members of Parliament, state dignitaries and the ambassadors and military attaches from 23 countries that fought the Nazis during World War II. A Canadian Armed Forces central band and a guard of honor will also participate.

Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Machzikei Hadas Congregation will lead a brief service in memory of soldiers who died at war.

The ceremony is part of the year-long commemoration of the events that led to the end of the war.

Eric Vernon, director of legislative analysis for CJC, says organizers wanted to honor war veterans while they could.

"The fact is that the number of Jewish war veterans is dwindling every year, so this is going to be an opportunity to pay fitting tribute to them," he said.

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Liana Mullu (left) and Judith Rubinstein hold reunion in Genoa, Italy.

Survivors span the miles to reunite after 50 years

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

North York resident Judith Rubinstein, a survivor of Auschwitz-Birkenau, recently returned from Genoa, Italy, where she met another survivor of the camp after 50 years.

At last fall's Jewish Book Fair, Rubinstein picked up an autobiography of Italian author Liana Millu, which described Millu's experiences in the notorious death camp. Rubinstein, a Hungarian Jew, and Millu were both 24 in 1944, the year they were deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau.

In *Smoke Over Birkenau*, Millu writes about the final months of the war in a German concentration camp at Malhow, the camp Rubinstein was sent to from Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Two of the hundreds of women in the camps, Rubinstein and Millu never got to know each other during the war.

When Rubinstein realized that Millu's experiences mirrored her own, she got Millu's address from the Italian consulate and the women began corresponding.

Rubinstein, determined to meet Millu face-to-face, made plans to visit Italy this summer.

However, when she received an unexpected invitation to an April bar mitzvah in Italy, she decided to make the trip sooner. She was accompanied by her son Robert Eli Rubinstein and his wife Renee.

To Rubinstein's dismay, two incidents disrupted her plans to spend some time with Millu. The flight to Milano was delayed by a day, and on top of that, Rubinstein accidentally grabbed the wrong suitcase at the Milano airport. By the time Rubinstein got her luggage back and was settled in a hotel in Genoa, it was too late for her to get to the meeting she had scheduled with Millu.

The following morning Rubinstein and Millu had only two hours together. "Such an emotional meeting, holding hands and crying all the time," recalled Rubinstein. "There was so much to talk about and time was very short." Millu, she added, was on her way to lecture university students in another city about the Holocaust.

Although Rubinstein found it difficult to talk to Millu because Millu's English is poor, Rubinstein predicted that the meeting would pave the way for their future correspondence."

In a letter Rubinstein received after she got back to Toronto, Millu said, "I am happy to have the opportunity to recognize you from Birkenau's fog, so full of humanity ... [this] is the best gift, one of the gifts of life."

The day after they met Millu, the Rubinsteins drove to the Torino area, in search of the site of the Displaced Persons' camp where Judith Rubinstein gave birth to her son. She and her husband Bill had spent nearly three years there after the war.

Rubinstein, in broken Italian, asked people on the street for directions, and by startling coincidence she ran into a former partisan, 61-year-old Nicola Catalano, who showed the Rubinsteins the former camp in the town of Grugliasco. Catalano later burst into tears when he saw the tattooed numbers from Auschwitz-Birkenau on Rubinstein's forearm.

A psychiatric hospital before the war, the buildings at the camp site were again being used as a hospital.

Rubinstein showed her son Robert the garden in which she married his father. "He was very, very emotional about it," she recalled.

The group went on a tour of the buildings, including the one that contained the room Rubinstein and her husband had shared along with six other couples. "I was so shaken up," she said. "The building just brought back the memories."

Rubinstein taught dressmaking at one of the camp's Organization for Rehabilitation through Training (ORT) workshops. She recalled she had trouble communicating with her students as they spoke different dialects of Yiddish. Most of them had never worked at a sewing machine, either. "It was quite an education working there, until I had to go to the hospital to have my baby."

Rubinstein's memories of Italy are bittersweet. The happiness of marriage and the joy of giving birth to her first child, she remembers, were marred by restlessness and anxiety about the future. "We felt like we were in a sanitorium, recovering from an illness, waiting to go somewhere."

The family had hoped to make aliyah, but after their three-year wait, they opted to move to Canada in September of 1948.

Rubinstein said many people she met on her trip worry about the resurgence of fascism in Italy and the direction the newly elected right-wing government is headed.

Among the concerned is Dr. Caterina Corbascio, the fortyish head of the hospital. An anti-fascist, Corbascio was unaware the hospital had been a Displaced Persons' camp. "She was very surprised," said Rubinstein. "She wanted to know everything about it."

With the aim of telling Rubinstein's story to other Italians, Corbascio contacted a reporter friend who asked Rubinstein if she would consent to be interviewed for *La Republica*, one of Italy's major newspapers.

Although she was initially hesitant, Rubinstein said she did the interview because Corbascio told her the story would help to counter fascism and that Italians needed to remember that the previous government, which had been in power since the war, had been good to people, even those who were not Italian.

In the newspaper story, Rubinstein says thank you to the Italian people for the kindness they showed to her and her family.

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

MALINSKY, MARKOWITZ, DERSHOVITZ, ROVNER

Place names (toponymics) often disclose the origin of a family. Although Jews migrated from place to place for economic sustenance, the assumption of a place name as a surname probably indicates the progenitor took root in the village or shtetl.

Hence, it is fair to assume the bearers of the following names settled in Ukraine:

Malinsky from Malin near Kiev; Markowitz from Markovich near Lvov; Dershovitz from Deshov, sometimes called Derzow; and Rovno also near Lvov.

DONNENFELD — DANNENBERG

My friend, Eddie Donnenfeld, is curious about the origin of his surname. It is a variation of place names in Germany — Dannenberg and Dannenwalde, both west of Berlin. The greater probability is that it was built around the Hebrew name "Dan" with a fancy suffix like berg or feld.

Allegations against Inco found untrue

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — News reports which alleged that mining giant Inco Ltd. imported ex-Nazi stormtroopers in the 1950s to disrupt union activities were based on unreliable hearsay information, an RCMP officer contends.

The articles, which appeared in November 1993 editions of the *Sudbury Star*, cite 32-year-old RCMP intelligence reports, but the articles fail to mention that the RCMP investigator did not consider the information he reported reliable, said Constable Andre Deneault, an RCMP officer attached to the Justice Department's war crimes unit.

Deneault said the RCMP investigating officer at the time, Staff Sgt. A.R. Campbell, obtained his information from union insiders. But because the "union was run by communists" who were anti-management, Campbell considered the information tainted and unreliable, Deneault said. The *Star* articles failed to mention that, he added.

In the series of investigative articles that examined the postwar history of mining activities in Ontario's north, the *Sudbury Star* reported that ex-Nazi stormtroopers and Hungarian freedom fighters were hired by Inco. These workers disrupted union meetings and organizational campaigns by the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers.

Jim Tester, a former president of the union, confirmed elements of the *Star* story when contacted by *The CJN* in November 1993. He said many laborers in the mining industry at the time "had a fascist background."

Historian Alti Rodal, who investigated Canada's postwar immigration procedures, reported in 1986 that Canada permitted the entry of numerous individuals who had served with Nazi forces and their collaborators. Many were brought in because of a labor shortage, she wrote.

When asked to comment on the *Star* allegations in November, RCMP inspector George Watson said "we will try to get a hold of those files and have a look at [them] in the normal course of events."

Five months later, Deneault contacted *The CJN* with the RCMP's views on the story.

Justice Ministry seeks clarification on Finta ruling

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The federal Justice Ministry has joined Jewish organizations in asking the Supreme Court of Canada to clarify a controversial ruling in the Imre Finta case.

The Supreme Court ruled 4 to 3 in March that Finta, a former captain in the Hungarian gendarmes accused of sending 8,600 Jews to Nazi death camps in 1944, was not at fault for following orders he believed were legal, given the climate of anti-Semitism in the country at the time.

"Such a result is unacceptable in Canada and is wrong in law," wrote federal Crown Attorney Christopher Amerasinghe in a 12-page memorandum filed with the Supreme Court last week.

Amerasinghe, prosecutor in the Finta case since 1987, was acting on behalf of Justice Minister Allan Rock.

The League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada and the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association petitioned the court April 25 for a rehearing of the case. The groups fear the ruling may set a dangerous precedent.

"The worst excesses of war crimes may be allowed if the decision says what it seems to say," said League for Human Rights lawyer Marvin Kurz.

"The Crown is supporting [the two groups'] applications," Amerasinghe confirmed from his Ottawa office.

Finta was acquitted by the Ontario Court of Appeal in 1992. The Supreme Court upheld that acquittal by accepting his defence of following orders an "air of reality" led him to believe were legal.

The Canadian Jewish Congress also filed a supporting memorandum with the Supreme Court last week. "We don't believe that the Court intended that anti-Semitism or racism could have been the basis for an excuse of following superior orders," said Congress national executive director Jack Silverstone.

It is rare for the Supreme Court to rehear a case, say lawyers familiar with the case. The Court can choose to ignore the petitions, issue supplemenatry written reasons for its judgment, or agree to a limited or total rehearing, the least likely possibility according to those involved.

No date has been set for the Court to address the petitions.

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און, ווי אַלעמאָל, איז מיין קלוגער פעטער נעבעך געוואָרטן. צו זיין אַ מענטש איז נישט קיין קלייניקייט. צו ווערן אַ מענטש מיינט צו דערגרייכן אַ גאָר הויכע מדרגה — אויב נישט די העכסטע מדרגה, וואָס איינער פון אונדזער מין קאָן דערגרייכן.

פּרעגט זיך: אַנטקעגן וואָס איז דאָס צווייד געקומען? איז דער ענטספער, אַז דאָס איז צווייד געקומען נאָכדעם ווי מיין פעטער אליעזר האָט מיך באַליידיגט צו עטלעכע פאַראָמלונגען פון עלטערע מענטשן, וועלכע געהערן צו ייִדישע „סיניאָר סיטיזענס" אַרגאַניזאַציעס, וועלכע מערן זיך, קיין עין־הרע, און ביי וועלכע איך האָב געדאַרפט רעדן.

נאָך עטלעכע אזעלכע דערפאַרונגען איז מיין פעטער געקומען צו מיר אויף אַ באַזוך זיך דורכרעדן וועגן אָט־דער נייער דערשיינונג אין ייִדישן לעבן — די „סיניאָר סיטיזענס" קלובן. ווי תמיד האָבן מיר הנאה געהאַט פון עטלעכע גלעזער טיי, מיט לימענע פאַרשטייט זיך, און אונדזער שמועס האָט זיך אמת'דיק צעוואַרעמט. נאָך אַ שעה, צווישן זיינען מיר געקומען צו אָט־די אויספּרין:

ערשטנס, אַז כאָטש ס'איז טאָקע אמת, אַז צו גוטס איז נישטאָ קיין שיעור מוט מען, פונדעסטוועגן, מודה זיין, אַז אין פאַרגלייך מיט אַמאָל איז היינט די לאָגע פון אַן עלטערן מענטש — ספּעציעל אין די ריכערע לענדער — אַ סך, גאָר אַ סך אַ בעסערע.

ס'איז טאָקע דאָ אַ שטיקל פּענסיע; ס'איז דאָ פּריי מעדיצינישע הילף; ס'איז דאָ „בעיקרעסט", אַ מאָדערנע היים פאַר עלטערע מענטשן מיט דער בעסטער באַדינונג ביי אונדז אין טאָראָנטאָ; ס'איז דאָ „דעי קעיר" אָפּטמלונג אין בעיקרעסט, וואָס וועט אונגעפירט פון ספּעציאַליסירטע אנגעשטעלטע און פון וואָלונטירן; אויך דער וואַכמאַן צענטער און דער בערנארד ביטעל צענטער, און ס'וואָקסן, קיין עין־הרע, די „סיניאָר סיטיזענס" קלובן ביי דעם „קאַנסל אָף דושואיש ווימען", ביי דער „י.מ.ה.א.", אין די שולן און אין אַ ריי אַנדערע, סעקולאַרע ייִדישע אַרגאַניזאַציעס.

דאָס הייסט, אַז מען פאַרלאָזט היינט נישט דעם עלטערן מענטש. פאַרקערט, מ'גיט זיך מיט אים אפּ אַלץ מער און מער דער וואָס האָט אפּגענגען זיינע יאָרן צו פראָדוקטיווער אַרבעט, צו דערציען אַ יונגן דור און צו גענוילשאַפטלעכער אַרבעט האָט כשר פאַרדינט די באַדינונג, וואָס מ'גיט אים איצט אין זיינע עלטערע יאָרן.

צווייטנס, זיינען מיר געקומען צום אויספּיר — מיין פעטער אליעזר און איך — אַז ס'איז אומבאַדינגט נויטיק צו באַטאָנען נאָכאַמאָל און נאָכאַמאָל וויי נויטיק ס'איז זיך אויסצולעבן ווי אַ מענטש.

וואָס מיינט דאָס? דאָס מיינט, אַז דער עלטערער מענטש טאָר זיך נישט פלן ווי קיין איבעריקער, אַדער ווי קיין אויסגעלעבטער אין דער געזעלשאַפט. מ'טאָר זיך נישט לאָזן ווערן אַן אַרויסגעשטויסענער אַדער אַ באַזייטיקטער פון דער סביבה. אַ מענטש, וועמען דאָס גענוגט דינט נאָר, מח אַנאַלטן זיין פאַרבינדונג מיטן לעבעדיקן לעבן; מח באַגערן צו וויסן, וואָס ס'טוט זיך אין דער וועלט און מוז זיך אנשטרענגען צו באַאיינפלוסן דעם גאַנג פון דער וועלט אַזוי, אַז ווען זיין ציט וועט קומען — און קיינער מיידט נישט אויס דעם סוף — זאָל ער איבערלאָזן די וועלט אַ ביסל אַ בעסערע ווי זי איז געווען.

דאָס הייסט זיך אויסלעבן ווי אַ מענטש.

ס'הייסט וועלן וויסן, וואָס ס'טוט זיך און ווילן האָבן אַ דעה אין גאַנג פון דער וועלט. אַ מענטש זיין בין סוף — דאָס דאַרף זיין דער ציל פון יעדן עלטערן מענטש. זיך לאָזן פאַרוואָנדלען, אויף די עלטערע יאָרן, אין אַ באַשעפענישע וועמען מ'גיט בלויז ברויט און אַ געלעגער ביז דער סוף וועט קומען, איז נישט מענטשלעך. אנטקעגן אַזאַ עקזיסטענץ מוז מען קעמפן.

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Demonstrators march in support of agunah

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

THORNHILL — Over 50 demonstrators marched in front of Vaughan Secondary School on Clark Avenue last Tuesday evening to show their solidarity with agunah Yoni Shalev, 42, and to demand that her estranged husband, Uzi, give her a get (Jewish divorce).

(Uzi is enrolled in an Israeli dance class held at the school on Tuesday evenings.)

Following the demonstration, flyers reading "UZI SHALEV, give your estranged wife a GET" and bearing his picture, were posted in a number of stores along Bathurst Street and in the Thornhill area.

The Shalevs were married in Israel 21 years ago and have been separated for three years. They have three sons, two of whom are in the Israeli army. The youngest lives with Yoni.

"People don't understand that when I ask for a divorce, it's not because I'm planning to get married again, or because I want to punish anyone," Yoni told *The CJN*. "It's for my soul. We have nothing in common any more. Why do I have to stay in this marriage?"

Rabbi Mordechai Ochs, chair of Toronto's Beth Din Tzedek, confirmed that he has spoken to Uzi "a number of times" and that Uzi says he is "not ready" to give a get.

When contacted by *The CJN*, Uzi Shalev said he had "no comment" on the protest nor on his reasons for not agreeing to the get.

Although Rabbi Ochs declined to comment on the Shalevs' case specifically, he allowed that "one has to try everything one can."

The Shalev protest was orchestrated by a Toronto volunteer who wishes to remain anonymous. She is helping Yoni and a number of other agunot who have not gone public in their quest for freedom, and worries about jeopardizing their confidentiality and safety should her name become known.

The protest is very likely the first of its kind in Canada. Neither Evelyn Brook, Montreal-based chair of the Canadian Coalition of Jewish Women for the Get, nor John Syrtash, Toronto lawyer and expert in gittin, has heard of another public denunciation of a recalcitrant spouse in this country, although there have been instances in the United States.

"This is what we've been speaking out for," Brook told *The CJN*. "As long as the case is clear, we're all for it. This is a real community response to the issue."

"It's sad that [the community has] to do this," said Syrtash, who attended the demonstration in an advisory capacity at the invitation of the organizer. He was heartened, however, to see the diversity of the crowd — Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jews, ranging in age from students to seniors — who carried placards and wore yellow ribbons in sympathy for women held "hostage" in their marriages.

Rabbi Avram Rothman, director of Ohr Somayach, an Orthodox educational institution in Thornhill, attended the demonstration because "it's an important issue. [It's important] to show support...and let these women know we care about them."

Statistics on agunot are hard to come by. Israel alone has an estimated 10,000 agunot. A 1987 B'nai Brith Canada study reported that 311 Canadian cases involved "conflict or disagreement in procurement of the get" between 1982 and 1985. Currently, Rabbi Ochs is actively dealing with about half a dozen cases in Toronto. Syrtash says he has about 10 agunot as clients.

An agunah cannot remarry in accordance with Halachah. Should she remarry under civil law without obtaining a Jewish divorce, any children of that subsequent marriage are considered to be born of an adulterous relationship and are mamzerim under Jewish law. While they are halachically Jewish, they are forbidden to marry nearly all other Jews.

If a man remarries without giving his first wife a get, any children of his second relationship are not considered mamzerim on the basis of their father's status.

Only a husband can initiate a get. If a husband refuses to give his wife a get, she can never be divorced under Jewish law. If a wife refuses to accept the get, there are remedies under Jewish law, although it may be difficult to utilize them.

Canada's Divorce Act was amended four years ago to bar Jewish men from using the get as a bargaining chip in civil proceedings. Although a government report shows that 67 per cent of professionals such as lawyers and clergy report a "substantial improvement" because of the amendment, attempts to use the get as a negotiating tool are still common, said Syrtash.

He added that many lawyers are ignorant of the amended law, and noted that the Ontario Family Law Act has specific provisions regarding property rights which may be particularly helpful in cases involving agunot.

In the Shalevs' case, civil divorce proceedings were instituted only three months ago, because Yoni was not aware of the importance of a Canadian civil divorce, which is not recognized in Israel. Israel requires a religious divorce.

The issue of agunot "has to be dealt with by the entire community," said Glennie Lindenberg, president of Jewish Women's Federation (JWF). She expressed the hope that the protest would increase awareness of the agunah issue within the community.

"I hope [the vigil] will help me and other women who are not brave enough to do something like this," said Yoni, who confessed to feeling "a little bit nervous."

Supporter Jeremy Shapiro, a self-described happily married father of three, told *The CJN* he feels recalcitrant husbands "should be incarcerated until they [give a get], because it's a criminal act. No person has the right to keep another person captive."

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Syria among top of list of countries backing terrorism

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — While the U.S. State Department is earning praise from the pro-Israel community for keeping Syria on its annual listing of countries supporting terrorism, it is being accused by one Jewish group of underreporting the PLO's involvement in terrorist incidents.

The department's annual report on global terrorism, released last week, says PLO factions loyal to Yasser Arafat were responsible for "one, possibly two" acts of terrorism last year following the signing of the Israeli-PLO autonomy framework in September.

But the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) maintains that the number is much higher.

The State Department's figures are contained in *Patterns of Global Terrorism: 1993*, its annual survey of terrorist groups and the incidents they perpetrated around the world.

The report, issued at a time when the United States is pushing hard for real progress in Israeli-Syrian peace talks, retains Syria on the list of state sponsors of terrorism, despite intense lobbying by Syrian President Hafez Assad.

Other countries listed as state sponsors of terrorism are Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea and Sudan.

The report says members of Arafat's Fatah faction were responsible for the murder of an Israeli settler Oct. 29, and that an "alleged" member of the Fatah Hawks claimed responsibility for the murder of two Israelis on Dec. 31.

"In both cases, the responsible individuals apparently acted independently," the report says.

But ZOA President Morton Klein insists that Fatah has perpetrated 28 acts of terrorism against Jews and Arabs since the signing of the September accord, 16 of which occurred in 1993. Klein said his group bases its information on news reports from the Associated Press and *The Jerusalem Post*.

"I don't understand how the State Department could not have had these terrorism reports if we had them," said Klein, who added, "We verify every terrorist attack."

"We are concerned that the State Department report glosses over and excuses indications that the PLO may be unwilling or incapable of completing such a transformation" to live side by side with Israel.

The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations is studying the latest report and planned to meet with State Department officials last week to discuss it, said Malcolm Hoenlein, the group's executive vice chairman.

Violence decreased

The report says that overall, violence between Palestinians in the territories decreased in 1993, with 83 Palestinians killed by other Palestinians, compared to nearly 200 in 1992.

It attributes the decline in part to "a tacit cease-fire" between Fatah, the PLO's largest faction, and the Islamic extremist Hamas movement.

The report says 65 Israeli soldiers and civilians were killed and 390 wounded by Palestinian attacks in 1993. It also says "approximately 14" Palestinians were killed by Israeli civilians.

On the issue of Syria, the State Department concluded that, despite urgings from Damascus, the time had not yet come to remove the country from the terrorism list.

"There is no evidence that Syrian officials have been directly involved in planning or executing terrorist attacks since 1986, but Syria continues to provide support to and safe haven for several groups that engage in international terrorism," the report says.

It points out that several terrorist groups have training camps or other facilities on Syrian territory, including Ahmed Jabril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command.

But the report has some words of encouragement for Syria, stating that the country has "taken steps to restrain the international activities of some of these groups."

In particular, the report cites Syria's role in "cooling hostilities" in southern Lebanon last summer by inducing the Islamic fundamentalist Hezbollah movement to halt its rocket attacks on northern Israel.

The report also says that since last September's Israeli-PLO accord, "Syria has counseled Palestinian rejectionists to refrain from violence outside the region, although it has not acted to stop rejectionist violence in southern Lebanon."

It also notes that Syria continues to allow Iran to resupply the Hezbollah movement via its territory.

Overall, the report shows an increase in global terrorist attacks, with 427 incidents in 1993, compared to 361 incidents in 1992. The main reason for the increase was a jump in terrorist activities by the Kurdistan Workers Party against Turkish interests, the report says.

The only terrorist incident that took American lives last year was the February 1993 bombing of New York's World Trade Center, the report says. The bombing, which killed six Americans, was also considered by the State Department to be the only "international terrorist 'spectacular' " of the year.

U.S. department criticized

The State Department had little to say last week when asked about any possible discrepancies.

"A lot of hard work went into this report. We consulted as many sources as we could, and that's what we came up with," a department spokesman said.

But this is not the first time the department has been criticized for its reports on the PLO's link to terrorism.

In January, Sens. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.) and Connie Mack (R-Fla.) wrote to Secretary of State Warren Christopher criticizing a progress report that had just been released on the PLO's compliance with a pledge to renounce terrorism.

The report "reads more like a defence of the PLO's lapses than a constructively critical guide to better behavior," the two senators wrote.

Russian officer stuck in jail

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Semyon Livshits, 35, a former officer of the Russian navy, is still languishing in a Vladivostok jail, despite evidence to the Russian Supreme Court that he was thousands of miles away from Vladivostok, where it is alleged he robbed 11 prostitutes and raped eight of them.

Livshits was once accused of a plot to hijack a Russian submarine and deliver it to Israel but the KGB dropped that charge against him.

He is jailed with 30 other prisoners in a cell meant for only eight and has lost his hair and most of his teeth and is reported to be suffering from malnutrition.

Although a new trial was held before the Vladivostok Military Tribunal, crucial evidence presented at the Supreme Court was withheld, including testimony from his ex-wife that he was not in Vladivostok, and the Tribunal again sentenced Livshits to 10 years.

His lawyer is appealing the decision again, this time to the Military Tribunal of the Supreme Court.

Believing that Livshits was prosecuted in the first place because he had decided to emigrate to Israel, the Soviet Jewry committee of Beth Tzedec Synagogue considers him a prisoner of conscience, and is appealing to the Canadian government to protest this miscarriage of justice.

"We have 8,000 signatures on a petition on Livshits' behalf, collected by Herb Landis, and have contacted Barry Campbell, the member for St. Paul's riding, and William C. Graham, MP, vice-chair of the Parliamentary Committee on External Affairs," said chair Genya Intrator.

Semyon Livshits

His parents. Vladlon and Eva, and his sister, Janna, live in Kiryat Shmona in northern Israel and Livshits is anxious to join them.

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Report leaves rabbis uneasy

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"But the question in my mind is whether it is desirable in a public document to legitimate personal behavior that is non-normative from an ideal standpoint," Rabbi Frydman-Kohl said.

He said the Canadian Conservative rabbinate is "very concerned about shifting borders on traditional sexual behavior away from biblical norms. I'm concerned with affirming traditional Jewish norms."

It also left "lots" of rabbis with "a strong feeling of discomfort," said Rabbi Philip Scheim of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue in Toronto.

There's much that's positive in the report but it contains "tacit acceptance" of sex outside marriage, Rabbi Scheim said.

"That can open the door to potentially dangerous consequences. It's comparable to giving a person who keeps kosher guidelines on eating in a treif restaurant."

But the report likely won't aggravate tensions within the RA, said Rabbi Scheim, who's a member but also a vice-president of the Union for Traditional Judaism, founded in 1983 by those seeking to bring more conservatism to Conservative Judaism.

It wasn't only small-c Conservative rabbis who opposed the creation of the commission on human sexuality. The RA's sister organizations, United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism — the umbrella organization for congregations — and the Jewish Theological Seminary were both against the idea.

But a group of Conservative rabbis on the left of the movement calling themselves B'Tsalmenu (in our image), who sought to include gays and lesbians in synagogue life, pressed for the commission.

Rabbi Henry Balser of Winnipeg's Shaarey Zedek Synagogue said he is "torn" between his role as a guardian of Halachah and pastoral counsellor.

"It would be nice to live in a world like the Orthodox do, where if someone asks you what to do, you can say, 'This is what Jewish law says.' But that's not the reality in the Conservative world," Rabbi Balser told *The CJN.*

Rabbi Balser said he likes the report because it attempts to say something about "how people should try to relate to each other," and comes out forcefully for abstention for teenagers.

However, he was critical of the section on homosexuality because "it gives the impression of a bigger split on the law committee [than exists]. It would be a tragic mistake for rabbis to split and fight over the issue of homosexuality."

He said he suspects "a solid majority" of Conservative rabbis are squarely against ordaining open homosexuals and performing ceremonies of committment between homosexual couples.

The draft report was roundly denounced last week by the Union for Traditional Judaism and by the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of America, which slammed the section on non-marital sex as "a betrayal of the sanctity of the Jewish home."

— With files from JTA

Excerpts

The following are excerpts from the report released by Conservative rabbis on human sexuality earlier this month:

On Suggestive Clothing:

We may dress in accord with the styles of the times, but never should our apparel accentuate the genital parts of our bodies. Thus, low-cut gowns or dresses and sexually suggestive swim wear for both men and women would not be in keeping with Jewish sensibilities.

On Denial of Sex:

The tradition does not approve denial of each other's sexual rights over a long period of time without due reason, for then the partner who wants to have sex is being denied the sexual expression of companionship to which each partner is entitled in a marriage.

On Adultery:

Adultery is prohibited by the seventh of the Ten Commandments, and is one of the three prohibitions which, according to the Talmud, one is not to violate even on pain of losing one's life ... Adultery does not necessarily mean the end of the marriage; that depends upon the people and the circumstances. Certainly all attempts at reconciliation should be made.

On Contraception:

Since women are not legally obligated to procreate and men are, contraceptive techniques used by women are more easily permitted than those used by men ... If couples are going to use contraceptives, Jewish law prefers those forms which prevent conception in the first place over those which abort an already fertilized egg ... Therefore, from a Jewish point of view, the diaphragm is the most favored form of contraception, for it prevents conception and has little, if any, impact on the woman's health.

On Condoms and AIDS:

In the age of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, (condoms) should definitely be used whenever a risk of transmission exists. Furthermore, if either partner is afflicted with the HIV virus, whether through previous sexual encounters or through a blood transfusion, abstinence is necessary. For life must take precedence over the joys of sex.

On Non-Marital Sex:

Large numbers of people either will not or cannot get married, and the physical and psychological pleasures which sex provides lead them to engage in sex with each other. If that is the case, all of the concepts and values described (for married couples) apply to their sexual activities ... Committed, loving relationships between mature people who strive to conduct their sexual lives according to the concepts and values described above can embody a measures of holiness, even if it is not the full portion available in marriage.

On Fidelity:

Jewish values demand that one avoid short-term sexual encounters and seek, instead, long-term relationships to which one remains faithful for the duration of the relationship. Infidelity breeds pain, distrust, and, in the extreme, inability to form intimate relationships with anyone.

On Teenage Sex:

Teenagers need to refrain from sexual intercourse, for they cannot honestly deal with its implications or results — including the commitments that sexual relations normally imply, the possibility of children, and the risk of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. Abstinence is surely not easy when the physical and social pressures are strong, but it is the only responsible thing to do.

On Homosexuality:

The matter has become the source of deep controversy ... While affirming our tradition's prescription for heterosexuality, (we) 1) Support full civil equality for gays and lesbians in our national life, and 2) Deplore the violence against gays and lesbians in our society, and 3) Reiterate that, as are all Jews, gay men and lesbians are welcome as members in our congregations.

On Sexual Preference:

...Homosexual orientation, like heterosexual orientation, is the result of both nature and nurture ... Most health professionals, however, agree with the stance reaffirmed by the American Psychiatric Association in December, 1992, namely, that however it is fashioned, a person's sexual orientation is not a matter of choice.

On Gay Life:

Jewish homosexuals, like Jewish heterosexuals, should not be seen narrowly as people who engage in certain kinds of sexual practices, but rather as people and as Jews, with the full range of interactions that people and Jews have with each other.

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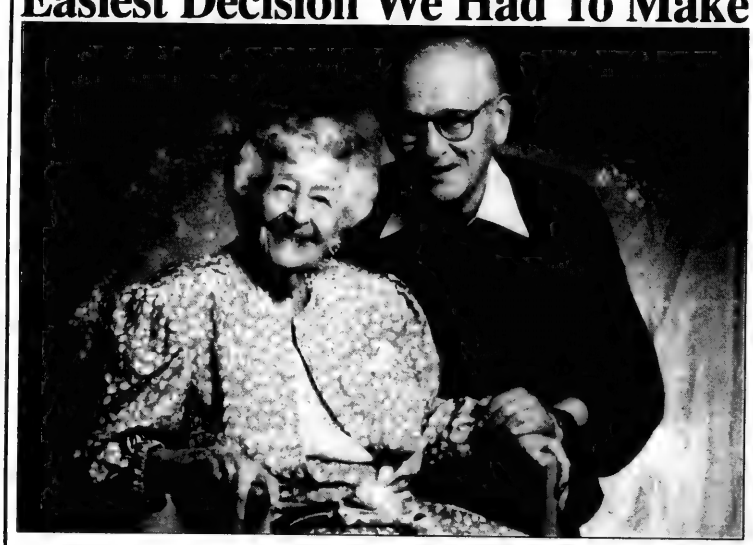

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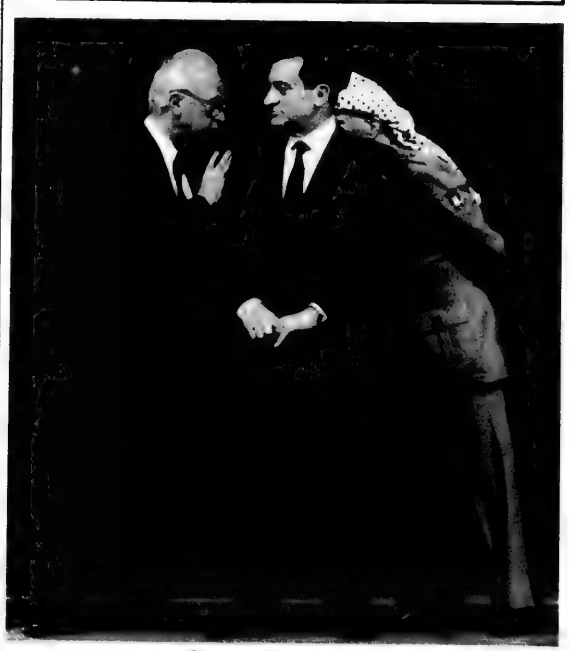

CAN WE TALK?

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak is caught in the middle of an exchange between Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat, after Arafat refused to sign one page of the Gaza-Jericho accord during the signing ceremony in Cairo. [IPPA photo]

Mandela greets Weizman first after inauguration

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JOHANNESBURG — Newly-elected South African President Nelson Mandela made a special gesture to Israel by meeting with Israeli President Ezer Weizman before greeting any of the other heads of state gathered for his inauguration ceremonies last week.

And the Israeli leader was paid additional, perhaps unexpected, attention when officials from several countries with which Israel has no diplomatic relations — such as Pakistan, Cuba and Sudan — came up to greet Weizman during the ceremonies.

Ezer Weizman

Nelson Mandela

After attending the inauguration, Weizman addressed Israelis living in Johannesburg and told them that Israel anticipates positive relations with the new leadership in South Africa.

He said the self-rule agreement between Israel and the PLO would augur well for warm ties between Jerusalem and Pretoria.

"There is a great understanding between the Palestinians and Mandela," Weizman told the audience. "They regarded each other as brothers in trouble, although there is a great difference here."

Weizman told how he had had a private conversation with Mandela, whom he described as having an active interest in becoming a sponsor of Israeli-Palestinian reconciliation.

After meeting with Mandela alone, the South African president then asked PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, who also attended the inauguration, to join them.

"He calls Arafat by his first name, Yasser," Weizman told the group of Israelis. "They embraced, and he said he and Arafat were brothers. I said: 'Then, Mr. President, we are cousins.' "

Weizman said the new South Africa will attempt to hold an important political and economic position not only in Africa, but throughout the world.

With respect to the role of the local Jewish community in the country, Weizman said Mandela "honestly speaks about regarding Jews as an element that will assist him in building the new South Africa."

In an effort to reach out and reassure South African Jews that they will have a place in the country's new political configuration, Mandela last Saturday visited the largest synagogue in the Southern hemisphere — Cape Town's Green and Sea Point Hebrew Congregation — to attend a Shabbat service.

The synagogue was packed with congregants who came to hear Mandela speak, and some members of the temple were sporting yarmulkes in the black, green and gold colors of the Mandela-led African National Congress.

Among the dignitaries at the shul were Israeli Ambassador Alon Liel; South African Chief Rabbi Cyril Harris; the congregation's spiritual leader, Rabbi Jack Steinhorn; and the national chairman of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, Mervyn Smith.

At Tuesday's inauguration, Mandela also made a point of including the country's Jewish population in the ceremonies by having Rabbi Harris sit in the front row. That row also included other religious leaders, Mandela himself and Deputy Presidents Thabo Mbeki and F.W. de Klerk.

Rabbi Harris, who was among the Christian, Hindu and Muslim spiritual leaders attending the inaugural, read a message of peace from the prophet Isaiah before the crowd of 150,000.

In his inaugural address, Mandela also sounded the theme of peace, saying that South Africa was celebrating "a common victory for justice, for peace, for human dignity."

He called on the international community "to continue to stand by us as we tackle the challenges of building peace, prosperity, non-racialism and democracy.

"The time for the healing of the wounds has come. The moment for bridging the chasms that divide us has come. The time to build is upon us," said the man who had risen from being one of the world's best-known political prisoners to become his country's president.

Mandela pledged during his address to build a society based on egalitarian principles.

"We enter into a covenant that we shall build a society in which all South Africans, both black and white, will be able to walk tall, without any fear in their hearts, assured of their inalienable right to human dignity — a rainbow nation at peace with itself and the world.

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The News in Brief

Yemen Jews Said Worried

JERUSALEM — The Jews of Yemen are extremely worried about the security situation there following continued clashes between forces from the north and south, but do not face any physical danger themselves, according to reports reaching the West.

The 800 to 1,000 community members are gathered in Sad'a in the north of the country, near the Saudi border, according to Shimon Avizemer of the World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries. The rebels from the south have not attacked further north than the capital, San'a, he noted.

A group of Jewish community members have proclaimed their support for northern leader Ali Abdalla Salah, who is president of the united country of Yemen, Avizemer said. The Jews said they believe that the rebellion is no more than a passing episode.

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Prisoners Refuse to Sign Pledge

JERUSALEM — Administrative detainees at Ketziot Prison here have refused to sign a document pledging their support for the peace process and promising to refrain from terrorism if released.

The prisoners claim they had been detained for their ideological, religious and political beliefs, which oppose the "proposed political settlement."

Prisoners denied being terrorists, describing their "struggle for liberation and independence as a legitimate and universally accepted means of resistance to the violent Israeli occupation."

They described authorities' request to sign the document as a "form of political and ideological blackmail, which involves trading beliefs and national dignity."

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Weizman To 'Dialogue' With Diaspora

JERUSALEM — Israeli President Ezer Weizman will sponsor a two-day "dialogue" next month, aiming to break new ground in Israel's relations with Diaspora Jewry.

Weizman took the initiative because he feels that "both Israel and the Jewish communities should re-evaluate their relationship and identities," said Yossi Amrani, the president's political adviser.

In a recent letter, Weizman called the dialogue a "launching pad" for efforts to strengthen the Israel-Diaspora relationship, "and in this way to face the threat of assimilation."

"New bridges are needed," he wrote, "to prevent ourselves from drifting apart."

Some 200 participants have been tapped to attend, from intellectual, academic, political and artistic circles, and not just from "official" Jewish leadership. One third will be Israeli, while two thirds will be from the Diaspora.

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N.A. Kids Stay Away

JERUSALEM — The perception that Israel is unsafe could prevent many North American teen-agers from visiting the country this summer.

According to officials at the World Zionist Organization, which coordinates dozens of Israel-based summer programs for Diaspora teens through its youth division, registration from North America is down 10 to 15 per cent from last year.

While officials stress that applications are still coming in, they concede that recent terrorist attacks have frightened away many American and Canadian kids who would otherwise be planning to spend this summer in Israel.

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Second Arson Attack

AMSTERDAM — In the second arson attempt here in three months, a fire was started last week at the Jewish community centre in the Amsterdam suburb of Buitenveldert.

The fire, set May 5, was extinguished before any major damage could occur. Illegible graffiti was later found on the walls of the building, which houses a synagogue and offices of the Netherlands Ashkenazi Congregation.

On the evening the fire was set, a Jewish cultural event was to have taken place in the presence of the Israeli ambassador. The event was transferred to another venue.

The fire was set on Dutch Liberation Day, which marks the liberation of Holland from German occupation.

A similar arson attempt was made at the community centre in March.

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Anti-Semitism No Longer 'Taboo'

BERLIN — German Jews are becoming increasingly worried that they are again being regarded as foreigners in their own country, according to the leader of Germany's Jewish community.

In a recent interview with the German weekly *Deutsche Sonntagsblatt*, Ignatz Bubis, chairman of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Germany, said that anti-Semitism has ceased to be a taboo in Germany.

Bubis said he is receiving more anti-Semitic mail than ever. He noted that he used to receive one anti-Semitic piece of mail for every 20 positive letters, but that now anti-Semitic material comprises one-third of his mail.

Bubis also said that when he visits Israel he is sometimes criticized for living in Germany.

In both countries, he said, "I declare myself as German."

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Most Favored Touvier Trial

PARIS — The trial of Paul Touvier, the Vichy official convicted of killing seven Jews last month, was "necessary," according to most who responded to an opinion poll conducted here last week.

Touvier, 79, was sentenced in April to a life sentence for crimes against humanity.

As chief of the intelligence service of the French collaborationist militia in Lyon during World War II, he ordered the execution of seven Jewish hostages in Rillieux-la-Pape, near Lyon, in 1944.

According to the poll, 61 percent of French citizens interviewed favored the trial, while 32 percent opposed it.

There was less support for the trial among self-described observant Catholics, 40 percent of whom opposed the trial, with many of them saying it would "awaken old passions."

Touvier spent many years in hiding, some of them in monasteries, with help from high-ranking members of the French Catholic church.

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Lutherans Reject Anti-Semitism

NEW YORK — The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — the largest branch of the Lutheran church in the United States — has formally rejected the anti-Semitic writings of the movement's founder, Martin Luther.

Though never incorporated into official Lutheran doctrine, Luther's 16th century anti-Jewish diatribes have long been used by right-wing groups eager to give historical and religious justification to their anti-Semitic claims.

In its statement, the movement wrote that its members feel a "special burden" because of "catastrophes, including the Holocaust of the 20th century, suffered by Jews in places where the Lutheran churches were strongly represented."

"Grieving the complicity of our own tradition within this history of hatred," the declaration continued, "we express our urgent desire to live out our faith in Jesus Christ with love and respect for the Jewish people."

The April 18 declaration was issued in conjunction with the Lutheran World Federation.

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Dead Sea Scrolls at Vatican

ROME — The Dead Sea Scrolls will be exhibited for the first time in Europe this summer, when they will be featured in a special exhibition at the Vatican opening June 30.

Italian newspapers said the exhibit will be opened by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Pope John Paul II.

The exhibition is described as the first major cultural event stemming from the agreement signed Dec. 30 opening the way to full diplomatic relations between the Vatican and Israel.

The exhibit will be arranged in cooperation between the Vatican Library and the Archeological Museum in Jerusalem.

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Habla Ivrit?

SAN SALVADOR — El Salvador's tiny Jewish community has asked the World Jewish Congress for help in locating a spiritual leader.

The country's 50 Jewish families mark all holidays in a new community centre and synagogue. A leadership training course is offered to older youth and meets every Shabbat morning at the centre.

Some Jews returned to El Salvador after the signing of the 1991 peace accord. The community seeks a balance between Reform and Conservative trends.

The community seeks someone able to teach Hebrew and Bible classes; organize a Jewish kindergarten and supervise Jewish content of youth activities; teach bar and bat mitzvah classes; preside over marriages and funerals and lead services. A Spanish speaker is preferred.

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Front Line

The choice: new peace strategy or party politics

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

For the last decade the world has been the scene of wide-ranging processes that have caught politicians and observers unprepared. While politicians try to adjust to the unknown and observers rush to interpret the trend, a significant part of the public everywhere, forgetful of its previous discontent with unchanging but stable situations, now shuns the prospects for change. But change has its own dynamic and creates new realities even if it is not supported by public consensus.

In the Middle East, where peace is now cautiously testing the ground, its very notion elicits irrational hopes in some circles and wild distrust in some sectors of Jewish and Arab national and religious fundamentalism. Much the same thing is happening to reform in the former Soviet Union. There "reform" has become an ugly word among the masses, manipulated by communist and nationalistic forces. In both cases, symptoms of withdrawal from the realities of the past are severe. In Russia, it is the sense that a feared and respected empire was lost through the betrayal of reformers. In the Middle East, adverse reactions are similar amongst Jews who feel that Eretz Israel was betrayed by the present government — and amongst equally bitter Arabs, who hoped against hope to regain all of Palestine and now believe that Arafat has sold them out to the Jews.

Yet, in both these very different political environments, the uncertainties of the present are the outgrowth of an unsustainable past. The future of the corrupt and messy Soviet Empire was as doomed as was apartheid in South Africa, as was the imposition of Israeli rule over the Palestinians. True, the breakdown of old orders alone is no guarantee that better ones are around the corner. It only indicates that what was is unlikely to be again, in any of these areas. To assimilate this elementary notion is one way to cope with the severe withdrawal symptoms caused by renewal.

Yeshayahu Anug

As one could see, the transfer of limited self-rule to the PLO in Jericho and Gaza was a complicated operation and it will take time to be fully completed. A preview of the differences ahead was offered by the curious ceremony in Cairo, which exposed to world television the distrust of which the new relationship is still made. More surprises and sporadic acts of violence by irresponsible opponents of peace on both sides are likely to put the uneasy process to new tests, but the general view is nevertheless that an emerging community of interests will play a role in overcoming new difficulties.

Now that for better or for worse what was contemplated as a start in Gaza and Jericho is under way, what should be Israel's next move?

Should it be directed at the Palestinians to use the momentum of progress? That would seem logical, since despite all the setbacks, the two sides know by now how best to handle each other. But the agenda is replete with large question marks about the future status of the autonomous entity, the refugees, the frontiers and East Jerusalem — to name a few. None of these issues is as intractable as it is now made to appear by the parties involved and they can be satisfactorily solved in constructive, if prolonged, talks, even without major foreign intervention or mediation. The trouble is, that on each of these issues the public positions of the parties seem politically irreconcilable. In view of the fragility of public support — on both sides — for what has already been accomplished between them, both may believe that it is perhaps politically wiser not to deal with these hot issues so soon. This could be a grave mistake since delays do not cool expectations, but — on the contrary — inflate them.

Yet, since politics counts everywhere more than interests, the fog may continue to obscure the course of future Israeli-Palestinian progress and the process may just linger on. If so, the parties risk losing their grip over their delicate relationship in its most critical, formative period. Gaza and Jericho are unlikely to be so successful a start as to guarantee calm for the prescribed lull of three years until the comprehensive solution can be hammered out. The over-reported euphoria in Gaza over the appearance of Palestinian policemen will soon pass. The surrounding misery will remain and will not be trumpeted away by parades and flags alone.

There is a school of thought in Israel which recommends to the government that they discuss the comprehensive solution with the Palestinians right away — and not just the details of limited autonomy. There is some support for this idea within the government itself. But the government may — for political and not for strategic considerations — choose now to direct its efforts to Syria, in the hope that President Hafez al-Assad will not reject the Israeli scheme allegedly conveyed to him recently by U.S. Secretary of State William Christopher. The plan, it is believed, provides for a sequence of withdrawals, security arrangements and peace-building steps to settle the Golan issue gradually over a number of years. Some observers believe that President Assad, being far more interested in improving Syria's relations with the United States than in a quick resolution on the Golan, may cooperate. If he does, the future of the Jewish settlements there will still make uncomfortable headlines, unmitigated by the idea that their probable dissolution could be slowed down considerably. Will the government prefer a political confrontation over the Golan settlements to one over those in the West Bank?

It may conclude that it is best to confront neither and this would be a classic non-choice, a wait-and-see policy adopted for non-confrontational purposes. But the political fallout of the results of the Histadrut elections may well reach beyond the foreseeable realignment within the Labor Party and affect the government's tactics in the pursuit of peace.

The 'battle for the environment' has begun in Israel

By SHOSHANA GABBAY

Alongside breakthroughs in the world of politics, economics and science, Israelis have been inundated with evergrowing doses of a different kind of news this year — environmental news. As a result of a government resolution to declare the current Jewish year (September 1993 to August 1994) the Year of the Environment, environmental protection is gaining entry into the consciousness of all segments of the Israeli population.

Officially launched on Sept. 6, 1993, Environmental Year began with a two-pronged ceremony: at the top of the Hiriya garbage dump in the Tel Aviv metropolitan area and at the president's residence in Jerusalem. The reason for launching Environment Year from atop Israel's largest landfill was explained by President Ezer Weizman himself: "The battle for the environment cannot be declared from an ivory tower; to understand truly the environmental challenges facing Israel today, planners and decision-makers must first see and smell the environmental nuisances which afflict the country."

At the official inauguration of the year at the president's residence, which was attended by numerous dignitaries and public representatives, a covenant was signed outlining Israel's commitment to environmental protection. "We hereby sign this covenant with the faith and conviction that our concern for our environment will represent a challenge calling out to every man, organization and group. May we have the chance to fulfill the special slogan of this year: To the Environment with Love."

Over the past several months, dozens of activities have taken place, their impact exceeding initial expectations. No day has gone by without media coverage of environmental issues, without environmental lectures, audio-visual presentations, happenings, exhibitions or clean-ups. Requests for environmental information have poured into the Ministry of the Environment by the thousands. Specially-prepared pamphlets, car stickers, posters, bookmarks and garbage bags for vehicles have been distributed to the general public. A "green diary," printed on recycled paper, was published to remind the public of environmental issues on a day-to-day basis.

Concrete activities have focused on several key projects in which the general public can take an active part. A nationwide battery collection drive, accompanied by a massive public information campaign, encourages the public to discard used batteries in specially-designed containers throughout the country (destined for final disposal in Israel's national hazardous waste site at Ramat Hovav).

A "green label" was designed and environmental criteria established to persuade manufacturers and importers to work toward environment-friendly products stamped with the green seal of approval. Several initiatives revolve around cleanliness in public places, especially along the coasts, beaches and roadsides. Special efforts are concentrated on closing down the rehabilitating garbage dumps, and new undertakings focus on separation at source, recycling and re-use.

Attention is being focused on the rehabilitation of the country's polluted rivers, and local authorities are working to improve new environmental and esthetic conditions in their jurisdiction. Finally, special efforts are being invested in increasing Israel's legion of volunteer anti-litter wardens, a unique Israeli innovation whereby cleanliness inspectors and trustees are appointed by the minister of the environment to help enforce the Cleanliness Law by reporting on littering offenses. The target by the end of the Environment Year: increasing their ranks from 48,000 to 250,000.

While the Ministry of the Environment stands at the forefront of activities, all government ministries are taking an active part in this mammoth environmental happening. Throughout the year, specific weeks are being devoted to such issues as transportation, health and tourism as these relate to the environment. Worthy of special note is the Ministry of Education, which has adopted the subject as the central theme of the formal education system this year.

The inauguration of the Year of the Environment in September 1993 coincided with new breakthroughs in the peace process. Environment Minister Yossi Sarid's words at the opening of the year ring as true today as they did several months ago: "As we inaugurate Environment Year, we stand at the gates of a special new year . . . a year of peace. Creating peace is our supreme moral responsibility to the generations to come. When our children sleep at night, we quietly tiptoe into their rooms to make sure they are safe, tuck them in and listen to their calm breathing. Tomorrow, we will be checking to see what they breathe. First we ensure life; then we ensure quality of life, the quality of the environment in which we live."

Will South African Jews make aliyah?

By CYNTHIA MANN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

The Jewish Agency for Israel is poised to respond to any increased interest in aliyah among South African Jews in the wake of the African National Congress' election victory.

But it is being careful not to exploit the uncertainty some South African Jews feel in the face of their new and untested black leadership.

"This is a proper time to reassess our way of operating in South Africa," said Yehiel Leket, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization.

But he said the Jewish Agency has "decided to adopt a policy of emphasizing the attractiveness of Israel" rather than of "warning Jews of the potential danger."

So, for instance, the agency is increasing the number of pilot trips it offers to Israel for South Africans considering aliyah.

And meanwhile it has established a "situation room" in Tel Aviv to facilitate up-to-the-minute monitoring of political developments in South Africa, which is home to 110,000 Jews, including 20,000 native Israelis.

But whether South African Jews will begin flocking to Israel remains unclear.

On the one hand, the transition to democratic, majority rule and the end of Pretoria's diplomatic isolation may usher in a new era of stability, one in which Jews feel they can "contribute to the upbuilding of a new South Africa," said Leket.

On the other hand, aliyah from South Africa has already increased from 200 newcomers in 1992 to a projected 1,200 in 1994. This is a "significant sign that many people feel it's the right time to come to Israel," he said.

Leket's sanguine approach to South African aliyah under the new regime contrasts with pronouncements by Hanan Ben-Yehuda, the Jewish Agency treasurer and chairman of its Committee for South African Affairs.

In recent articles, Ben-Yehuda has highlighted the potential for tension and upheaval during the new government's transition period.

He has predicted that many whites will be dismissed from key positions in the public sector, and he has warned that South Africa's Jews are already "fortifying themselves."

"A situation of uncertainty exists regarding the personal safety of the population," he said, noting that riots could be "instigated by extremists on both or either side."

Ben-Yehuda accused the Israeli government of having "failed to make South African Jewry a priority" because it wishes to maintain good relations with ANC leader Nelson Mandela, the country's first black president.

Yigal Antebi, director of the Israeli Foreign Ministry's African affairs department, defended the government's policy.

"We are following the developments very closely and are confident the elections were a success," he said. "It was a generally smooth process, and this reflects on the future as well."

"There is no panic, and no rush" to emigrate from among the "large, warm and Zionist community," in South Africa, he said. Indeed, "we believe our good contacts with the ANC will help the Jewish community in the near future, as well as the long run."

Antebi argued that Israel's recently improved posture among African nations — it has currently has full diplomatic relations with 32 of them — will also ultimately bode well for the Jews in South Africa.

Other Israeli officials have said that any aggressive "lobbying" for emigration from South Africa now, in the wake of the victory for democratic principles, is inappropriate.

"The greatest thing about Israel is that Jews know they always have a refuge, in case," said one official. "It gives them extra room to maneuver, because they can always pick up and go. All we have to do is let them know we're here and be prepared."

Leket said the Jewish Agency is working "in full cooperation with the government of Israel, and there is no contradiction between our policy (of aliyah) and the good relations we (Israel) have to develop with South Africa."

Leket spoke to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency following a conference call between members of the WZO Executive and Israel's ambassador to South Africa, Alon Liel.

Asher Cailingold, the head of the Agency's delegation in South Africa, also took part in the call, which was intended to inform the WZO and Jewish Agency about the atmosphere following the elections and their immediate impact on the country's Jewish community.

Ambassador Liel reported an atmosphere of celebration among the blacks and calm among the whites, along with an uncertainty over how well-prepared the ANC is to run the country.

The ultimate concern, he said, appears to be whether foreign investors will trust the new regime enough to put money into it and give the economy a healthy boost.

But there is no atmosphere of panic among the Jews nor a sudden increase in aliyah, stressed Cailingold.

Nonetheless, he reported a substantial increase in the number of people making serious inquiries about emigrating for Israel.

He said he believes they are responding more to the "pull" of Israel, however, than the "push" away from South Africa. Many South African Jews come to Israel on repeated visits, often on pilot trips for prospective olim sponsored by the Jewish Agency. During those trips, they often find jobs, which are the single most important factor in prodding them to make the final move, say agency officials.

While more pilot trips for South Africans are being planned, a resulting boost in aliyah rates is not expected this year, Cailingold said.

For every South African who leaves to go to Israel, three leave for other places, Cailingold estimated.

Leket told Liel he wishes the new South African government well and hopes for a continued strengthening of relations between Israel and South Africa.

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Unqualified success

The United States Holocaust Museum in Washington has been an unqualified success — so much so that harried administrators have gone as far as to ask potential visitors to delay their visits. More than 800,000 people have passed through its portal since its opening a little more than a year ago, and reaction has been stupendous. According to a poll commissioned by its board, 95 percent of both Jews and Catholics said they had enjoyed the museum, while 92 percent of Protestant visitors registered their approval.

The large crowds have prompted the museum to hire more employees, at a cost of about $200,000. And the overcrowding, which has resulted in unexpected wear and tear, has reportedly forced the museum to request $12 million in additional funding from the federal government.

To perhaps the surprise, and certainly the delight of the Jewish community in the United States, the museum has become one of the most popular tourist destinations in the U.S. capital, as almost eagerly sought out as the profoundly moving Vietnam war memorial and the Smithsonian complex of museums.

The Holocaust museum is compelling and important for at least two reasons. It boldly debunks the hollow arguments of malevolent Holocaust deniers. And, more broadly, it poignantly jolts visitors into the realization that civility and decency in human relations cannot ever be taken for granted. Man's inhumanity to man is all too apparent, yesterday and today.

Fifty years ago this month, Adolf Eichmann and his Nazi cohorts were rounding up and transporting hundreds of thousands of Hungarian Jews to Auschwitz. These events, as we all know, took place with the complicity of Hungary's regime and, let it be said, the indifference of most Hungarians. But Hungary, of course, was not the only country which betrayed and abandoned its Jewish citizens. History records these dark deeds.

Today, genocide unfolds in the remote and impoverished nation of Rwanda, while ethnic cleansing takes its bloody, obscene course in the former Yugoslavia.

Will we never learn? Will we always resort to physical force and racially-inspired myths to settle disputes?

If nothing else, the United States Holocaust Museum casts a pall over glib, facile assumptions that the human race is capable of resolving problems through peaceful means. Its graphic exhibitions, and the unspeakable story it tells, are cause for reflective pause in a world torn by endless strife.

An uncertain future

Two years ago, the small Jewish community of Rovne, a Western Ukrainian city, erected a stone memorial with the names, in Hebrew, of 17,000 Jews who had been murdered by the Nazis.

Daniel Sneider, reporting in *The Christian Science Monitor* (April 20), indicates that the memorial was built with the assistance of Yad Vashem, Ukrainian Jewish organizations and the Ukrainian Council of Christians.

Less than two years since it was erected, the memorial has now been vandalized — a fitting symbol, according to some, of the complex situation in which Jews in Ukraine find themselves.

Officially, the government of President Leonid Kravchuk has been very supportive of the 500,000 Jews in Ukraine. Under Kravchuk, Ukraine has returned synagogue properties to Jews, officially marked Jewish holidays and openly acknowledged that "horrible events took place here during the Nazi occupation period." Ukraine has also established diplomatic relations with Israel.

The obverse side of the coin shows, however, that Ukrainian Jews have been subjected in recent months to a wave of anti-Semitism, flowing primarily from extreme nationalistic groups.

One such group, the Ukrainian National Assembly, now has five seats in the Ukrainian parliament and its newspaper, *The Voice of the Nation*, regularly prints anti-Semitic cartoons and articles in which "international Zionism" (the code word for Jews) is joined to "cosmopolitanism," "Uncle Sam" and "Russian chauvinism" as menaces to Ukrainian society.

During the Demjanjuk trial some of these groups gathered at a Lviv synagogue carrying banners such as "All the gold of Ukraine is in the hands of Jews." This act is considered to be especially ominous because, according to historian Martin Gilbert, it was during the Nazi invasion of Western Ukraine that extreme nationalistic groups seized Jews and turned them over to the Nazi authorities.

As the Jews of Ukraine try to reconstitute, in Lviv and elsewhere, some semblance or organized Jewish life, they experience understandable anxieties. The fact that they wish to do so, in light of the Holocaust and current expressions of anti-Semitism is a triumph of the spirit over history.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

RED ALERT FOR 2021

As reported in *The CJN* (May 5), a number of public school boards have debated the issue of accommodating Jewish students because Rosh Hashanah will occur on the first day of the school year.

Unless some Hebrew calendar reform takes place over the next 646 years, this peculiar conjunction between the observance of Rosh Hashanah and the first day of the public school year will take place only *15* more times, its last occurrence being on September 8, *2640*.

These are the years in which either the first or second day of Rosh Hashanah will be observed on the first day of the public school year: 1994, 2021, 2032, 2048, 2089, 2116, 2146, 2173, 2184, 2241, 2268, 2336, 2393, 2420, 2488 and 2640.

In view of the infrequency of that event, all of the public school boards that have made some accommodation for their Jewish student population and Jewish teachers are to be commended for demonstrating sensitivity to their religious needs.

Remy Landau
Toronto

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TIME FOR POLES TO ACT

Re: Women try to overcome stereotypes affecting Jews, Poles (March 10).

I decided to let you know how I feel from first hand.

I am a senior citizen who experienced hate and beatings long before Hitler came to power. In the '30s, when I attended school, I was beaten almost every day just for being Jewish. I was in Poland until 1943 working in a factory.

I understand the two Polish women who are trying to come to an understanding between the Jews and the Poles, but it has to come from the top. As long as the Polish government will not return Jewish properties, there will not be an understanding between Jews and Poles.

The Czechs and the Slovaks are working on a way to return Jewish properties and the museum with artifacts, which was my dream. I wanted to write to President Vaclav Havel to return Jewish properties.

I am very happy and will thank him for that because it gives me hope that maybe the Polish government will do the same.

Nathan Tromperer
Toronto

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50 YEARS AGO

In your paper of May 5 (Montreal edition), you show a photo under the caption "Catch a rising star."

Please note, your assumption that this was BBYO's first ever variety show is just not so.

In the late 1940s the Montreal chapters AZA and BBG (B'nai Brith youth organization) presented a variety show for several evenings. The show was directed by two gentlemen who have unfortunately passed on, Moe Segal and Jack Shapiro.

The male singing star, who sang his own composition, was Phil Silver of Cote St. Luc.

At the time, BBYO was centred in a cottage on Jeanne Mance street between Fairmount and St. Viateur. The director was the late Abe Rabinowitz.

Somewhere in the records of B'nai Brith these proofs of a very talented variety show can be discovered in copies of the *AZA-BBG News*.

How do I know? I was editor of the paper and wrote several of the articles, plus a gossip column.

Jack Price
Montreal

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PAROLE IS RED HERRING

If there is merit to the popular demand that Jonathan Pollard's life sentence be commuted to time served — as all moral and decent people believe there is — then it is nothing short of madness to consider a moratorium of two years on the issue while Mr. Pollard continues to languish in prison.

Jonathan Pollard has already served twice as long as anyone else convicted of a similar offence in the history of the United States. In other words, he has paid his debt twice over for the one count of passing classified information to an ally that he was charged with. Having paid twice over, there can be no justification for keeping Mr. Pollard incarcerated for even one second longer. Those who would argue that yet another review, two years down the line, is an acceptable compromise, are cooperating with the administration in perpetuating what Appeals Court Judge Steven Williams termed "a fundamental miscarriage of justice."

Indeed, Mr. Clinton's statements concerning Mr. Pollard have virtually guaranteed that Mr. Pollard will never be paroled. The deck of powerful recommendations against parole is so thoroughly stacked, that the last card added by the president virtually guarantees that no parole board will ever have the audacity to rule differently.

In refusing Mr. Pollard clemency, President Clinton declared that he would not show clemency because of the alleged "harm" that Mr. Pollard had done to the United States. Harming the United States is an indictable offence. Mr. Pollard has never been indicted on such a charge. Mr. Clinton's statement is an affront to the integrity of all American citizens. After all, it has never been "the American Way" to jail people on false charges with neither indictment nor benefit of trial.

By lending his support to the prejudical and fraudulent damage assessment of a discredited and anti-Semitic intelligence regime, Mr. Clinton has abdicated the constitutional responsibility of his office; and that is to guarantee that all branches of the administration operate within the law, and free of racial or political bias.

In short, parole for Jonathan Pollard is a red herring that simply clouds the issue. It means that another two years will elapse before the battle for truth and equal justice for all under the law begins in earnest again. There is no sane or moral reason to delay. Justice delayed is justice denied. Anyone willing to wait another two years before driving this point home to the current administration — that all citizens must be treated fairly and equally under the law — must either be morally misguided or simply mad!

Rose Caron
Laval, Quebec

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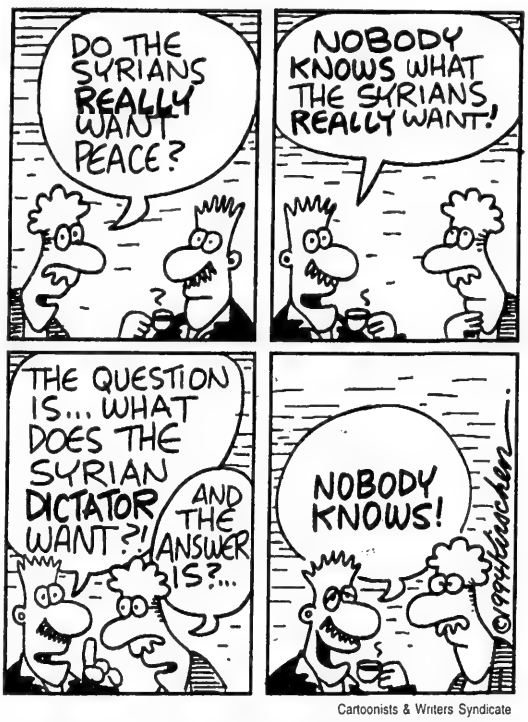
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Making it into the top 100

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

My old friend Gabriel Cohen, editor of the *National Jewish Post and Opinion*, recently came up with an editorial that I feel I must share with you. It tells of a new book — a low in Jewish publishing.

If you go to a library that contains Jewish books, you will probably find some which tell you about the most important personages in Jewish history. There are always names on which everyone agrees, and some unusual ones of which the reader will say: "If it had been my choice I would have written about . . ." It all depends how many people are listed in the book — and the more choices there are the greater the disagreement. The whole thing is a harmless exercise in bringing important historical names to the attention of readers.

So what is new in this line of business? Mr. Cohen acquaints us with the latest effort of some New York genius who has managed to publish a tome which is straightforwardly called *The Top 100*.

Now of course, you are biting your fingernails to find out who is in it and who is not. Mr. Cohen has relieved me of the need to look for the book itself, because his brief editorial tells me all I need to know.

Rabbi Plaut

Moses leads the group — no surprise there. Then in the order of his listing come Jesus, Albert Einstein, Sigmund Freud Abraham and Saul of Tarsus (the St. Paul of Christian tradition).

No one can deny that — aside from the theological problems it has — this is a pretty impressive list. But we are not up to 10 yet and you will be happy to know that amongst the next five are Theodor Herzl and Anne Frank, who is closely followed by King David. Oh yes, Baruch Spinoza beats them all.

But wait; the author has just begun to unravel his ball of surprises. Were you aware that Harry Houdini, the magician, Groucho Marx, the comic, and Benny Goodman, the band leader, also have changed the world? Even Bob Dylan is listed, although I am not at all sure that he still considers himself a Jew. The author lists revolutionaries like Emma Goldman, and actress Sarah Bernhardt; and Henry Kissinger rubs shoulders with Sandy Koufax, the pitcher.

Now you know already that you will be instructed in many ways — including some you did not know about. I don't object to having people investigate whether the mathematician John Ludwig von Neumann was a Jew and claim that the French novelist Marcel Proust also deserved a listing (to be sure his mother was Jewish, but he was raised as a Roman Catholic, and his Jewish memory extends to the fact that he remembers that a pebble was placed on his grandfather's grave).

To my immense relief, I myself am not included (and neither is Gabe Cohen) — but then even such cornerstones of Jewish life as Rashi, the Rambam (Maimonides), and the Baal Shem Tov (the founder of Chassidism) are not either. On the other hand, you will be relieved to know that the 17th century's false messiah, Shabbetai Zevi, is in the list of the Jewish august. One of his achievements no doubt was that he managed to convert to Islam and still make it into this latest book of immortals.

One of my late father's favorite books in the Tanach was Kohelet. In one of its last verses it says: "Of the making of books there is no end." He knew what he was talking about.

Research, not sympathy, is needed to defeat AIDS

Special to The CJN

The name of the author of this article has been withheld by The Canadian Jewish News *to protect his privacy.*

I like to think that the panel discussion on AIDS: Reality and Responsibility held recently at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue represents a positive step in the Jewish community's finally recognizing the importance of AIDS and HIV, which continue to ravage our community. While I was not present at the event, as a Jewish gay man who is also HIV positive, I have some comments to add based upon your reporter's coverage of the event.

I am deeply disturbed at the amount of hand wringing and calls for compassion that appear to come from those in the "front lines" of AIDS. Too often, I fear that such discussions on AIDS only serve to reinforce the global view that HIV=AIDS=DEATH. Given that the audience who go to discussions such as those held by Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am likely have little or no knowledge of AIDS, its possible origins, pathophysiology, treatment options and research, I feel that conclusions highlighting "compassion" as the only option for Jews touched and concerned by HIV and AIDS are limiting at best and potentially dangerous at worse.

In my view, after ten years, research into AIDS continues to be totally uncoordinated; marked by fractious, competitive and combative relations among physicians, scientists, investigators and pharmaceutical companies.

Because private and government grants to universities and other public scientific institutions have dwindled to dangerously low levels, the majority of research in the field has been left to the competitive private sector, namely the pharmaceutical industry. As a result, the majority of research being undertaken is towards a "one stop" cure. This in itself is a dangerous postulate which may have cost society valuable time.

Further, because such a "magic bullet" has not been found and appears unlikely to be found in the near future, the majority of front-line physicians dealing with HIV and AIDS have become eternal pessimists. I say majority because thank God there are a few (too few) practitioners who are truly searching and working with their patients to keep them alive and healthy, rather than following guidelines (often poorly written and researched by the medical, commercial press) and waiting for their "messiah" in the form of a "vaccine" or a "pill" to come.

Given the carnage brought about by AIDS, which so many committed practitioners have had to deal with every day of their professional lives, such negative feelings are understandable. However, to communicate the sort of completely negative view suggested by the participants of the discussion held at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am is unfair and unwise and, many would argue, simply not true.

While personally, I am not an outrageous optimist about my chances of remaining healthy and symptom free indefinitely, I believe that there have been surprising and hopeful developments, which I feel are not communicated to the general population about HIV and AIDS and should be — quickly. They may save some lives and prolong others.

There are too many unanswered questions when dealing with AIDS to come to the conclusion that every person infected with the HIV virus will die; questions pertaining to whether HIV itself is the sole cause for a person developing AIDS. Increasingly, more and more investigators who, five or ten years ago, rejected this hypothesis are now taking a second look at this hypothesis, which opens up a great deal of important and unexplored territory.

Non-pharmacologic compounds, vitamins and other supplements have been keeping people alive for longer and longer periods of time. This development also raises questions about the direction of research into the treatment of HIV — questions many AIDS researchers steadfastly refuse to recognize or acknowledge, particularly because they do not emerge from the established medical authority. All too often when pressed, physicians pass off such developments as too "anecdotal;" not fitting into the forms of "studies" which have become the only standard many physicians will recognize (conveniently forgetting that many such studies are funded largely by drug companies who need such studies to justify often weak claims of efficacy). And these are but two examples of what needs to be considered in the overall picture towards treating HIV and AIDS.

If there is anything that those in the Jewish community who care about AIDS can do, it is not *just* to provide comfort to those affected by HIV, but to take an activist, *positive* stance towards defeating AIDS. The community should insist that governments spend AIDS dollars not merely on slick, costly "prevention programs," but actively and aggressively fund research to universities and other non-profit organizations — where the vast majority of medical breakthroughs have been found in the past. The community should press our government, in fact all governments around the world, including Israel (who in small ways has done some marvellous research into AIDS), to initiate a *coordinated* effort to conquer AIDS — an effort which would involve the pharmaceutical industry; bringing about a more open and cooperative environment than exists now.

In my opinion, and I will be the first to admit that I am biased, to do less is to allow this epidemic to continue and to move it ever closer to the stature of an unprecedented human tragedy which future historians may equate with the plagues of the Middle Ages. I believe this is what AIDS will be termed if the number of cases continues to rise, particularly outside the homosexual community.

I, like many others infected, do not necessarily want help with a "good death" (one that benefits survivors more than the person dying), and we are definitely not comforted by the recommendations made by spokespeople based on their despair at being at the front lines for so long.

I despair at so much effort and support being given to perpetuating AIDS as an incurable disease. It may do more to kill people infected with HIV faster than the disease itself.

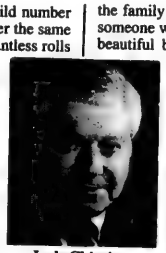
My grandchildren the miracle makers

By JACK CHISVIN

What do grandparents and grandchildren have in common? The parents of course. It is recognition of this common enemy that prompts grandparents to enter into an alliance with their grandchildren. When my first grandchild arrived, it was my personal reinvolvement in the mystery of birth that cemented the bond between us. When the second and third appeared on the scene, four minutes apart, it was the incomprehensible marvel of twins that led to my strong attachment. But as numbers four, five, six and seven joined the ranks, I realized that it was something more than that — I was closer to the moment of birth with my grandchildren than I was with my children.

I played my role in the act of conception and vicariously shared my wife's pregnancy. But when the time came to deliver, my part was abruptly ended. I was left standing at the hospital admitting desk while my wife was wheeled down the corridor. Hours later a nurse advised me that I was a father and I was permitted to look through a window into a nursery full of basinettes. The nurse pointed to one at the extreme end of the room indicating it was mine. The next day, gowned and masked, I finally held my child. With each of my grandchildren I was there, cradling that precious life in my arms within minutes of birth.

A few weeks ago grandchild number four had his sixth birthday party and grandchild number five had his fourth birthday party later the same day. As at every family simchah, countless rolls of film were shot and the ever-present video camera recorded each minute of the day. The celebrants, pleased to be the centre of attention were nevertheless reluctant subjects of all the picture taking.



Jack Chisvin

Being available for picture taking is one of the fine-print clauses in a parent-baby contract. Gratefully, sooner or later this contractual arrangement becomes unenforceable. Posing for baby pictures is the second of two indignities newborns have to suffer. The first is the resounding slap on the rump every baby receives immediately upon arrival. Although that unprovoked attack is traditional, it certainly is not one of the biblical moments when we are advised to turn the other cheek.

I have a pediatrician friend who pleads for gentleness with the newborn. He declares that an infant arrives with all its systems functioning and is not a lump of stuff to be turned upside down and slapped. He leads the cause for infants' rights and zero tolerance of physical force in our treatment of children.

As my grandchildren's pictures were being taken I wanted to warn them that it will serve no good purpose. Someday, years from now, when the family album is put on display for visitors, someone will invariably say, "You were such a beautiful baby. What happened to you?" My grandchildren won't be able to deny that it's their picture. One look at the bemused smile on their faces and the look in their eyes will suggest that they decided to go along with the imposition even though they may have been thinking otherwise. If taking a picture will make their parents happy why shouldn't they show they understand the problem. After all, they will be in this thing for a long time.

Togetherness and understanding are the two required ingredients for a family to live in harmony and equanimity. The reason family life is now so much in disarray is that most kids seem to be born rebellious — but smart. The thing my grandchildren must remember is that the people they moved in with were as newly born to parenthood as they were to childhood. Their parents were only a handsome young married couple and a miracle was needed to make them a family. Children were that miracle, so on their birthdays, I asked my grandsons, two of the miracle makers, to take a bow. Their sainted great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather for whom they were named would applaud.

The picture taking business is not a baby's priority. Babies plan their days to be full with resolving more pressing infancy problems: practising burping without being savagely thumped on the back, learning how to pretend to be asleep so as not to be goo-goo'd, kicking their toes in the air and checking them out to see that they haven't flown off, attempting to capture a small circle of sunbeam on the blanket, then uncurling their fingers and finding nothing there, just a little handful of whimsy. That's a lesson they shouldn't forget. It will happen again, when they grow up, and reach out to close that big deal and then open their adult fist and again find only a handful of nothing.

There were times when I gave my grandchildren gifts that I would ask them to hide. I didn't want the parents complaining about a meddling grandfather trying to subvert their children. Parents tend to become unreasonably possessive. But on their birthdays, the presents could be exposed — they were chosen with parental approval in mind.

Enjoy your birthdays, Joshua Samuel and Michael Jeffery, I thought. Your years to date were a breeze, but life is not always pizza, birthday cake and presents. Your parents won't always be so accommodating. There will arise instances when you don't see eye to eye, which will drive one of them to shout, "If you don't like it here, why don't you go back to where you came from!" And at times you may wish you could, but happily you can't, for together with your siblings and cousins, you are your grandparents' immortality.

Features

'The right of return'

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The "right of return" is a clarion call of the Palestinian national movement. Boiled down to its essence, the phrase denotes the longing of Palestinian refugees displaced by the 1948 Arab-Israeli war to return to their original homes in what is now Israel.

For decades, their plight topped the Arab political agenda and was a primary source of tension between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

If not for this troubling issue, Israel could have made peace with the Arab world long ago.

Last September's historic accord for limited Palestinian self-rule, signed by Israel and the PLO, is bereft of references to the "right of return," although PLO leaders have spoken of the need to repatriate some Palestinian refugees.

In 1949, during the Lausanne peace conference, the Israeli government succumbed to U.S. pressure and invited 100,000 Palestinian refugees to Israel. The offer was rejected, and since then, it has not been repeated. Nor, in all probability, will it ever be. Were Israelis to accept the Palestinian demand for the "right to return," Israel would be reduced to a binational state, with all its manifold problems.

Obviously, this argument cuts no ice in many Palestinian circles, and this explains why certain radicals, notably George Habash and Ahmad Jibril, vehemently reject Yasser Arafat's accord with Yitzhak Rabin.

For a better understanding of the "right to return" concept, a reader should delve into three recently-published books which, directly and indirectly, address this burning topic.

The first, *The People of Nowhere* (Random House, $9 US), is by a reputable Israeli journalist, Danny Rubinstein, who writes for *Ha'aretz*. The other two, *Before Their Diaspora* ($29) and *All That Remains* ($59), are published by the Institute For Palestine Studies in Washington.

Meticulously researched, the volumes under review illuminate the Palestinians' yearning for a life and an era that have vanished.

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When the dust of Israel's War of Independence finally settled, a mass movement of Arabs had been unleashed. In newly-born Israel, 160,000 Palestinian Arabs had remained behind, the nucleus of the present Israeli Arab community. Meanwhile, hundreds of thousands of Palestinians had been dispersed to the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, the Arab world and elsewhere.

According to Rubinstein, the refugees from the Galilee resettled in Lebanon, Syria and the Jenin district of the West Bank, while those from the centre of the country went to Nablus, Tulkarem, Ramallah and East Jerusalem. Palestinians from the south turned to Gaza and the Hebron area. With the passage of time, some of the refugees made their way to Jordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and other Arab countries.

The refugee camps, which Rubinstein describes as "the consciousness of exile," were filled mainly by the Palestinian lower classes. The middle class, and particularly Palestinian Christians, gravitated to towns.

But no matter who they were and what they had been, all Palestinians shared a longing for their former homeland, and regarded their exile as merely temporary. All too often, they guarded the keys to their houses and the deeds to their land, clinging to "the memory of stolen honor" and glorifying their "lost paradise."

Before Their Diaspora, with an introduction and commentary by distinguished historian Walid Khalidi, is essentially a vivid photographic history of the Palestinians from 1876 to 1948. The chronology is deliberate. The earliest known photographs of Palestinians date back to the 1870s, when the stirrings of Zionism in Eastern Europe began.

Khalidi demolishes the myth that Palestine was an "empty land" when the first wave of Zionist immigrants arrived in 1882. The Palestinian inhabitants lived in a score of cities and towns and more than 400 villages. The Palestinians, he writes, formed "a proud and vibrant" community. By his estimate, 60 per cent of the 700,000 Arabs of Palestine were rendered homeless by the 1948 Arab-Israeli war.

Jews are puzzled as to why the Palestinian leadership rejected plans by the British Mandate authorities and the United Nations to partition Palestine. Walidi explains the Palestinian viewpoint rather cogently.

Finally, though, the 474 black-and-white photographs scattered through the 351 pages of *Before Their Diaspora* leave the greatest impression. They comprise an eclectic collection of nostalgia and strife: pastoral rural scenes of Palestinian settlements, glimpses of British dominion, snapshots of Arab rebellion, vignettes of Jewish emigration, formal portraits of sombre Palestinian dignitaries (including the father of the first chairman of the PLO, Ahmad Shukairi.)

All That Remains, edited by the same Khalidi, is a massive documentary record of Palestinian villages in Israel occupied, depopulated and wiped off the face of the map during the 1948 war. It is a collaborative effort by the Institute For Palestine Studies, Birzeit University on the West Bank and the Galilee Centre for Social Research in Nazareth, Israel.

Within pre-1967 Israel, 418 Palestinian villages were destroyed and depopulated, while about 100 remained untouched. Khalidi claims that over 80 per cent of the lands owned by Israeli Arabs were confiscated and put at the exclusive disposal of Israel's Jewish citizens.

Khalidi's information about Palestinian settlements is gleaned from the *Palestine Index Gazetter*, compiled by the British in 1945. Apart from 13 villages in closed military areas and one engulfed by an Israeli settlement, the sites of all the villages listed in *All That Remains* were visited.

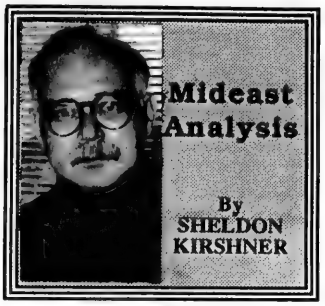
The team of researchers went to former villages in 14 districts throughout Israel, from Acre and Beersheva to Jaffa and Jerusalem.

Under each listing, there are the following subheads: location, average elevation, land ownership and use in 1944/45, population, number of homes, the village before 1948, occupation and depopulation, Israeli settlement on village lands, and the village today.

The descriptions of the villages are dry and factual, and supplemented by maps.

In short, *All That Remains* may be the most comprehensive account of Palestinian village society prior to 1948. It's not propaganda, but it is an eye-opener.

Palestinian children in a Gaza refugee camp.



It has finally happened.

Israel and the PLO have at last activated the first phase of the Declaration of Principles (DoP) — the historic agreement on limited Palestinian autonomy in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho which could yet lead to a Palestinian state.

Nearly eight months after the startling handshake in Washington sealing the DoP — the blueprint outlining Israel's rapprochement with the PLO — Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat met in Cairo and signed the landmark accord. They failed, however, to clear up a major disagreement over the size of the Jericho enclave.

The agreement that was promulgated on May 4 should have been wrapped up on April 13, the deadline for the withdrawal of Israeli troops from all but Jewish settlements in Gaza and the Jericho area. But, as Arafat learned time and time again, Rabin was not overly concerned with meeting "sacred" deadlines.

Being a stickler for details, and responding to his own instincts for ensuring that the agreement met the strictest requirements of Israel's security needs, the stolid Israeli prime minister hewed to his own well-defined agenda.

Besides, the Palestinians themselves would not have been ready for a transfer of authority on April 13. They were simply too disorganized, and may still be.

March toward peace

The agreement — which is supposed to be followed by elections for a Palestinian self-governing council on July 13 — is clearly a milestone. It may yet yield peace treaties with several countries in the Arab world, notably Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco and Oman.

However, this process is expected to be incremental and, in Syria's case, dependent on Israel's willingness to withdraw from the Golan Heights in its entirety.

Whatever transpires in the future, Israel learned at least two hard lessons from its arduous negotiations with the PLO.

The DoP — the product of secret talks in Norway — was a visionary document rather than a nuts-and-bolts accord, and therefore, many blanks had to be filled in. This caused numerous misunderstandings, interminable delays and recriminations.

On the Israeli side, the talks designed to implement the DoP were initially placed in the hands of the military. This was done after Chief of Staff Gen. Ehud Barak complained that the DoP was full of holes from a security point of view. Amnon Shahak, the deputy chief of staff, launched the negotiations in the Egyptian resort of Taba. There were problems, and the talks moved to Cairo. Trying to break the deadlock, Rabin and Arafat met last December at a summit hastily arranged by President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, but they failed to resolve the impasse.

At this critical juncture, the Israeli Foreign Ministry, which had hammered out the DoP, stepped in. In a bid to translate the DoP into a living, breathing agreement, Peres held a series of meetings with top-level Palestinian officials, including Arafat, in Oslo, Paris, Cairo, Davos and Bucharest. These encounters were helpful in narrowing the gap in their respective positions.

Israel also learned, yet again, that rejectionists on both sides of the divide will do everything in their power to sabotage the march toward peace.

From the outset, the talks were buffeted by Arab and Jewish terrorism, evidence of the fact that neither Israel nor the PLO can suppress this deadly phenomenon.

Nearly 50 Israeli civilians and soldiers have been killed since the DoP came into being on Sept. 13. Hamas, the Palestinian Islamic movement, has been responsible for many of the cold-blooded murders. But Fatah, Arafat's faction in the PLO, has had a hand in the bloodshed as well.

Israeli settlers in the territories have also wreaked havoc, with the Feb. 25 massacre perpetrated by Baruch Goldstein in Hebron having been the most grisly incident of its kind.

Terrorism, and the heretofore lack of progress in implementing the DoP into a vibrant reality, have eroded support for the peace process, in both Israel and the territories.

Yet the show goes on, as it must, as Israel and the Arabs move cautiously but inexorably toward the promised land of peace.

Jerusalem's 3,000th birthday

By MICHELE CHABIN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Jerusalem celebrated the 27th anniversary of its reunification on May 9, but officials here are already looking well past that date to Jerusalem's 3,000th birthday.

That celebration is still two years off, but city officials are already planning for an onslaught of tourists.

A joint effort of the municipality, the Ministry of Tourism, the Jerusalem Foundation and scores of other institutions, the anniversary celebrations are expected to draw some 2 million visitors throughout 1996.

City officials are looking ahead — not only to the trimillennium but to the nation's 50th birthday in 1998.

Additionally, the year 2000, revered by Christians as the second millennium, is expected to bring an unprecedented number of pilgrims to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and scores of other Christian holy sites both in and outside Jerusalem.

With too few hotels to accommodate the million-plus people who visited the capital last year, city officials and the Ministry of Tourism are scrambling to build another 10,000 rooms within the next few days.

To meet the demand for accommodations, the government has agreed to give financial incentives to private investors wishing to build hotels.

And many Jerusalemites hope to turn a profit by renting out rooms in their apartments.

Those visitors lucky enough to find a place to stay in or near the city will have a wide range of cultural events to choose from. Though the schedule is not yet complete, the trimillennium promises to be a year-long extravaganza.

To ensure that the event will be Israeli in character, the organizers have commissioned special works from the country's leading composers, choreographers and artists.

Several of the musical and dance events will be held outdoors, some in the ancient Sultan's Pool outside the Old City walls, and along the breathtaking tayelet, or promenade.

Though many of the events, such as a performance of Verdi's opera *Nabucco (Nebuchadnezzar* in Italian — the Babylonian king who conquered Jerusalem in 586 BCE), will cost an entrance fee, dozens of others will not.

Hundreds of gospel choirs from the United States have been invited to sing in the city's squares and parks. Other free events will include a parade through the streets of Jerusalem by thousands of marchers and musicians, many dressed in historical garb.

And a huge sound-and-light show, to be viewed from a hillside promenade overlooking the city, will depict Jerusalem's history.

The city is also sponsoring an art contest called Children Draw Jerusalem, which is expected to elicit hundreds of thousands of drawings from kids around the world.

According to Ze'ev Birger, a member of the planning committee, Diaspora Jewish communities will play a major role in marking the anniversary.

In addition to running a series of special programs to teach children and teen-agers the history of Jerusalem, the communities are expected to sponsor the trips of thousands of teens who wish to visit Israel in 1996.

Though they are reluctant to say so publicly, those involved in Jerusalem tourism are equally eager to attract Israeli tourists, many of whom have not visited the capital since the start of the intifada, the Palestinian uprising, six years ago.

According to an internal municipal report prepared in late 1993 by former Mayor Teddy Kollek (but only released this past March by Mayor Ehud Olmert), more than 50 percent of Israelis are afraid to visit Jerusalem.

Though extremely safe by the standards of most Western cities, Jerusalem suffers an image problem, conceded a local tour guide.

As such, Jerusalem officials are banking on the Palestinian autonomy plan to bring an end to the intifada — and to bring back tourists in time for 1996.

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

In this week's sidrah we read about the laws of the Nazirite. A person wishing to become holy took upon himself certain restrictions imposed by the Torah. He couldn't drink wine or beer or like drink; couldn't cut his hair; couldn't defile himself by coming in contact with the dead (even those relatives to whom a kohen could defile himself under certain circumstances). Then at the end of the period of nezirus, there were definite obligations to perform such as cutting his hair and offering certain korbonos (sacrifices). Of course, anyone embarking on such an undertaking, was going to make sure that in addition to all of the external requirements mentioned above, during the whole period of being a Nazirite he would undertake to reflect upon his deeds, repent, and come closer to Hashem. And indeed, it would seem that it was a praiseworthy action for one to undertake this period of wanting to elevate himself spiritually, whatever the reason that compelled him to do so.

Yet, interestingly enough we read, "And the kohen shall offer the one (turtle dove or pigeon) for a chatas (sin offering), and the other for an olah (elevating offering), and shall atone for him for the sin he committed against the soul . . ." (Numbers 6: 11). On this the Talmud (Nedarim 10a) comments that Rabbi Elazar haKappar considered the Nazirite as a sinner, for against which soul had he sinned? His own, because he afflicted himself through abstention from wine (which is normally permitted). Now we can make a kal v'chomer (even more logical conclusion) if one who only abstains from wine is a sinner, how much more so one who ascetically refrains from everything. Hence one who fasts is called a sinner."

In the beginning of parshas Kedoshim the Ramban (Nachmanides) states his famous words that one must abstain from overindulging in even permissible acts, for overindulgence could lead one to becoming a "naval birshus haTorah — a degenerate with the permission of the Torah."

The Torah's view is summed up in the famous words of the Rambam (Maimonides) who declares in Hilchos Deios (chapter 1:3-4): "The extremes of any temperament are not a good path to follow . . . rather the right path to follow is the middle path (the golden mean) . . ."

The Torah has never encouraged asceticism. The very first mitzvah mentioned in the Torah is "to be fruitful and multiply" — to marry, raise a family, and live among society. The Torah was not given to malachim (angels) as the Kotzker Rebbe said, "V'anshei kodesh tiheyu lee" — holy men but not angels. Conjugal relations are not only permitted but a mitzvah. But the Torah still commands very strong controls over permitted sexuality, and tzenius (Jewish modesty) reigns supreme in all public matters of overt mingling of the sexes, as well as in private.

At every Jewish simchah — a bris, a wedding, a pidyon haben, a bar mitzvah — on every Shabbat and Yom Tov, not only are we permitted to drink wine, but it is a mitzvah to make kiddush (the blessing) and to drink the wine (or to have a schnapps after the fish before continuing with the meat). But as the late Rabbi Rosenberg of Savannah, Georgia once said: "If you have God as a drinking partner you'll never make a fool of yourself."

Hashem has created this world and he wants us to enjoy it. But our only condition is that as we enjoy it, we use it in His service. Enjoyment for the sake of pure physical indulgence without God somewhere in the picture is hedonism and can lead to becoming a "naval."

One of the great rabbis once explained that when you are sent on a mission by your company, there are normal expenses that are incurred and the tab is picked up by the company. All expenses which are necessary fall under this category. You have to sleep somewhere, you have to eat, you have phone expenses to the office, etc. But there are many other expenses that a traveller sometimes chooses to incur which are not required for the completion of his mission. These expenses are on your tab, and can't be billed to the company. When we are working for the Boss (the Almighty) there are natural expenses that the company pays. But when we are self indulging and enjoying ouselves, and not working for the Boss, then we are going to have to pay heavily for these non-vital expenditures.

Mark Twain once wrote the following about the Jews: "If the statistics are right, the Jews constitute but one per cent of the human race. It suggests a nebulous dim puff of the stardust lost in the blaze of the Milky Way. Properly, the Jew ought hardly to be heard of, but he is heard of, has always been heard of. He is as prominent on the planet as any other people, and his commercial importance is extravagantly out of proportion to the smallness of his bulk. His contributions to the world's list of great names of literature, science, art, music, finance, medicine and abstruse learning are also way out of proportion to the weakness of his numbers. He has made a marvellous fight in this world in all the ages; and has done it with his hands tied behind him. He could be vain of himself and be excused for it. The Egyptian, the Babylonian and the Persian rose, filled the planet with sound and splendor, then faded to dreamstuff and passed away. The Greek and the Roman followed and made a vast noise, and they were gone. Other peoples have sprung up and held their torch high for a time, but it burned out, and they sit in twilight now, or have vanished. The Jew saw them all, beat them all, and is now what he always was, exhibiting no decadence, no infirmities of age, no weakening of his parts, no slowing of his energies, no dulling of his alert and aggressive mind. All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?"

I wonder! Perhaps, just perhaps it could be our Torah that is the divine manual that assures that most of the time, if we follow the instructions in the manual, we are working for the Boss of all bosses, and He will make sure that His company never folds.

Yemenite rabbi arrested after raid

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service and Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Yemenite rabbi and sect leader Uzi Meshulam was remanded in custody last week after a dawn raid on his fortress home the day before, in which one of his followers was shot and killed by Israeli police.

Some 250 police officers, including members of special crack units, were on hand around the court last Wednesday as hundreds of Rabbi Meshulam's followers tried to follow their leader inside.

The siege of the Meshulam home, located in the development town of Yehud, near Tel Aviv, ended early Wednesday morning when the remaining 26 people who had barricaded themselves inside surrendered. Among them were Rabbi Meshulam's wife, Elisheva, and their children.

Rabbi Meshulam is suspected of 16 different crimes, including attempted murder, shooting in an inhabited area, rebellion, and possession of weapons.

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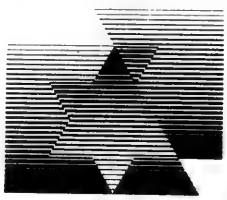

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Community leaders get the blame for alienating youth

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — A former national chair of the Jewish Students' Network has blamed community leaders for alienating young Jews.

Stephen Granovsky was addressing a recent panel discussion on the topic Jewish Continuity: Whose Responsibility Is It?, presented by the Association for Jewish Continuity.

Joining Granovsky at the downtown office of Price Waterhouse was Robert Eli Rubinstein, a former co-chair of the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) Ontario region's Task Force on Assimilation, Intermarriage and Jewish Identity. Dr. Edmond Lipsitz introduced moderator Nancy Freidberg, a teacher/coordinator at Aish Hatorah.

Granovsky took religious leaders to task for making decisions that impact on Jewish lives without concern for Jewish unity. He cited an Orthodox decree made 10 years ago by the chief rabbis of Israel that states shofar blowing is not allowable in a non-Orthodox setting, a Reform ruling to permit Judaism to survive through patrilineal descent and a Conservative resolution to allow the ordination of female cantors.

"These decisions were made without any meaningful game plan, any meaningful dialogue, and have caused a fire that burns in our community called assimilation and intermarriage," he said.

Granovsky chastized lay organizations for not increasing budgets for young people in spite of six years of discussion and reports about Jewish continuity. "In fact, most have decreased significantly, other than perhaps the federation's decision to fund the campuses, where B'nai Brith has pulled out."

Over the past six years, he continued, leadership or committee representation has not reflected greater participation from young people. Granovsky, who resigned as a member of the national executive of the CJC after three years, said the Jewish establishment is run like a communist government, with no dissent allowed.

But Granovsky has a proposal. In his Jewish community, less money would be sent directly to Israel and more would go toward sending young people to Israel. His vision includes giving synagogues additional funding to recruit more families, funding independent projects to improve the chances of Jewish continuity, and making sure young people make up 10 per cent of all committees.

"In my future Jewish state we encourage schools to join forces and serve the same market instead of tripling our overhead by having four elementary schools do the same thing," he said.

Rubinstein strongly disagreed with Granovsky's contention that responsibility for Jewish continuity lies with community leaders. The lay leadership, he said, are volunteers who do the work out of the goodness of their hearts.

"If you tell them, 'You are not doing your duty, you have a responsibility to ensure Jewish continuity,' they can tell you, 'What do you want from me, all I get out of this job is criticism and aggravation. You think you can do it better, you do it.' "

He stressed there is a tremendous vacuum in Jewish leadership today, with few good people "in any organization, including UJA, the CJC, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. Good people would be welcome with open arms. The trouble is they're not coming forward."

Rubinstein said it is impossible to bring the alienated masses back to Judaism, but he believes the Jewish people will survive and continue.

Audience member Aaron Brotman, the current chair of CJC's task force on Jewish continuity, agreed with Rubinstein's assessment. He said winning the battle against intermarriage and assimilation is difficult. "There are no magic formulas, no easy solutions."

Responding to Granovsky's concern that young people are under-represented in lay organizations, he pointed out that six of the 16 members of the task force on Jewish continuity are young.

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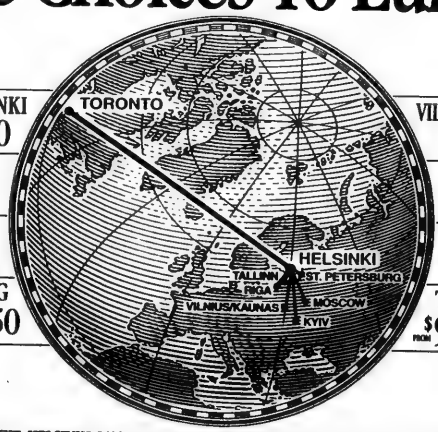

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Women's dialogue to unite Israelis, Jews, Palestinians

TORONTO — Two Israeli women, one Jewish and one Palestinian, will be speaking together in Toronto on June 12.

Naomi Chazan, Meretz MK, and Mariam Mar'i, founder and president of the Acre Arab Women's Association, are the featured speakers for Sisters and Strangers: A Jewish-Arab Women's Dialogue, the third such speaking tour to be sponsored by the New Israel Fund (NIF).

The Fund, a joint Israeli-North American venture established in 1979, underwrites over 150 Israeli non-profit organizations working to protect civil and human rights, to improve the status of women, to bridge social and economic gaps, to further Jewish-Arab co-existence and to foster pluralism and tolerance.

Chazan and Mar'i "are both committed to overcoming the conflicts, healing the century-old enmities between Arab and Jew, and finding a way to work together," said an NIF news release. "The Sisters and Strangers tour is about hope. It is about celebrating similarities and reconciling differences."

An afternoon lecture at OISE, to be moderated by Michele Landsberg, will focus on women's issues. An evening lecture, followed by a reception, will be held at Temple Sinai. Lawyer Linda Silver-Dranoff is the moderator for the evening, and Ontario premier Bob Rae will introduce the lecture, which will focus on peace, co-existence and women's rights.

Chazan, a former NIF board member, is serving her first term as a Member of Knesset representing the left-wing Meretz party. She is a professor of Political Science and African Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem where, until recently, she chaired the Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace. She is a former chair of the Israel Women's Network's political committee, and now serves on the Jerusalem Council on the Status of Women.

Mar'i, an NIF board member and Haifa University lecturer has founded several organizations and institutions dedicated to serving women and children and to improving education and social services. In 1975 she became the first Palestinian Israeli woman to earn a BA in Counselling Education and Arts from the University of Haifa. She became the first Palestinian Israeli woman to earn a PhD in 1983, at Michigan State University. Her thesis addressed the role of Arab women in Israel as agents of social change. She is a member of the Prime Minister's Advisory Committee on the Status of Arab Women.

For further information about the lectures or to reserve tickets, call the New Israel Fund of Canada office at 340-0507.

IDF representatives visit as association holds tribute

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Approximately 550 supporters of the Association for Soldiers of Israel (ASI) paid tribute to the fighting men and women of the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) at a black-tie gala dinner recently at the Regal Constellation Hotel.

Participants plunked down $200 each for an ASI project to purchase and renovate a building that will serve as a rest and recreation centre for Israeli soldiers. The building, which will be known as the Beth Goldmintz Centre, is located in Netanya.

Four representatives of the IDF were on hand to participate in the festivities. During their week-long stay in Toronto, the foursome also visited a number of Jewish schools and synagogues to describe their backgrounds and the jobs they perform.

In an interview with *The CJN* prior to meeting the students at CHAT, Hadas Haviv, a 21-year-old infantry lieutenant, said the recreation centres are known to soldiers as "dodot," the Hebrew word for aunts, because "they take care of you when you are away."

Air force lieutenant Alon Weingarten, 24, said the clubs are especially important for members of his service. Air bases are like giant cities, equipped with recreation centres, libraries, clubs and cinemas that are, in part, funded by the ASI.

IDF volunteers Lior Dahan (left), Hadas Haviv (centre) and Aharon Tevet were in Toronto recently to represent the Israeli armed forces at a banquet sponsored by the Association for the Soldiers of Israel. [Paul Lungen photo]

Recreation area

Clubs and recreation areas are convenient for pilots who are "next to their planes all day. . . They have to defend the airspace of Israel 24 hours a day for 365 days a year, so it helps if you have a nice play to stay," he said.

There are also soldiers who don't have families in Israel and have no place to go on leave or on weekends, he continued. "The ASI provides them with gifts on holidays and takes care of them. They have their own rooms in dormitories. It's a home away from home for them."

Lior Dahan, a 24-year-old navy captain, said the ASI "builds club rooms in most of the bases [that serve] the navy. Sailors after a long cruise go to these clubs to rest."

These centres are located in Haifa, Ashdod and Tel Aviv, he said, and they are equipped with televisions, VCRs, a swimming pool and rest areas.

Aharon Tevet, 23, said as a lieutenant in an infantry field unit, "I don't have a permanent base, so I don't have a club. But the ASI donates TVs and VCRs for us and on holidays you get presents" like books and food.

Hadas recalled an incident last year when visiting an ASI club in Kiryat Shmona, in Israel's north. When an alert was sounded about missiles being fired from Lebanon, we "took the party down to the bomb shelter and we continued dancing there."

Tevet said the IDF provides soldiers with their basic needs, "but the things that make your life better, that's what the ASI provides."

The Toronto branch of the ASI (originally the Association for the Welfare of the Soldiers in Israel) was created in 1969. Since its inception, it has provided funds, winter clothing and gift parcels to Israeli soldiers.

It has also constucted a soldiers' centre and hostel in Beersheva, set up summer camps for widows and orphans of fallen soldiers, established a soldiers' centre in Kiryat Malachi, established a similar centre in Ashdod in partnership with the ASI Montreal branch, upgraded installations on Mount Hermon, refurbished officers' lounges at naval and air bases and provided air conditioners, water coolers, pool tables, lounges and kitchens at other locations.

This year's dinner, held on Jerusalem Day, marked the organization's 25th anniversary. Mickey Baratz served as master of ceremonies, dinner chair was Malka Rosenbaum and brief remarks were delivered by Jack Muskat, chair of the ASI's Toronto branch and Irving Matlow, chair of the Canadian Zionist Cultural Association.

Israel Bonds, Hebrew U Friends to honor Victor

OTTAWA — The Ottawa chapter of the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University and State of Israel Bonds will honor local Jewish community leader Stephen Victor at a dinner to establish the Stephen and Gail Victor Centre for Trial Advocacy in the Faculty of Law at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The chapter's first major fundraising event in more than 10 years, the dinner will take place at the Chateau Laurier Hotel May 30. Keynote speaker is Thomas Keneally, author of *Schindler's List*.

Dinner proceeds in part will go towards the academic exchange program between the University of Ottawa and the Hebrew University, first established in 1990.

The Stephen and Gail Victor Centre for Trial Advocacy will help students develop skills in preparing briefs, negotiations, court appearances and conflict resolution, and is available for practising lawyers as well. The centre will be connected with the Samuel Freedman Moot Court Program and the Legal Aid Program.

Stephen Victor was born, raised and educated in Ottawa. He has been practising civil litigation since 1988 and is a senior partner in the law firm Soloway, Wright, Victor. In 1981 he was appointed Queen's Counsel.

He is an officer of the Canadian Jewish Congress, chair of the board of directors of the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa, a member of the Canada-Israel Committee and the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists and the Carleton County Law Association.

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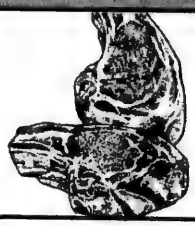

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Interfaith youth forum aimed at breaking down religious barriers

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

BRAMPTON — Name two things about your religion you're proud of. Name two religious leaders you are proud of. Name three things you do out of faith and explain why they are important to you.

Questions in an exam in a comparative religion course?

Hardly. In fact, these three queries were among a series of questions directed at approximately 80 teenagers who participated recently in an interfaith youth forum in Brampton.

The forum brought together young people from the Jewish, Baha'i, Hindu and Christian faiths (from two United Church congregations and one Roman Catholic one) in a bid to break down barriers and acquaint each with the others' cultures. The program, held at St. Paul's United Church, "went beautifully," said Rabbi Larry Lander of Brampton's Har Tikvah Synagogue. "It was really inspiring."

Rabbi Lander, one of the organizers of the event, said the program opened with four prayers of welcome delivered by representatives of each religious group. Estee Buaron sang *Oseh Shalom* while Brampton North MPP Carman McLelland delivered a Christian prayer.

The program included a Baha'i dance performance whose theme was harmony and unity while each group also played music from their cultures. There was "Christian rock" and a Hindu song of unity. Rabbi Lander said it was especially gratifying for him to see all the group singing a Jewish nigun (melody) at the top of their lungs.

That was followed by a drama/dance performance with an anti-racism theme, put on by a Baha'i group.

But the participants seemed most animated and involved when they were put into smaller groups and were asked to answer questions about their religion and culture, Rabbi Lander said.

"That prompted a lot of talking and they couldn't stop," he said.

The program concluded with a "friendship circle" and the holding of hands as blessings were made over a meal, which included pizza, knishes and somosas (an East Indian deep-fried knish).

Alycia Fridkin, a 15-year-old student at Mayfield Secondary School, said the friendly atmosphere led participants to ask lots of questions about each other's faith. She called the program a very good learning experience as she became aware of cultures she hadn't heard about.

First program a success

Amit Bakshi, a 16-year-old of Hindu background, said that prior to the program he hadn't heard about the Baha'i faith. He said he would recommend to friends that they participate in future programs. "When you have the opportunity to learn about another culture, I say go for it," he said.

Rabbi Lander said the program originated among a group of four members of the Brampton mayor's multifaith committee. In the wake of reported neo-Nazi recruitment in Brampton, the foursome, which included himself, decided to try to bring teens together to learn about each other's cultures.

The first program, held in December 1993, went well and led to the most recent event. Rabbi Lander said the teens were so happy with the latest get-together that they were already talking about holding a barbecue later this summer.

Ottawa Jewish woman confronts horrific past

Sister hanged at camp

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — An Ottawa Jewish woman stood again at the spot where her sister was hanged in her presence in Auschwitz on Jan. 6, 1945, for stealing gunpowder used to blow up a crematorium at Birkenau.

As a participant in March of the Living, Anna Heilman was flooded with memories as she recounted the horror of the hanging to Jerzy Bebak, a Polish journalist.

Bebak's account was translated into English by Sigmund Sobolewski, a Catholic survivor of Auschwitz, and relayed to Toronto.

Heilman's sister, Ester Wajcblum, was hanged along with Roza Sobata, the leader, Ala Gertner and Regina Safirsztajn, before 30,000 women prisoners, because they smuggled out dynamite so rebellious prisoners could blow up one of the four crematoriums.

"In the summer of 1944, the Russian armies stopped 400 km from Auschwitz, and plans were made for the Polish partisans from the nearby Beskidy mountains to liberate us," Heilman told Bebak.

"This act required a mutiny in the camp to assure a success. With my sister, Ester, I worked in the munition factory Union-Werke near Birkenau, where weapons, hand grenades, and artillery shells were manufactured.

"My sister and three other Jewish girls were locked in a gun-powder room constantly watched by an S.S. guard, as this was a very sensitive area. Nevertheless, these brave girls managed to smuggle out enough dynamite to blow up Crematorium N. IV, during the uprising of the Sonderkommando on Oct. 7, 1944.

"After an intensive investigation, using police informers, the Nazis arrested and tortured the four girls. These heroic Jewish women did not betray any other names, except those of prisoners already killed during the revolt. The last thing I remember was my sister standing on the wooden chair with a rope around her neck, then I fainted."

Bebak wrote that neither the uprising of October 1944, nor the hanging of the four Jewish women — the last one ever carried out at Auschwitz — has been recognized by Polish authorities in the form of a plaque. Although 90 per cent of the victims of Auschwitz were Jews, today in Auschwitz, 90 per cent of the memorial plaques recognize the Polish-Catholic victims, Bebak says.

During preparations for the March of the Living, two former prisoners were playing their instruments in front of the main gate with its ironic sign of "Arbeit Macht Frei." They were the eighty-year-old Fiddler of Auschwitz, Jacques Stromza of Israel and world-renowned clarinet player Giora Feidman. They were members of the prisoners band which played march music to thousands of now dead prisoners leaving for work early each morning and dragging themselves exhausted back in the evenings.

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JWF panelists address issues of women's self-image

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — A major conflict in the majority of women's lives is the struggle over their body size says an advocate for body image issues.

Carla Rice, chair of the Body Image Working Group at the Toronto Board of Education and founding member of Hersize: A Weight Prejudice Action Group says 90 per cent of women do not like their bodies; 70 per cent are weight preoccupied; 40 per cent are involved in yo-yo dieting and 20 per cent struggle with serious eating problems.

"A shocking 50 per cent of girls in Canada diet before age 9 and many as young as 3 or 4 express dissatisfaction with their bodies," she says.

Rice was part of a recent panel on Women's Image: Beyond the Looking Glass, sponsored by the Jewish Women's Federation social and political action committee. Other panel members included Diane Sacks, pediatrician and director of the Teen Clinic, North York General Hospital, and Paula Caplan, psychologist and author. Moderator was Gaye Lefebvre.

Rice told the capacity crowd at Beth Tzedec Synagogue that the North American woman's quest for thinness is ironic because most cultures see larger bodies as desirable, a sign of wealth and prosperity. "We have learned to despise fat, however, and see it as a lack of will-power. Despite the reality that fatness is not a disease or a sign of moral weakness, many women believe that it is the underlying source of their despair. Thinness is seen as their savior."

Citing more statistics, Sacks said 58 per cent of girls as young as 10 want to be thinner, 12 per cent binge after starving and 54 per cent hide and exercise to lose weight. "No wonder that by the time they are teenagers, 75 per cent perceive themselves as overweight, 35 per cent are terrified of becoming obese and 3 per cent have engaged in vomiting to control their weight."

She said that the pre-teen years are a time when bones grow, and with caloric restrictions there could be a loss of bone growth. "I am terrified of what these girls will be like at age 50 with no calcium in their bones. It is really a health risk."

Sacks said that a majority of kids lose weight because they are striving for perfection and trying to become what they are not. "It would be nice if we could blame the media for our preception of self-esteem but it is not the only source. Our children in large part can blame us. We have to look at ourselves as parents.

"Parents today insist that their kids are perfect. We fool ourselves because we don't appreciate our child's abilities. Few parents understand what their kids can and cannot do, and I think our kids read right through it ... Until we learn to appreciate the individuality of our children, our kids will get the message that we want them to be something they are not."

She said that what parents can do, is get to know their children. "Spend time with them. We need to get to know them so we can tell them in truth that we love them for who they are. They need to know they do not have to be perfect. Let grandparents into their lives because grandparents accept kids as they are. They can listen to them and tell family stories."

Sacks advised parents to throw away their children's Barbie Dolls because of the message they portray about body image, but Caplan said that if kids insist on having Barbies, parents should teach them to think critically. "Associate an obsession with thinness with being ridiculous."

She said that other dangerous images are those of the Jewish American Princess (JAP) and the Jewish mother and noted that many women fear looking too Jewish or not Jewish enough. "Women worry about not doing enough for themselves and then being portrayed as a self-sacrificing Jewish mother or on the other hand doing too much for themselves and looking like a JAP."

Caplan said these negative stereotypes constitute emotional abuse and too few women talk about that form of abuse. "If we don't identify overt emotional abuse then we cannot stop it or the damage it does. The problem with emotional abuse is that women do not have the sense that they are grappling with an issue."

She advised that if the aim of a husband-wife or parent-child confrontation is to silence, shame or intimidate another person rather than to repair the relationship, then that constitutes emotional abuse. "Stereotypes silence us because we are afraid of saying the wrong thing. We have to start having meetings like this one, or nothing will change. What good are the policies of Israel or the United Jewish Appeal if we allow our mothers to be silenced?"

Myths about seniors dispelled

TORONTO — Several years ago an elderly woman resident at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care requested extra privacy so she and her male companion, who visited her frequently, could be physically intimate.

"Staff on the floor were a bit surprised, but after much discussion it was decided this was a reasonable request," said social work director Etta McEwan.

According to Baycrest geriatrician Dr. Michael Gordon, there are still many myths about sexuality and aging.

"We tend to believe that older people don't have sexual urges anymore, or that the elderly couldn't do it even if they wanted to," he said.

"There are those who think older people are so fragile that sexual activity might hurt them, or that older people are physically unattractive and therefore undesirable."

But a number of studies have shown that sex is very much part of people's later years. In one study, researchers asked 800 people over 60 if they still enjoyed sex. Among those aged 60 to 79, 97 per cent said yes, while 93 per cent of those over 80 also said they enjoyed physical intimacy.

In a 1984 study of 3,040 couples age 50 to 93, 87 per cent of men and 25 per cent of women said sex was very or moderately important to them.

The fact that men more than women remain interested in sex isn't that unusual, said Gordon.

"A single older man can usually find a partner, but as women age, they have more trouble," he said. "Women greatly outnumber men by the time they reach age 65, and women may be less willing than men to accept sexual encounters outside the framework of traditional marriage — although this is changing."

Other factors can also have an impact on sexuality in later years. These include health, marital status and personal values about sex which are often affected by cultural and religious beliefs.

Living arrangements are another important consideration, said McEwan. "For older people who are living with adult children or those in long-term care institutions, lack of privacy is a major obstacle to fulfilling normal sexual impulses."

The ability to experience sexual pleasure doesn't change substantially as people age — although if people didn't enjoy sex when they were younger, says Gordon, they probably won't rediscover it in their later years.

But physiological changes like decreased vaginal lubrication in women and impotence in men due to diabetes or certain medication can stand in the way.

Older men with prostate disease may be worried about their potency, or fear sexual activity following a heart attack. Men too may take longer to achieve an erection. Such problems can often be solved and should be openly discussed with your physician and partner, advised Gordon.

It's important not to limit the definition of sexuality to sexual intercourse, says Baycrest social worker Jan Boyd.

"We remain sexual by remaining sensual, by enjoying the stimulation of our senses and emotions, by expressing and receiving the affection of others."

Touching is a basic need, and elderly people can suffer from an absence of touching, especially if they have no partner and few family relationships, or if they have a disfiguring illness which keeps people away.

"Growing older doesn't mean that we stop being human," McEwan said. "Sexuality is an integral part of human experience and that includes the last years of our lives."

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Couple celebrates 50th anniversary in Israel

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Ardent Zionists Florence and Max Shecter believed there was no more meaningful way to commemorate their 50th anniversary than to celebrate this milestone in their beloved Israel.

Despite many obstacles, including critical health problems, the Shecters fulfilled their dream recently by celebrating their golden anniversary in the City of Gold surrounded by loving family and lifelong friends. The Shecters have three children, Trudy, Debbi and Barry, and two grandchildren, Amanda and Joseph.

The Shecter family members have cumulatively made more than 100 visits to Israel including a trip to celebrate Barry's bar mitzvah. Max says that his children learned to love travel, which led Debbie and Barry to purchase and operate a travel agency in Toronto.

The Shecter simcha was a miracle. Five years ago, Florence developed an infection which affected her heart valves. "She was unconscious for 12 days," recalls Max, "and the family was told three times that she would not make it." Florence had open heart surgery, replacing two valves and repairing a third. Max says, "Thanks to the greatest surgeon, Dr. Tirone David, Florence is alive today."

Max, who suffers from a progressive vision problem and has serious visual impairment, told *The CJN* that celebrating their 50th anniversary in Israel took on special meaning "because looking back five years, I would never have dreamt this would be possible. We would like to be an example for others to celebrate their simchas in Israel."

Max and Florence (Fox) met on a blind date in 1942. Two years later, on March 5, 1944, while Max was in the Royal Canadian Air Force, they were married. Florence had attended Givens Commercial School and Max had been a student at Harbord Collegiate.

Max and Florence Shecter in 1944 and in 1994 (inset).

Max's parents, Helen and Joseph Shecter were in the furniture business, the owners of Toronto Bedding Co. Max says that his mother had a great influence on him.

"My mother was an entrepreneur in the 1930s," says Max who recalls moving many times and attending more public schools than anyone he knows. His mother was the president of the family business and Max, who worked in the business, took over in 1971 when she died.

Despite her busy work load, his mother contributed her time and money to many charitable ventures. She would often take her son with her. Max followed in his mother's footsteps, especially in her dedication to the Zaglembier Hilfs Farein.

The Shecters have both been active in the community. Florence is a founding member of York chapter of B'nai Brith, she became involved in the Soviet Jewry movement and today she serves as a volunteer in the cardiac unit of Sunnybrook Hospital.

Max, a member of Upper Canada Lodge, held many positions in B'nai Brith and rose to the position of vice president of B'nai Brith International's Supreme Lodge. He is the only Canadian to have served as chair of B'nai Brith's International Council.

Numerous community activities

In 1981, Max entered government service. He was on the Ontario Highway Transport Board until 1989, when he became a refugee judge with the Immigration and Refugee Board, a position he still holds.

Among his other numerous activities in the community, Max was chair of the Central region of the Canadian Zionist Federation and the deputy national president. He was an active member of the national executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress and chair of the national Soviet Jewry committee. As well, he is a past president of the Beth Sholom Synagogue. In 1976, Max received a national Humanitarian Award from the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

But the pivot of their lives is Israel. Max speaks enthusiastically of their many memorable family trips. In 1976, the Shecters went to Israel with their children to attend a Canadian Zionist Federation national convention. From Israel, they flew to Paris, France to attend a meeting of the World Jewish Congress and then on to Belgium for the second Brussels Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Max recalls their memorable flight from Israel to France where both Golda Meir and Menachem Begin were on board. To his surprise, both Meir and Begin walked together through the airplane shaking hands and talking to passengers.

Looking back, Max says that during "those terrible days five years ago," he remembers speaking to Rabbi Mendel Kirshenblatt who was with the Beth Sholom Synagogue before he retired. "The rabbi, who was optimistic about Florence's recovery, told me that when all the other gates are closed, the gate of tears remains open. He gave us hope and our tears were answered."

Among the 65 guests at the anniversary party held at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza in Jerusalem, there were many former Torontonians. Along with speeches from Israeli cousins and friends, the Shecters' children and grandchildren presented a review and tribute to their 50 years together.

Looking back at their tribulations, Max says "this is indeed a highlight in our lives."

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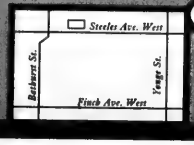

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Organizations and People

Student to lead environmental tour of Israel

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When a Palestinian student leader at York University emptied his pocket change into Beth Lawrence's Jewish National Fund (JNF) pushke two years ago, the incident deepened her belief that environmental issues unify people of all backgrounds.

Lawrence was then a first-year environmental studies student manning a table for a Tu b'Shevat campaign. "What do you care about more, the people who live [in Israel] or the land?" the other student challenged.

"I'm very concerned about the people, but I have to think about the future. It doesn't matter who owns the land if we're all being burnt from the hole in the ozone layer. I would support you if you planted a tree in Libya, Syria or Kuwait," she replied.

Lawrence's concerns for the environment and for Israel will coincide again this summer when she leads an environmental tour to Israel for Bnai Zion, a New-York based fraternal organization which offers a variety of special-interest tours for students.

The three-week tour for 18- to 28-year-olds will run from June 20 to July 11. Its packed agenda includes visits to Ma'agam Michael's nature reserve, the Technion's unit for air pollution research, the Hula nature reserve, solar energy complexes at the Dead Sea, a Negev chemical factory and Eilat's Coral Reserve. A meeting with Israel environment minister Yossi Sarid is also planned. The cost of $2,900 (Canadian) is all-inclusive.

Lawrence's concern for the environment as well as her leadership qualities became evident in her last year at Don Mills Collegiate when she became a founding member and chair of a now-defunct group of local high school students interested in environmental education and activism. The Hope Group was the outgrowth of a one-day environmental conference which Lawrence attended as part of a World Issues course she was taking.

Lawrence, 23, has been to Israel four times since 1988. Two years ago she participated in an environmental tour run by the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel. The tour which she will lead this summer was organized at her suggestion, after she met Bnai Zion's Rami Kleinman at last fall's General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations in Montreal.

Beth Lawrence

The tour will address a wide range of environmental issues, such as water conservation, birds, trees, alternative (ecologically sound) agriculture and desert ecology. "Israel is one of the leaders in the world for alternative agriculture and water irrigation," Lawrence notes.

The environmental aspects of Judaism, such as shmitta (fallow year) and Tu b'Shevat (a New Year for trees), are a source of fascination for Lawrence. She recently organized a national Tu b'Shevat campaign for Network Canada and JNF in which 200 bags of fruit and nuts were sent to Jewish students at universities across Canada. She also organized the recent Earth Week tree planting event for Jewish youth in Toronto on behalf of JNF.

Lawrence is chair of the JNF's university student division, and she has also been involved in other "tree organizations." Following her stay in Israel this summer, she will travel to Kenya for six months as a volunteer for Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief, planting and taking care of trees in the village of Bongoma.

For further information about the Bnai Zion tour, contact Network Canada, 3535 Bathurst St., Toronto M6A 2C7, telephone 416-783-1165 (toll-free 1-800-467-1807), fax 416-783-1166; or Bnai Zion, 136 East 39th St., New York, N.Y. 10016, tel. 212-725-1211, fax 212-684-6527.

Japanese choir to perform

TORONTO — When Japan's Shinonome Choir performed in concert at Temple Sinai in 1992, an interfaith bond was forged between Jews and Christians, Japanese and Canadians.

Ben Steinberg, the Temple's music director, has been inundated with requests for their return ever since. By a series of coincidences, a repeat performance will take place when the Shinonome Choir sings in both Hebrew and Japanese at 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 4 at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Avenue.

All proceeds from ticket sales will go to Israel, in keeping with the aim of the Shinonome Choir. Tickets, $8 each, are available in person or by phone from Temple Sinai, (416) 487-4161.

Business grad aids Sick Kids with help of welfare recipients

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A Toronto man on welfare recently raised $4,000 for the Hospital for Sick Children.

Stuart Weinstein, 27, spent six weeks asking fellow welfare receipients to sponsor him for the hospital's Miracles in Motion Aerobathon, an all-day aerobics event held April 10. His donation was the third highest.

Standing outside three Toronto-area welfare offices, Weinstein got "down and out types" to donate anywhere from five cents to $1. "You don't have to look hard to find poor people in this city," he said of his strategy.

Weinstein has been on welfare since graduating from the University of Windsor with a master's of business adminstration degree last May.

As the third highest donor, Weinstein was awarded a four-day trip to Las Vegas and athletic equipment. Aerobathon coordinator Hala Bassala assessed their total value at $1,250. Weinstein didn't accept the prizes, instead donating them back to the hospital.

Stuart Weinstein

"I want to get myself into a position where I can afford my own trips," he said.

Reena gala to fete peacekeepers

TORONTO — The Reena Foundation will welcome members of the Canadian peacekeeping force in the former Yugoslavia at this year's gala dinner June 22 at the Inn on the Park Hotel.

The soldiers, who came upon an institution for developmentally handicapped children and adults near the town on Fojnica last winter, provided residents with water, food, clothing and care. The residents had been abandoned by the institution's staff.

Sam Handler, a former board chair of Reena, will receive the Tammy Gutstein Humanitarian Award for his 20 years of dedication to Reena.

Growing rapidly since it opened its first home in 1974, Reena now has more than 200 developmentally handicapped people living in houses or apartments. Reena provides life skills and vocational training for a further 250 people, as well as support for the many hundreds of developmentally handicapped men and women and their families who are on the ever-growing waiting list.

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Jewish community not immune to child abuse: halachic expert

By LORI DENNIS
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — "While there are no statistics available as to how common or how rare the incidence of child abuse is amongst the Jewish community, we cannot close our eyes to the fact that it does exist," said a renowned Israeli medical Halachah expert.

Dr. Avraham Abraham was speaking at Agudath Israel Congregation in North York last week as part of a series of talks on child abuse. Abraham, director of Medicine at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in Jerusalem, said even one single case (of child abuse) can cause an emotional upheaval in our community and must motivate us to put an end to such actions.

"It is inconceivable that we [the Jewish community] have to deal with the notion of child abuse. It can only be explained by the fact that we are part of the degradation of the larger society which is beginning to attack the doors of Jewish homes. How else can we explain a father who molests a daughter or a teacher who emotionally abuses and degrades a student?" he asked.

Sponsored by Chanoch Lanar Institute, Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS) and the Va'ad Harabonim of Greater Toronto, Abraham was invited to lecture on the medical and halachic aspects of child abuse and the role that parents and educators should take. A professor of medicine at Hebrew University and author of several comprehensive works on medical Halachah, Abraham has discussed the issue with the world's most learned Torah scholars.

"While it is important to stress that child abuse is by no means prevalent within the Orthodox Jewish community, there are special problems associated with reaching out to these parents and helping them to handle such circumstances," says Selma Elzas, Orthodox outreach worker at JF&CS.

"We recognized the need to build a bridge between our agency and the Orthodox community to deal with the halachic issues that arise in dealing with child abuse cases. So in 1992, JF&CS and some members of the Orthodox community, with the support of some Orthodox rabbis, developed a pilot Orthodox Outreach project. This program has now been fully integrated within the agency. "With Dr. Abraham's presentation, it is our hope that we heightened sensitivity to the issue of child abuse and will now begin to work on practical ideas and strategies for parents and educators to follow. Part of this effort includes a brochure that will soon be available through JF&CS called *Child Abuse & Neglect: The Responsibility of the Jewish Community.*"

Abraham pointed out some issues surrounding the question of whether it is in fact ever acceptable to hit a child. The Talmud, he said, calls it a mitzvah to hit a child under certain circumstances, regardless of modern psychology. But one must know how and when it is acceptable.

"When you hit a child to vent your own anger, it only shows weakness and a lack of control," says Abraham. "Hitting a child must not be done as punishment but rather to educate or correct the child when all other means of educating him fail. You must first try reasoning with him, teaching him, opening up a dialogue, cutting down on pocket money. Only as a last resort do you raise a hand. And when you do, you must do it with pity and make sure it hurts you more than it hurts him."

Another contentious issue within the frum community is how to react and who to call if child abuse is suspected. While they are resistant to seek help outside of their own rabbi, the difficulty is that their rabbi is often not professionally trained in the area of child abuse.

The Orthodox Outreach Program has been working with rabbis to ensure that their response is within both legislative and halachic requirements.

"If you suspect a case of child abuse — physical, emotional, mental, sexual, neglect or deprivation — the first thing you must do [according to halachah] is report it to your rav," urged Abraham.

Avraham Friedman of JF&CS added that in Toronto, the Child and Family Services Act of Ontario requires that anyone having reasonable grounds to suspect a child has been or is currently being abused has an obligation to report this information to JF&CS.

Abuse of women seen existing in many forms

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — While the Israeli police have made great strides in their handling of complaints of domestic violence, some judges have been giving offenders light sentences, according to the head of Na'amat Israel's Centre for the Prevention of Family Violence (CPFV).

Some judges in Israel do not understand the dynamics of violence against women in the family, according to the centre's director Ronit Lev Ari, one of Israel's leading criminologists. Representatives of Na'amat have met with judges, she said, and the organization is working towards educating judges of both the secular and rabbinical courts on the subject of domestic violence.

Lev Ari recently spoke on the topic of physical, sexual and psychological violence against women and children, during a Na'amat Canada luncheon at the Sheraton Centre. She was joined by author Paula Caplan, a psychology professor at the Ontario Institute For Studies in Education. CBC news anchor/journalist Maureen Taylor moderated the discussion.

The CPFV's family violence clinics in Tel Aviv, Haifa, Jerusalem and Beersheva, which counsel battered wives and battering spouses, receive about 5,000 telephone call a year from abused women representing every sector of Israeli society.

The centre runs a program for young women in the army, trying to make them aware of what a "healthy friendship" is before they marry. "I don't buy the story, 'one day later he became crazy, it was wonderful before,' " Lev Ari said.

Abuse begins in subtle ways early in relationships, she pointed out, when a man attempts to control a woman by telling her how to dress or to stop wearing makeup.

Caplan told the all-female luncheon audience that a quarter of the female population experiences physical abuse, but nearly all women experience psychological abuse. "It can be even more devastating than physical abuse simply because it's harder for you to even prove to someone else that it happened and [that] it is abuse."

Women are likely to blame themselves if they are emotionally abused, Caplan said, by telling themselves they are oversensitive or they provoked the abuse.

She emphasized that psychological abuse is not just the normal give and take of a relationship with a spouse or boss. "When it's clear to you at a gut level that their aim is to overpower or humiliate or shame or silence you," that is psychological abuse, she said.

She listed a number of indicators of emotional abuse in relationships with a spouse, a relative, a boss or a friend.

You are probably in a relationship in which you are being emotionally abused, Caplan said, if you are accumulating an ever-growing list of topics you dare not talk about; if someone makes you feel you need them and they don't need you; if you are called names such as stupid or fatso; if the other person never apologizes for hurting your feelings; if there is physical intimidation that stops short of violence; or if your partner isolates you from others.

A general form of abuse, she noted, is the way people are made to feel stupid and powerless by experts, among them doctors, lawyers, teachers, therapists and salespeople.

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Organizations and People

Holocaust essay writers' efforts lauded

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporer

TORONTO — One hundred and fifty students from across Ontario submitted essays, poems and short stories to the first-ever writing contest on the Holocaust sponsored by the Holocaust Remembrance committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Thi Lee Tran, winner in the junior (Grades 7-9) division and Chad Skelton, who topped the senior (Grades 10-OAC) division, drew on personal experiences in crafting their award-winning essays.

Tran, a Grade 7 student at Lawrence Heights Middle School in North York, recalled how she was the butt of racist remarks at school, after her family moved to Toronto.

"Just because I was different, they were whispering to their friends, giving me looks and shouting out names that were based on my culture..." she wrote.

"I encourage all people to be brave and speak up against racism," she concluded. "You never know how much you might change their life's circumstances."

Skelton, an OAC student at Bluevale Collegiate Institute in Waterloo, took the visit to Kitchener of Holocaust deniers Ernst Zundel and David Irving as the starting point for his essay.

Refute deniers' statements

While he recognizes they are purveyors of lies, he acknowledges he does not have the facts at his fingertips to be able to refute all their statements. That, he said, has prompted him to study the Holocaust more deeply.

"Millions of innocent people died in the Nazi Holocaust," he concludes. "It is up to all members of the human race to remember them. Not only for their own sake, but so that millions more will not perish because we forgot."

Pnina Zilberman, director of the Holocaust education and memorial centre in Toronto, said they were very surprised at the widespread response to the contest and that "the high calibre of the entries was amazing."

Entries came from as far afield as Madoc, Sarnia, Minesing, Fort Erie, Waterloo, Uxbridge and Cobourg, she said.

The contest was geared primarily to non-Jewish children.

David Wichman, also of Bluevale Collegiate in Waterloo, took second place in the senior division with Evelyn Rachel Faulk of City Adult Learning Centre in Toronto finishing third.

Erica Danya Goldblatt, a Grade 7 student at Havergal College in Toronto was named to second place in the junior division and Amos Bitzan, a Grade 8 student at Cummer Valley Middle School in North York was third.

The students' efforts were recognized at an awards ceremony recently at the Lipa Green Building.

Grade 7 student Thi Lee Tran (centre) received the top prize in the junior division of a province-wide writing contest on the Holocaust. She is flanked by her teacher Pamela Tylee and Adam Minsky, chair of the youth for youth sub-committee of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, which sponsored the contest.

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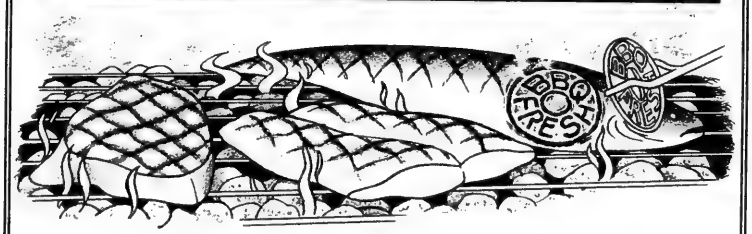

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Holocaust play puts focus on lives of German youth

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — A play about the Holocaust, written by Johnathon Hoskins as part of a youth project at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue about a decade ago, was recently revitalized and staged at the Joseph Workman Theatre on Toronto's Queen Street West.

Entitled *Children of the Storm*, the two-act drama focuses on four German adolescents — three Jewish, one Christian — during the turbulent Nazi years. The opening scene, in which festivities at a Jewish wedding are disrupted by news that a Jewish shop has been ransacked, is reminiscent of Tzeitl's wedding to Motel Kamzoil which was broken up by a pogrom in *Fiddler On The Roof*.

Two non-Jewish students, terrorized by members of the Hitler Youth for associating with Jewish friends, find themselves at a moral crossroads. Under duress, one chooses the road toward Nazism by renouncing his Jewish friends. Under equal duress, the other opposes the Nazi bullies, taking the first steps down the road of the Righteous Gentile.

It was refreshing to see the delicacy with which the members of the Young Actors Performance Troupe of Toronto personified pre-war European Jews, with their beards, tallises and old-fashioned garb. They lit Shabbat candles and recited prayers with reverence and respect. Adrian Gorrissen, Russell Underdown and Jennifer Hart stood out in the 23-person cast.

In many ways this production was less than professional, and the script occasionally showed flabbiness and naivete. For instance, could German and Jewish children really have been such close friends in the early 1930s, since anti-Semitic racial theories were increasingly part of German grammar school curriculums from the 1890s?

However, Hoskins and the cast deserve credit for attempting to grapple with these issues and presenting them before the public. In a personal interview, Hoskins told *The CJN* this production was intended to help develop the script, and he hopes to mount another production next year at the Bathurst Street Theatre, to coincide with Holocaust Education Week. It's well worth the effort.

McMaster student receives travel scholarship to Israel

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — A $5,000 travel scholarship has enabled a Jewish student from McMaster University to spend three months studying at the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot this summer.

Sheldon Rowan, an honors molecular biology and bio-technology student entering his fourth year at McMaster, has been awarded the T. Russell Wilkins Memorial

The scholarship was established in 1963 by Mrs. T. Russell Wilkins in memory of her husband. Mrs. Wilkins was the daughter of former chancellor of McMaster University, Howard P. Whidden.

The scholarship is awarded to students "who have attained high standards in their subjects and have demonstrated a lively interest in the humanities and in the human and social implications of scientific development."

At the Weizmann Institute, the 21-year-old student, who hopes for a career in cancer research, says he will be working under Dr. Moshe Oren, a "well known researcher in tumor suppressive genes."

He was excited and looking forward to it, Rowan told *The CJN* in a telephone interview from his Toronto home prior to leaving for Israel on May 12.

The son of Gerry and Sonia Rowan of Toronto, he attended Associated Hebrew Schools and York Mills Collegiate and spent summers at Young Judea camps. At McMaster he is a member of the McMaster Jewish Students Association.

This is not his first trip to Israel, Rowan said. He was there with his family when he was 12, and later on a youth tour.

He's done "all the major touring," and this time, he remarked, he hopes "to get more of a feel of Israel." He also hopes to have an opportunity to do some hiking and "naturalist tours," and with an extra week in Israel to relax, he may even get to spend some time on a kibbutz.

Aish HaTorah to fete Dans

TORONTO — A live, international satellite broadcast will highlight Aish HaTorah's tribute to Leslie and Judy Dan. The event will be held the evening of May 31 at Beth Avraham Yoseph synagogue in Thornhill.

The Dans have earned a reputation in Toronto for their deep commitment to tzedakah. Among their charitable activities are sending medicine to Third World countries and supporting groups including the University of Toronto, Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, United Jewish Appeal, Netivot HaTorah, and She'arim Hebrew Day School.

Aish HaTorah is particularly close to the Dans' hearts. They have dedicated Aish HaTorah's new World Centre, which directly faces the Western Wall in Jerusalem. They have also dedicated the future permanent home of the organization, slated to be built in Thornhill in the near future.

Satellite broadcast

The evening honoring Judy and Leslie Dan is being coordinated by movie producer and Aish HaTorah Los Angeles student Lou Rudolph, who developed the television mini-series *Roots* and *Rich Man Poor Man*.

The satellite broadcast will not only be international, it will be interactive; participants in Toronto will be able to question Aish HaTorah students in Moscow, dance with students at the Western Wall, hear from Hollywood celebrities and sing with Aish supporters in Los Angeles and elsewhere.

Special participants in the broadcast will be Mrs. Oskar Schindler and U.S. President Bill Clinton.

Donations of $180 or more include two tickets to the event and the gala dessert reception which follows. For more information, telephone (416) 636-7530.

BGU offering archeology dig

TORONTO — Ben-Gurion University of the Negev will be offering an archeological field course from June 13 to July 22 under the direction of Zvi Lederman of the university's Department of Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Studies.

Field work will take place at Tel Beth-Shemesh, once an important Canaanite city halfway between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Discoveries at the site include the remains of a fortified city from the Judean Monarchy (1000-701 BCE) with one of the earliest known olive oil production centres.

Volunteers will learn archeological field methods and participate in all phases of the excavations. Field work will begin in the early morning, while afternoon workshops will address on-site surveying, recording procedures, pottery reading and computerizing archeological records. Evening lectures will also be included.

Participants will stay in kibbutz housing near the excavation site. Lunch and dinner will be served at the kibbutz dining hall, breakfast on site.

The cost for participation in the full six-week session is $1,300 (U.S.); for a two-week session, $500.

For further information, contact Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University, 1000 Finch Ave. W., Ste. 506, Downsview, Ontario M3J 2E7, telephone 416-665-8054, fax 416-665-8055; or for application forms, write to Zvi Lederman, Archeology Division, Ben-Gurion University, P.O. Box 653, Beersheva 84105, Israel.

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Baycrest researcher gets science award

TORONTO — Dr. Endel Tulving, a scientist at the Rotman Research Institute of Baycrest Centre, recently received the most distinguished health sciences award in Canada.

He was one of three scientists awarded the annual Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Prizes, which recognize world-class achievement by Canadians in the areas of health sciences, natural sciences and engineering.

Dr. Tulving, who holds the Anne and Max Tanenbaum Chair in Cognitive Neuroscience at the Rotman Research Institute, is a world-renowned experimental psychologist. Over the past 30 years, his work has dominated the psychological exploration of human memory and influenced scientists around the world who study how our brains function.

One of Dr. Tulving's major contributions was to distinguish between two types of memory systems. Semantic memory retains general knowledge and is more likely to be affected by brain disorders, while episodic memory stores personal experiences and is more vulnerable to the effects of normal aging.

Tulving's recent work has shed further light on how memory works. He and a team of scientists from the University of Toronto and the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry have mapped the brain using Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scanning. Observing the behavior of a normal brain, they have been able to prove that different regions are activated when different types of memory are engaged.

Anne Tanenbaum congratulates Dr. Endel Tulving on recently receiving Canada's top science award, the Killam Memorial Prize.

The Killam prizes reward distinguished lifetime achievement and contribution to the advancement of scientific knowledge. The other winners of this year's prizes are University of Toronto scientists Dr. Adrian Brook and Dr. C. Andre T. Salama.

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BY MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, May 19, is deadline for June 2 issue, and Thursday, May 26, is deadline for June 9 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Thursday, May 19

A DISCIPLE HONORS HIS TEACHER

Rabbi Irwin Schild and other students of the late **Rabbi Abraham A. Price** invite the community to a memorial tribute at 8 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave., in honor of their revered teacher on the 49th day after his death. The program begins with a welcome by **Rabbi Steven Saltzman**, senior rabbi, Adath Israel, and follows with **Ben Kayfetz** speaking on the Jewish Community of 1940, the approximate time of Rabbi Price's arrival in Toronto; **Rabbi Joseph Kelman**, who will deliver the d'var Torah based on Rabbi Price's teachings; and **Rabbi Schild** who will give the eulogy.

CREATIVE WRITERS

Enjoy an afternoon of original works — fantasy, humor, life — by the Bernard Betel Centre class of Creative Writing (instructor **Sylvia Warsh**) 1:30 p.m., 1003 Steeles Ave. W.

Friday, May 20

MUSICAL AFTERNOON

Pianist **Stella Rudolph** presents a program of popular, Jewish and dance music 2-3 p.m., Lincoln Place, 429 Walmer Rd.

Saturday, May 21

JEWS OF FORMER SOVIET UNION

Beth Tzedec Congregation welcomes **Rabbi Harvey Meirovich** of the Bet Midrash/Seminary of Judaic Studies in Jerusalem who will speak from the pulpit on The Jews of the Former Soviet Union — Now That They Are Free Will They Be Jewish? Services 9 a.m. Public welcome.

Sunday, May 22

GRANDPARENTS' SUPPORT GROUP

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, a peer support group for grandparents to come together, to give each other support as they parent their grandchildren, meets 1 p.m., Masayk Cowan Community Centre, 220 Cowan Ave. (2nd floor). Supervised child care provided for ages 2 and up. For information, 469-5471.

SCIENCE MAVENS

Bialik Hebrew Day School recently held its annual Science Fair. Pictured above, with their exhibit on Peripheral Vision, are Arneet Saltzman (left) and Jaclyn Herman.

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Tuesday, May 24

FUTURE FOR NDP IN CANADA

Guest speaker at the New Fraternal Jewish Association meeting, **Prof. Norman Endicott**, professor of political science, discusses What is the Future for the NDP in Canada?, 8 p.m., 12 Heaton St. (Lodzer Centre, Bathurst-Sheppard area). Public is invited. Admission free.

NORTHERN LIGHTS CHAPTER BBW

The Northern Lights chapter, B'nai Brith Women of Canada program meeting features a discussion on interfaith marriage, 8 p.m. Northern Lights chapter serves northern York region including Aurora, Newmarket, Bradford, East/West Gwillumbury, and Keswick/Georgina. Regular program meetings are scheduled the fourth Tuesday of every month. For information, (905) 853-8755.

SENIORS & SELF-MEDICATION

At the Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood luncheon meeting, 12:30 p.m., pharmacist **Irving Knopman** speaks on Seniors and Self-Medication. RSVP to **Ruth Fruitman** (905) 731-6660.

KOSHER COOKING SCHOOL

The Kosher Cooking School sponsored by the Kashruth Council of Toronto features International Salads and Desserts, 8 p.m., Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. Fee is $15. Register by calling 635-9550.

SHIRA CHAPTER-IN-FORMATION

Shira chapter-in-formation, B'nai Brith Women of Canada, invites you to hear psychiatrist **Mark Berber** speak on Relationships Between Men and Women, 7:30 p.m. New members are welcome. For information, **Eileen Jadd**, 630-9313.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of North Bathurst presents The Art of Breastfeeding focusing on proper positioning of the baby, overcoming breastfeeding difficulties, and adjusting to the role of a new mother, 8 p.m., 5 Rosedale Heights, Thornhill. Meetings open to pregnant and nursing mothers. Babies welcome. For information, **Robin**, (905) 886-8364 or **Risa**, (905) 738-8870.

Wednesday, May 25

WUJS REUNION

The World Union of Jewish Students (WUJS) Alumni reunion will be hosted by **Udi Savion**, regional director of Israel Aliyah Centre, who will give an update on the situation in Israel. Guest of honor **Alan Reitzes**, executive director, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, will speak on current issues and Jewish activities. **Clive Lessem**, WUJS director, will talk about the institute. Reunion takes place 6 p.m., Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., 4th floor. RSVP to Israel Aliyah Centre, 633-4766.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Holy Blossom Temple's Lunch and Learn in Retirement group meets at noon when **Rivanne Sandler**, associate professor, Department of Middle East and Islamic Studies, University of Toronto, discusses East and West — The Clash of Cultures in Iran. Please bring lunch and $1. Coffee, tea and cookies are provided. Call **Deborah Tameanko** at the temple at least two days in advance if you need a lift.

OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION

It is open house and registration night for B'nai Shalom Hebrew School (Sundays to Wednesdays, kindergarten to Grade 7 and bar/bat mitzvah program), and B'nai Shalom Day Nursery (18 months to 5 years, new full-time junior kindergarten-age program starting Sept. 24). Time is 8 p.m. at 275 Arnold Ave., Thornhill (at Bathurst across from the Promenade). Meet teachers, principal, rabbi, supervisor and administrative staff. RSVP (905) 731-2797.

GENERAL WINGATE BRANCH

General Wingate branch, Royal Canadian Legion, general membership meeting is 8 p.m. Your help is needed on many important items.

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada presents a video documentary, *Visiting Your Ancestral Town in Eastern Europe* with personal accounts from a Society member, 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

YIDDISH KULTUR GESELSHAFT

Yiddish Kultur Geselshaft presents a lecture by **Yakov Kaplan** of Israel on the topic The Difficult Road to Peace in the Middle East, 8 p.m. Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W.

Thursday, May 26

Akiva Eldar, one of Israel's premier journalists, will speak on After the Declaration of Principles: Can Peace be Made to Work?, 8 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple. Sponsored by the Canada-Israel Committee and major Jewish organizations.

And What Else Is New...

BEIT HALOCHEM BOAT CRUISE

New Leadership of Beit Halochem Canada (Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel) invites you to its fifth annual boat cruise of Toronto harbor aboard the Stella Borealis Sunday, May 26, 7-11 p.m. with Middle Eastern buffet (under supervision of Kashruth Council of Toronto) and dancing to contemporary and Israeli music by Moshe Kast Band. Tickets $36 in advance, $40 at the dock. Proceeds to help equip the new rehabilitation centre in Jerusalem. For tickets and information, 488-7649.

FAMILY MATTERS

Beth Tzedec Congregation presents three workshop programs offering support and guidance for dealing with various stages of family life — Parenting the Young Child is Hard Work; Living with Teens; and The Sandwich Generation: Taking Care of Aging Parents.

Each workshop has six sessions led by a leader from Jewish Family & Child Service, Thursdays, 8-9:30 p.m., May 19-June 23. Beth Tzedec members, $40 for each six-part workshop, non-members $50. Call 781-3511.

JAPAN'S SHINONOME CHOIR

Japan's Shinonome Choir returns to Temple Sinai Saturday, June 4. The choir, with its membership drawn from all over Japan, will again present a program of Japanese dance and song as well as Jewish music. Concert time is 8 p.m. at the temple. Tickets $8 available at temple, 487-4161. Proceeds go to Israel.

ME'IRIM DANCE COMPANY

Different Trains and Other Dances, Me'irim Dance Company's spring session at Leah Posluns Theatre, highlights the variety of work done by this young company. In addition to *Different Trains*, created by Me'irim's artistic director **Shula Saltzman** with **Steve Reich's** music, program includes *Yerusha* with music by **Srul Irving Glick**, a lyrical dance for five women; *Man's Domain*, a men's trio; *To the Four Corners of the Earth*, a solo from Sephardic Memories; *Lumbar Thought*, a duet; and a new work *Not a Political Statement*.

Show times 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, and Wednesday, May 25. Tickets and information, Leah Posluns box office 630-6752 or Ticketmaster 870-8000 or 872-1111.

HABONIM DROR REUNION

Habonim Dror is holding a reunion Nov. 13 at the Borochov Cultural Centre. The committee would like to hear from any ex-members. Leave your name and number on the Habonim Hotline, 223-6233, or fax 636-5248.

MEDINA THEATRE ENSEMBLE

Medina Theatre Ensemble at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch is offering a six-week acting class Thursdays, 7-9 p.m., May 26-June 30, with instructor **Virginia Reh** for combined beginner and intermediate level. Course, open to people over 18, covers improvisation, scene study and acting techniques. Medina members $40, non-members $65. Registration and payment by Tuesday, May 24. Call 924-6211.

MAY IS ORT MONTH

In celebration of ORT Month:

Friday, May 20 — ORT Oneg Shabbat at Temple Har Zion. For information, 787-0297.

Sunday, May 22 — Community display booth at Don Mills Centre, noon to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, May 25 — Sophie Bennett chapter of Toronto Women's ORT annual getaway to Stage West. For tickets and time, 787-0297.

Sunday, May 29 — Community displays at two malls, Centrepoint and Yorkdale, noon to 5 p.m.

BAR MITZVAH CELEBRATION

The congregation of Kehillat Shaarei Torah will be celebrating the shul's bar mitzvah Saturday, May 28, and extends an invitation to friends, former members and supporters to join in the Shabbat morning services at 9 a.m. at the shul, 2640 Bayview Ave. A kiddush follows. For information, 229-2600.

NEAH KIDRON CHAPTER, EMUNAH

Neah Kidron chapter of Emunah holds a buffet lunch (Cholov Yisroel) and social gathering every Wednesday, followed by card games, noon to 4 p.m., 3636 Bathurst St., large social hall. $5 each week. 789-5714 or 630-6827.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Marriage Preparation Beyond the Chuppah, a six-week program for engaged couples to discuss changing roles, communication, in-laws, family relationships, a Jewish home and more, begins May 26. For registration, information, **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215.

SUMMER CAMP

Beth Tzedec Sisterhood sponsors a summer

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camp for pre-schoolers July 4-Aug. 12. For six weeks, members $550, non-members $650; four weeks, members $400, non-members $475; two weeks, members $200, non-members $225. For information, reservations, 781-3511.

PLAYGROUP FOR 2 & 3-YEAR-OLDS

Have your children learn, sing and play in a fun-filled friendly Jewish environment. Programs are available for children 2 and 3 years of age (youngsters need not be toilet trained) four or five mornings a week at 44 Edinburgh Dr. Drop-off time is 8:45 a.m., pick-up is 11:45. Qualified teachers are on staff. For September registration, call **Reva**, 638-2566. A summer program is also available at same location.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service offers the following groups — Single Parent Challenge (discusses challenges, realistic expectations and finding a balance between parenthood and personhood, begins May 26); Looking Ahead (for divorced and separated people, begins May 18). For information concerning fees and registration, **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

TRADITIONAL MINYAN

Everyone is welcome to Congregation Shomer Israel, 60 Rockford Rd. Shabbat services 9 a.m., followed by kiddush. Sunday, 8:30 a.m. No dues. For information, call 362-3248.

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE STUDENTS

University/college-age students — If you're not working this summer, and would like some practical experience planning programs at the Jewish Community Centre, call **Rosanne**, 631-5658.

"Y" BROADWAY AND FUTURE STARS

For the second year, a program for youth, ages 8-15, takes place at the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch. "Y" Broadway is where youngsters develop skills such as dance, singing and characterization, and work together very much like a Broadway production company creating a show, while developing confidence in their performance ability.

The project takes place over a four-week period and is offered in two sessions, July 4-28, and Aug. 1-25, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants in each four-week workshop will present their work and creations in public performances, Showcase I — 7 p.m. July 28, and Showcase II — 7 p.m. Aug. 25. Registration first come, first served basis. 636-1880, ext. 273.

DIAL-A-STORY

North York Public Library presents Dial-a-Story. Children can call 395-5785 to hear a brief taped story any time, any day. Stories are told in French on Wednesdays.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS

Much is being done by Canadians from all walks of life to restore and protect our water, land and air. In recognition of this commitment, Environment Canada will again present Environmental Achievement Awards in 1994. These awards pay tribute to individuals, organizations, companies and communities who have made an outstanding contribution to a cleaner and healthier environment. For nomination details, 1-800-668-6767. Nomination deadline is June 6.

VOLUNTEER WITH REENA

Reena, a social service agency supporting adults with developmental disabilities, offers many volunteer opportunities — PAL-unteers are direct service volunteers, who by befriending a Pal, work one-on-one with a client, teaching basic values and helping them to develop a trusting friendship; home-buddies visit and help out in one of Reena's many group homes; recreation and leisure volunteers escort clients to various classes/events and assist the class instructor; administrative volunteers share their office skills with support staff; family friends invite clients, who may not have a family of their own, to participate in family activities/special dinners. Also, volunteers are being recruited for the Speakers Bureau to speak to groups on behalf of Reena (training program, innovative material and teaching aids provided).

For information, **Arlene Margolese**, coordinator of Volunteer Services, 787-9554, ext. 3036 or 787-0131.

SURVIVING BABY'S FIRST YEAR

Share your stories and learn more about bringing up baby at parenting sessions held by North York Health Department every Tuesday, May 24-June 28, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Oriole Community Centre, 2975 Don Mills Rd. (Don Mills and Sheppard). Sessions are led by public heaalth nurses. Babies welcome. To register, 395-7600.

for seniors

The Wagman Centre's Wellness Education Group presents Experiment With Your Senses Wednesday, May 25, 1-3 p.m., with demonstrations of Herbal Tea Preparations with **Dr. Paul Saunders**, Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine; Aromatherapy and Massage with **Deborah Murphy**; Reflexology with **Deborah Sasson**, Reflexology Association of Canada; Tai Chi with **Trudy Berry**, Taoist Tai Chi Society of Canada. Admission free. Register by May 24, 789-5131, ext. 2267.

Important senior issues are heard every Tuesday, 11 a.m. to noon, on CIUT radio, 89.5 FM.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is planning a nine-day trip to Homowack Hotel in the Catskills in August. Also, trips to Stratford Festival have been arranged — Sept. 29 for *Twelfth Night* and Oct. 18 for *Cyrano de Bergerac*. For information on all activities, **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). May 26 is an evening of reading of poems and literature. Please note, the Shavuot holiday party has been changed to Saturday, May 21, 8 p.m. Tickets $7 members, $8 non-members. For information, 661-4689 or 783-9453.

LZA Seniors Club has a few seats left for Stage West June 22 to see **Mickey Rooney** in *The Mind with the Naughty Man*. Registration is being accepted for the Catskill trip to the Raleigh Hotel July 20-26. Phone **Libby**, 782-2059, or **Belle**, 633-5841. Ladies Line Dancing is Tuesdays 1 p.m. and the Cultural Club Tuesdays 10 a.m. at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Downsview Services to Seniors has started an Arthritis Blue Bird Club for persons suffering from arthritis. This support group, offered in conjunction with the Arthritis Society, is held, free of charge, the second Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. at Northwood Community Centre, 15 Clubhouse Ct., Downsview. For information, **Maria Mercone**, program coordinator, Senior Centre, 633-9519.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club happenings — the movie *Crossing Delancy* Wednesday, May 25, 2 p.m.; dance with a live band Sunday, May 29, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; Father's Day dance (not to be a dinner) with cake and refreshments, Sunday, June 12 (members $5, non-members $6); trip to Peterborough with guided tour, lift locks and points of interest, Tuesday, June 14, cost $16 (bring or buy lunch at Wendys not included); a few seats available for Catskills trip; activities in full swing. Call 395-7881.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Update on important legislation affecting you! On Tuesday, May 24, 1:30 p.m., **Doris Guyatt**, manager, Advocacy and Guardianship Unit of Long Term Care, Ontario Ministry of Health, will talk about and answer your questions on the Substitute Decisions Act, Advocacy Act, Consent to Treatment Act. Everyone welcome. For information, **Sheila Zane**, 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre presents Osteoporosis Support Group, Tuesday, May 24, 1:30 p.m.

The movie, *Family Business* will be screened 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 22. Members free, non-members $1.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band Sunday, May 22, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Members $3.50, non-members $4.

The Wednesday afternoon social May 25 features songs in many languages by **Jenny Eizenstein**, 1:30 p.m. Members $3, non-members $4.

Club Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts, dances. Call **Anna**, 225-2112.

at the JCC

An art exhibit of watercolors by Yanina Volski Cohen is on view at the JCC Bloor Y branch, Wallin Lounge, through May 26. For exhibition hours, 924-6211.

Register now for the JCC Valley's 1994/95 Pintsize, Nursery, Junior Kindergarten for ages 18 months to 4 years. Call Lynn Cone or Wendy Preskow, (905) 889-0813.

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KETUBAH ARTIST

Howard Fox, noted ketubah artist, returns to Toronto May 20-June 20, after 11 months in Israel. Fox, who makes his permanent home in Tel Aviv, has dedicated much of his career to the fine art of ketubah illustration. His work is on permanent exhibit at the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Ottawa. His ketubah work is also featured in *Coat of Many Colors*, a commemorative book of Canadian Judaica artifacts. Recent paintings and ketubot can be viewed at 31 Artisan Dr., Downsview. For an appointment, call 633-5535.

NEW MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Dr. Barbara Yaffe has been appointed the new medical officer of health for North York by order of City Council. She begins work with the Department June 6.

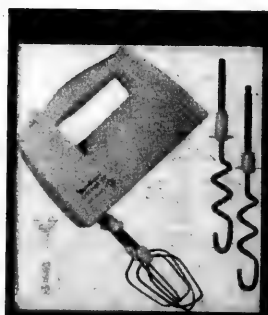
Yaffe has spent the past 12 years with the Toronto Public Health Department, the last seven as associate medical officer of health. She has been actively involved with the Greater Toronto Area Medical Officers of Health group on several committees, and also spent six months working on streamlining Toronto's public health department last year.

UIA CONFERENCE

Over 130 top UIA and Federation campaign leaders from across Canada met recently in Ottawa to participate in Peace and Partnership: Campaigning in a New Era. UIA's National Campaign Leadership Conference. Pictured above (from left) Dr. Gerald Halbert, president UIA Canada; Trudy Pekarsky, conference co-chair; Sunny Tavel, conference chair; Maynard Wishner, president, Council of Jewish Federations.

CRAFT SHOW

Bears in Pairs are handcrafted originals by Marilyn Church, Canadian teddy bear artist, who is one of many unique artisans exhibiting at Beersheba Club, Na'amat Canada's ninth craft/gift show, Monday, May 23, (Victoria Day) 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Bayview Village Mall. Free admission and parking. For information, Malka Mirsky, 633-6538 (evenings), 636-5425 (days).



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Family well-being linked to issue of Jewish continuity

Non-traditional structures

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

Gordon Wolfe

TORONTO — Only by putting aside preconceived notions of what a family should be, and by accepting families however they are defined, will the community be able to focus on Jewish survival, the annual meeting of Jewish Family & Child Services (JF&CS) heard last week.

Whether single-parent families, remarried families or families headed by gays or lesbians, "we need to identify the strengths and assets of each family we see and not hold out expectations or norms where we value only one kind of family," JF&CS executive director Gordon Wolfe said to staff, volunteers and clients.

With Jewish continuity high on the community's agenda, Wolfe said JF&CS must understand its role in promoting continuity. For one, the agency must demonstrate how family dynamics and dysfunction affect Jewish identification and thus continuity, he said.

"We need to reinforce that healthy Jewish families are an important dynamic in Jewish identity ... because it is healthy Jewish families which produce healthy Jewish individuals."

But Jewish families, Wolfe added, have undergone tremendous changes: divorce, unemployment, increasing violence and addictive behavior, assimilation and intermarriage, social upheaval — all have contributed to a realigned notion of family.

In their quest to promote Jewish continuity, social workers "need to think about the way in which the community may tend to isolate some Jewish families," while the community itself continues to grapple with whether it wants to support more and more non-traditional family structures.

"Jewish families have always defined themselves and we as a community must accept them as they exist and seek to strengthen them."

If the community continues to expect "traditional" families, blame and "subtle exclusion" threaten to push people away from Judaism, or encourage people to pull away, Wolfe warned.

If JF&CS cannot provide services with Jewish content to clients, one of two things will happen, he said: either families will obtain social services elsewhere, without the Jewish component, or families will do without the services and "perhaps muddle through."

"Either 'solution' has profoundly dangerous consequences for the Jewish community in terms of continuity. I think we need to do more to promote Jewish continuity and feelings of self-worth as a Jew," including the need to talk about Judaism in a way that will bring about a positive connection, Wolfe said.

The annual meeting paid tribute to JF&CS volunteers in direct services and chaplaincy programs.

Marlene Axmith, Archie Rottenberg and Debra Richmond were saluted for their volunteer efforts.

JF&CS president Garry Foster reported that the agency survived the recession relatively unscathed, even though the economic pinch of the last three years has required belt-tightening at a time when services were most needed.

Over the past year, the meeting heard, JF&CS, in association with Senior Care, Mount Sinai Hospital and the Baycrest Centre, established the Jewish Hospice Program, a pioneer service that provides in-home care for dying patients and their families.

As well, the Domestic Violence Program, which serves abused women, hired an additional worker, while the volunteer Multi-Lingual Access Program, which helps those with linguistic and cultural barriers access communal services, was implemented.

In all in 1993, JF&CS served over 3,000 cases, involving some 7,000 individuals; helped more than 2,000 people with direct financial assistance totaling $1.1 million; investigated 234 allegations of child abuse and served 72 children with "in-care" resources.

Completing terms on the JF&CS board of directors are Helen Fischer, Sophie Fischhoff, Ralph Garber, Mendy Maierovitz, Lillian Messinger, Lisa Osak and Joel Reitman.

New board members are Ron Cuperfain, Len Goodman, Val Gorbatyuk, Aviva Heller, Bryna Hyman, Harriet Lampert, Rae Rubin and Leonard Wechsler.

Catholic mission leader Kitty McGilly (right) and participant Lisa Helferty befriend and Ethiopian soldier by the Western Wall.

Visit to Israel buoys consultant

TORONTO — Kitty McGilly is rapturous about Israel.

This summer, McGilly will be taking her sixth trip to the Holy Land in the past four years. Her travel history to Israel surpasses that of most North American Jews.

"I think I'm going to apply for citizenship," she jokes.

McGilly is a 58-year-old consultant with the Dufferin-Peel Separate School Board, north-west of Toronto. She specializes in leading Catholic religion teachers and separate school administrators on missions to Israel.

"You can't really understand Christianity until you understand Judaism," she points out.

Her tours trace the origins of both religions, with visits to Jericho, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum in the Galilee where Jesus established his home base, and Jerusalem's Via Dolorosa, the road to the crucifixion.

McGilly also makes sure mission members see the Western Wall on Shabbat, visit Yad Vashem, and stand where the prophets preached thousands of years ago.

"There's absolutely no time off," she warns prospective participants.

Despite tensions, during her most recent trip after the Baruch Goldstein killings in Hebron, McGilly says the safety of her delegation was never a concern.

Visiting Israel, she believes, not only introduces the country to religious teachers, but rejuvenates their religious spirit.

"We have to give them the opportunity of being turned on again. People come back extremely positive. They say they'll never be the same."

McGilly's two-week trip to Israel this summer will cost each participating educator $2,995, which includes a $400 course fee. The Israel journey counts as a Ministry of Education credit in religious education.

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The CHAT Tigers took second place in the second tier of the recent Red Sarachek basketball tournament in New York. The Tigers are flanked by Jonathan Halpert, Yeshiva University Maccabees head coach (far left) and Red Sarachek (second from left). The Tigers consist of (from left) Stu Lapowich, Eric Spindell, Daniel Cantikier, Joel Kruger, Daniel Bar-Dayan, Noah Markus, Arik Bergman, Izzie Greenberg, manager Josh Spodek, coach Jack Pollak and religious advisor Neil Applebaum.

Toronto sends two teams to basketball tournament

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — They came, they saw, they didn't conquer, but they had a good time nevertheless.

Two Jewish high school basketball teams from Toronto got to see the Big Apple, meet old friends and combine that with participation at the third annual Red Sarachek Yeshiva High School Invitational, sponsored by Yeshiva University.

Of the two teams, the CHAT Tigers fared a little better on the court, taking second place in the tournament's second tier. The Ohr Chaim Knights were winless in the competition.

In the opening round, CHAT lost to Valley Torah Centre of North Hollywood, Calif., by a score of 39-31 while Ohr Chaim got blown out by Yeshiva of Los Angeles, 91-35. Ouch.

In their next games, CHAT beat the Hebrew Academy of Montreal 41-33 and then Block Yeshiva High School of Olivette, Missouri, 46-40. The Tigers then lost to Cooper Yeshiva High School of Memphis.

Or Chaim, meanwhile, lost to Cooper 58-38 and made it close before succumbing to Montreal, 48-42.

CHAT forward Daniel Bar-Dayan and Or Chaim guard Asaf Prisman were both named to the tournament all-star team.

Though they didn't do well on the court, the boys from Or Chaim enjoyed the tournament, said Norman Smith, principal of Bnei Akiva Schools. "They conducted themselves well and met friends from Bnei Akiva and from Mizrachi camps," Smith said. The boys also toured New York, saw the Yeshiva U campus and participated in religious studies classes, he added.

This was the first time CHAT was accepted to the tournament, said Lil Fox, athletic director at the school. "We've been trying to get into it for a number of years because it's a really good tournament and it's a nice way for the boys to meet other Jewish boys from similar schools in a sports situation."

The tournament, held on Yeshiva U's main campus in Manhattan, is named in honor of Red Sarachek, who coached and was athletic director at the university for 30 years and is a member of the New York City Basketball Hall of Fame.

Members of Or Chaim's team include: Mordechai Applebaum, Jonas Diamond, Hillel Drazin, Gilad Hadasy, Zvi Katzman, Daniel Kleinman, Asaf Prisman, Eitan Prisman, Menachem Roth, Ilan Rubinstein, Robbie Scheininger, Yonatan Wisebrod and David Zigelman. The coach is Jeff Dorfman and Danny Rosenbluth served as chaperone.

Kelman Centre puts emphasis on educating special needs children

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — So how does a man who grew up in Argentina and earned his PhD in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on the subject of Mexican politics, come to be director of projects at the Kelman Centre for Jewish Education at Tel Aviv University?

Dr. David Schers, 61, served in the Argentine army, studied at Tel Aviv University, and married and settled in Israel. He and his wife, a teacher, have two adult children.

On a recent visit to Toronto, Schers told *The CJN* that he began his academic research by studying and writing about the Jewish community of Latin America. "But then I realized that studying is not enough," he said. "So (I got involved in) beginning Jewish adult education programs in Latin America."

For adults to be good learners, he believes, "they must be conscious of what they do, and be clear about their identity."

Latin America, he said, tries to assimilate everyone, and young people don't feel comfortable about being different. "It is only when they get a feeling of legitimacy about their differences that you can make them interested in Israel."

A Jewish school, he said, including those in Latin America, must be competitive to attract students. To this end, he said, they foster a high level of scholarship, and don't have the patience for the disabled child.

Rabbi Joseph Kelman

Schers said he became interested in what happens to the child with special needs in such a situation.

Which brought him to the Kelman Centre.

The Kelman Centre was named in honor of Rabbi Joseph Kelman, spiritual leader of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation in North York, who is known for his long interest and involvement in special education in Toronto. He helped found the Reena Foundation and the Kadima Centre for people with developmental disabilities and She'arim Hebrew Day School for children with learning disabilities.

When Tel Aviv University wanted to honor him, Rabbi Kelman, who sat in for part of the interview, noted he had refused to accept the honor unless it was in some way associated with his concern for those with special needs.

To his delight, the Kelman Centre was established.

Its first major project was an international conference on Jewish special education that was held last December at Tel Aviv University.

The proceedings will be published shortly, and another conference, this time dealing with Jewish education generally, is planned for next year.

Schers said that the Kelman Centre "hopes to promote other projects, involving brains, goodwill and means" encouraging an "interaction between Toronto and Israel."

Prof. David Zisenwine, the chair of the new institute, feels that the centre should deal with the urgent problems facing Jewish education, planning, fixing priorities, and researching and developing new programs and projects, especially in special education, but in regular education as well.

Schers feels that the only effective educational approach is to integrate Jewish consciousness, culture (whether religious or not) and social links with other Jews. Only then, he said, will there be both a strong Israel, a strong Diaspora, and a good relationship between the two.

Parents of those with special needs, he said, should become active in the educational process, learning about the problems, getting the help of specialists without becoming too dependent on them.

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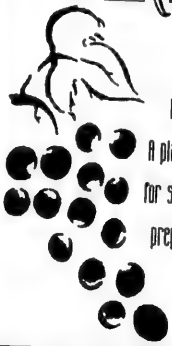

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The Renaissance cruises to Phuket, Thailand's richest resort and long popular for its beaches, hotels and handicrafts. Passengers take a flat-bottomed boat ride through stalactite formations on Phang Nga Bay, scene of some of the James Bond movies, and visit a butterfly farm.

Kuala Lumpur fascinates with its Moorish architecture. Finally, the boat docks at Singapore, land of cut-rate shopping, designer knock-offs, extraordinary food and great historic districts.

The crew of the Renaissance VI are personable. Hugo, the dining room maitre d', wears suits of dazzling hues. Pierre, a bespectacled Parisian, fusses like a kind uncle. And Siebert Christian Malivitz is like the perfect buttoned-down English butler. It comes as a surprise to learn he writes the funny lyrics sung at the crew show.

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TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

JERUSALEM — At Shemesh, a kosher restaurant along Jerusalem's Ben Yehuda pedestrian mall, the waiter loads our table with Middle Eastern delicacies: hummos, tahini, tabouli, Turkish salad, meat wrapped in olive leaves, mounds of pita bread. There's plenty here for the eight of us, but all this is only the prelude to a main course of lamb and chicken shish kebabs.

We are six North American travel journalists, one Israeli tour guide and Yehuda Shen, public relations director for Israel's Ministry of Tourism. Shen, formerly the director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Canada, lived in Toronto for several years, long enough to observe that Canada's largest city is like "New York City run by the Swiss."

"Toronto is such a clean city," he offers, "that every morning before I left my apartment I cleaned my shoes so I wouldn't dirty the streets."

But we've come to discuss Israel, not Canada; Israel, whose first visitors, according to biblical scholars, were Joshua's spies. They reconnoitred the Promised Land and brought back grape clusters so big two people had to carry them. But Shen suggests that the first Foreign Individual Tourists (a travel industry colloquialism) came much earlier. "Abraham was the first. He did a beautiful FIT business with the angels in his tent."

Mount Scopus

Shen was born at Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus in 1947, one of the last Jewish babies born there before that particular area of East Jerusalem was split off in 1948. After the War of Independence the Egged Bus Company retired its Number 9 Bus Line, which had served Mount Scopus. Nineteen years later came the 1967 Six Day War and the reunification of Jerusalem. Egged, which had kept its Number 9 line in reserve all those years, dutifully resumed service to Mount Scopus.

That kind of simple loyalty and faith in the future is what Shen and others in the tourism ministry are hoping to see from North American travellers. "I'll tell you one thing: when it comes to panic, the Americans do it faster than the Europeans. After the Achille Lauro [cruise ship hijacking] incident, in one week there were 17,000 overseas cancellations."

Although unable to supply precise figures, Shen concedes tourism has dropped following the recent fatalities in Hebron, Afula and Hadera. "If there has been a drop, it's more in the Jewish market." Some Jewish travellers, he says, are quicker than anyone to cancel travel plans to Israel, sometimes at the first glimpse of a negative headline.

"The Christians come here to make a pilgrimage but the Jews prefer to go instead to the holy city of Fort Lauderdale," he says. "I'd like to tell them, 'Stop opening your wallets and turning your backs. We need you to visit Israel.' "

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Hebrew University

After lunch we tour Ben Yehuda's colourful melange of Judaica shops, cafes, restaurants, galleries and gift shops where one can buy anything from an inexpensive American-style T-shirt to an ancient Jewish coin worth $10,000 (US). After a stroll down its neat flagstone length (from which cars are banned), we pile into the van for a visit to Mount Scopus. Our guide, Amnon Cohen, drives along the former Green Line that once divided Jerusalem, pointing out buildings where shrapnel damage from the 1967 war is still visible.

At a lookout near Hadassah Hospital and the campus of Hebrew University, we survey the sprawling, windswept City of David. Jerusalem extends to the horizon, a city of cream limestone, most pleasing to the eye. (The architectural uniformity was one of few benefits to arise from the British Mandate.) Amnon points out the ancient walls, towers and domes of the Old City, discussing each in turn. Here is Mount Zion, there the Mount of Olives, a Jewish burial ground since ancient times.

As it is Shabbat, we return early to the hotel. Later, with about an hour of sunlight left, we stroll through the Old City, through the marketplace still crowded with tourists, past Arab merchants hawking souvenirs, to the Kotel — the western and only surviving wall of the Second Temple, the holiest site of the Jewish people. On this day, the ancient monolithic stones receive a cacophony of wails and prayers from diverse congregations: yeshiva bochers, Chassidim in black garb, Sephardim, Ashkenazim, Americans in blue jeans, men and women separated by the mechitzah, their voices mingling in the sweet twilight above the thronging plaza.

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Between Mincha and Ma'ariv, afternoon and evening prayers, a stranger hit me on the chest, over the heart, and uttered "Chazak!" (Strength!) as he passed. Later, during the walk back to the hotel through the picturesque Armenian quarter under a dark sky, I felt a strange momentary sensation — as though my right hand had been about to fall loose, but instead had been fully restored to health.

Tabernacle choir a feast for the ears

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

SALT LAKE CITY — Beneath the giant dome of the Mormon Tabernacle, the harmonious voices of the famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir rise into the air, melding sweetly. Whether it's a biblical hymn or a medley from *The Music Man*, each selection sung by the 330-member choir reverberates with a rare purity in this hallowed hall.

Established in 1847, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir is one of the oldest performing choirs in the world. Ever since its first appearance outside Utah, at the Chicago World's Fair of 1893, it has received critical acclaim and recognition as one of the foremost choral organizations anywhere. As usual, most of the pew-like benches in the large Tabernacle are filled for this Thursday evening rehearsal.

Many audience members are visitors to Salt Lake, who are familiar with the choir through its weekly radio broadcasts, which have aired since 1929 (on the CBS network since 1932). The choir is a staple of the U.S. Bible belt.

At present, the weekly half-hour Sunday morning broadcasts are carried live by more than 50 television and 100 radio stations in the United States. Hundreds of other stations play a taped version. As well, these voices are carried via shortwave radio to living rooms in Russia, Scandinavia and other countries. In recent years, the choir has performed in many countries, including Canada, Japan, Korea, Australia, Brazil, Russia — and Israel.

"Our visit to Israel (for two weeks in 1993) was one of the most fantastic experiences we've ever had," said Don Ripplinger, associate director of the Choir. "We've never had audiences that were more knowledgeable and more appreciative than these people were."

In Israel, the choir performed the Berlioz *Requiem* with the Jerusalem Symphony, which Ripplinger called "probably the most difficult work the choir has ever done." Written by French composer Hector Berlioz in 1837, the *Requiem* is an overwhelming work for large orchestra that includes 110 violins, an augmented brass section, 16 timpani, and more than 200 voices.

Diverse range of musical themes

An album of material that the choir performed with the Jerusalem Symphony (excluding Berlioz) will be released on compact disc this spring, Ripplinger said. The recording is one of many albums that the choir has released, reflecting a diverse range of musical themes including spiritual hymns, folk songs, show tunes and Christmas carols.

A breakaway Christian sect founded in 19th-century America and centred in Utah, the Mormons seem to cherish their links with the Jewish people. According to church spokesman Thomas Daniels, church tradition holds that the Mormons are descended from the Hebrew patriarch Jacob, mostly through Joseph's son Ephraim. A series of large paintings in one of the visitor centres depicts scenes from the Hebrew Bible, such as *Noah's Preaching Scorned* and *Abraham On The Plain of Mamre.*

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Summer Fashion

MAKEOVER: Image consultant is called 'the soul of discretion'

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

In a ritzy Toronto hotel restaurant, image consultant Gladys Eskenazi looks me over with her piercing brown eyes.

"You should never wear white," she pronounces, shaking her head of brown curls.

I am dismayed. It is my brand new white shirt, the crisp white shirt I though every modern woman was supposed to have in her wardrobe. But Gladys is firm. "No. You cannot wear white because it makes your freckles stand out and you look all spotty."

Gladys, 55, doesn't stop there. The Uruguayan-born dynamo spends the next 11 days arranging for me to have my skin examined, my toes pedicured, hair color changed, eyebrows plucked into submission and hairstyle updated, all the while picking out clothes she feels will flatter my figure and suit my personality.

She also fields calls (781-9461) from the 20 or so clients who already use her services. They ask her advice on everything from party dresses to where to buy their lingerie.

For the most part her clients are Jewish women, many of them Orthodox, who have heard about her from friends: Gladys and her team — esthetician, makeup artist, hair colorist, hair stylist — do not advertise. Together they charge $1,000 and up for a thorough, two-hour consultation, and they are souls of discretion. . .and honesty.

"This is for your enemy," Gladys will tell a client while sorting through her closet. A fashion designer with her own atelier for the past 24 years, Gladys' trained eye is quick to spot fashion disasters. She is also unthreatening, funny and respects the restrictions of an Orthodox wardrobe.

"Everyone needs some help," she says in her musical Spanish accent. "People think it's idiotic to have someone tell them what to wear until they try it." To pull the look together, she takes them shopping. Said one client to me: "I always thought I was well-dressed. . .until I met Gladys."

I have no such illusions about my appearance: six years of university have reduced me to wearing ripped jeans and bags under my eyes. Gladys quickly hands me over to esthetician Sylvia Kohn (487-4731) for a facial. Her capable hands restore color to my cheeks.

Then it is over to Michelle Patterson, Frank Cerni and Mandy Clark for, respectively, hair color, style and makeup. The three work together at an upscale Toronto salon.

On this night they have rented a hotel room for the makeover, but they usually bring their portable salon to the client's home — Michelle with her own towels and garbage bags to protect against hair chemicals. There is no mess.

Michelle fingers my brown hair and decides it needs more "oomph." Sixty minutes later it is a rich mocha auburn with red highlights (in-home color starts at $50 for a semi-permanent). "What your natural color is and what you should have can be night and day," she assures me. The subtle red streaks catch the light.

Frank wants to cut my newly "oomphed" hair super short. I balk. We compromise on a swingy cut that Frank says I can make look good at home (in-home cut and style for wigs and hair are $200). Mandy applies makeup for day and evening, all the while explaining her choice of colors (the same at home is $120 to $150, with occasion makeup $75 to $120).

Gladys takes charge again for the below-the-neck transformation. She herself wears jeans and a bare face ("I could care less how I look," she sniffs). She tells clients to avoid impulse shopping as well as clothes that draw attention away from the woman wearing them. "If I see a beautiful dress and don't see the woman's face, what's the point?"

To draw the right kind of attention, Gladys has chosen for me a tailored Armani pantsuit in sage and cream because it is "soft, casual and free." Her eyes gleam as she later wraps a silver leather Donna Karan miniskirt around my 5'9" frame. "I chose it because you're crazy inside and weird and want to have fun!"

Five hours later, the team packs up carrying cases and zips the borrowed clothes back into garment bags. I walk out onto Bloor Street, exhausted but exhilarated. Can't wait to get home and throw out that white shirt.

CJN staff reporter Amy Sattin (top left) before her head-to-toe makeover, and after, wearing (above left) a sage-and-cream Giorgio Armani pantsuit for day, and navy-and-silver Donna Karan outfit chosen by image consultant Gladys Eskenazi. [Grant S. Padley photos]

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Weekender offers home shopping

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

Home shopping is the way of the future, according to Lia Keeping, vice-president of sales for Weekender Ladies Wear, a company that has more than 3,000 fashion coordinators making home presentations to groups of customers across Canada.

With women busier than ever, Keeping said, shopping at home is a chance to socialize and to buy clothes. Service, she added, is another benefit of home shopping. "It is really nice to go shopping and have a salesperson's attention for as long as you want it."

Weekender, a Canadian company whose head office is located in Thornhill, started out in 1984 with a basic collection of seven pieces that could be mixed and matched to create 21 outfits. Since then, the basic line has been expanded with the addition of new collections that come out twice yearly — for spring/summer and fall/winter. "This has given us many more combinations, from casual sportswear to office wear, and with accessorizing, it can be worn in the evening too," said Keeping.

Oakville area fashion coordinator Gloria Kidston shows her customers of all ages — from 18 to seniors — how to mix and match the fashion collection of classically designed polyester/cotton skirts, pants, tops and jackets to create a variety of Weekender looks, and how to mix and match the pieces with their current wardrobes.

For casual wear, the oversized shirt tail jacket ($69, available in red, navy, white, black, willow, cornflower, tea rose and sage) can be worn with leggings, she said. With a full skirt instead of leggings, the outfit is perfect for the office. The fashion vest ($45, in white, black, tea rose and sage) can be worn with the skirt ($29, in red, navy, white, black, willow, sage, cornflower dot, tea rose dot), but in combination with the tailored jacket ($69, in the same colors as the shirt tail jacket) and dress shoes, Kidston says the look is acceptable for most office environments.

Although current fashion trends are reflected in the Weekender collection — neutrals are big in their spring fashion collection, for example — they are essentially classics that can be worn for several seasons. Kidston, who has been wearing some of her Weekender pieces for up to eight seasons, says her customers want clothing that lasts. In fact, the company guarantees each piece for six months. If a seam goes or if the garment is not up to the customer's standards, it will be replaced.

The collection comes in a full range of sizes, from extra small to extra large. Made of a 50/50 blend of polyester and cotton, the garments are machine washable and should be hung to dry.

Weekender is able to offer its collection at reasonable prices because the pieces, created by three in-house designers, are timeless, and because the fashion coordinator does not have rent and other overhead to pay, said Lia Keeping.

Keeping, who started out as a fashion coordinator nine years ago to make extra money, said selling for Weekender, which requires an initial investment of $1,000, is a great opportunity for women to start their own business without any of the risks involved. "Women of all different backgrounds and ages are becoming successful. Most coordinators work full or part-time at another job. They don't have to give up a job to become a coordinator."

Weekender had sales revenues of a million dollars after the first year in business, and revenues doubled every year until 1989, reported Keeping. The company expanded to the United States six years ago, opening an office in Chicago, and branched out to the United Kingdom three years ago, where they are based 70 miles outside of London, England. She is proud that Weekender, a Canadian company, has achieved success outside of Canada.

For an at-home presentation — ideally for groups of six — or information about becoming a fashion coordinator, call (905) 886-5990.

Summer makeup should be soft

By CAROL WISE
Special to the CJN

Summer, is definitely the most rejuvenating time of the year. The abundance of sunshine and warmth seems to give us an exhilarating sense of well-being.

Summer makeup will be soft and subtle. It is the time of year to simply enhance your best features and detract from your less attractive ones. Less is more is your best motto, as the heat and humidity can cause heavily applied make-up to become streaked and matted.

Foundation will be one of your most important summer choices. It should be light in texture, but still give you good coverage. Match the color to your natural skin tone, perhaps two shades darker, but no more as it is most unattractive to have a dark face with a white neck. Most foundations have an S.P.F. factor already in them; this will save you time. It is imperative to wear sun protection at all times. Apply your foundation sparingly — first blend a few dots on your fingers, then blend onto your face starting with the sides and finishing with your nose, chin and forehead. Make sure you even out all your skin tones.

Brush on your blush high on your cheekbones. Be sure to use a soft brush to avoid irritating your capillaries. Dust your whole face with a bronzing powder to give you that healthy glow of summer.

The most popular shades of eye shadow will be sand, butter, mocha and chocoate. Light shades should be applied under the brow and on your eyelid. Apply darker shades in the crease of your eye. This technique will contour your eyes and make them appear larger.

Eyebrows should be plucked and well shaped. Use a brow pencil in the same color as your natural brows. Lift and extend but always keep them as natural looking as possible.

The lip pencil will be your best friend this summer. Choose a color that is most flattering to your skin tone. Pencil your entire lip and then add a similar color of lipstick. The warm weather can cause your lipstick to smudge and this method will help to avoid this problem.

Your creams for the summer months should be lighter in texture. Of course, this depends on your skin type. If you have dry skin, continue to use your richly formulated winter creams. However, if you have normal or oily skin, choose a moisturizer that has a lotion consistency.

Your cleansing regime is imperative at this time of the year. The warm temperatures combined with humidity can cause clogged pores and probably some unwanted blemishes. Cleanse your skin thoroughly and be sure to follow with a skin refresher that suits your skin type.

Follow these helpful hints, add your best smile and have a great summer.

Carol Wise promotes a total concept of beauty. She specializes in makeup application and instructions for women in all walks of life. Wise's career in beauty has taken her to New York and Los Angeles. Her host of clients has included such celebrities as Sally Struthers, Sara Purcell and Lynda Carter. She now works exclusively in the Toronto area and can be reached at 510-2243.

Ooh-la-la the latest in Body Body Wear

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

You don't have to have the body of a $4,000-a-day menswear mannequin to carry off the clothes created by Canadian company Body Body Wear.

Sure, any one of the 70 styles produced by this Toronto-based design house looks great on someone like Tony, a photo model for Giorgio Armani and Hugo Boss.

But not many men can lace themselves into a second-skin football short short (retail price $39.95) without looking ridiculous.

Stephen Sandler, the 31-year-old chief designer and president of Body Body Wear, knows this. That's why the Body Body Wear line also includes street clothes, club wear and loose-fitting athletic wear for the body unconscious.

Sandler, whose clothes are produced in his Toronto factory by 12 sewers, introduced the Body Body Wear last May at a menswear trade show in Las Vegas. Since then the line has taken off.

"We can't keep it in stock," Sandler said from his Wellington Street office. "It shocks me how people really love the clothes."

Among the items that men love are loose-fitting shorts in ribbed 100 per cent cotton. The shorts, with elastic waist and two pockets, come in black, white, grey and navy and retail for $35. A pant-length version is currently in production. Matching tank tops and T-shirts run between $19.95 and $24.95.

Most of the material Sandler uses comes from Canada. He is especially pleased with a custom cotton-lycra blend, which he transforms into figure-hugging biking shorts ($29.95), bodysuits ($49.95), zippered vests ($49.95) and muscle t-shirts ($34.95) in 12 colors.

The line is expanding this season to include tartan vests and kilts — yes, kilts — in polyester-viscose, and new bathing suit styles in nylon-lycra. Sandler is also experimenting with sheer and mesh fabrics for summer.

Sandler is not a designer by training. His first business was a line of foodstuffs he developed in 1982, after high school. "The mustard business is tougher than the clothing industry," he observed.

Sandler sketches the designs for Body Body Wear but relies on pattern maker Eudoro Mero to make them workable.

However, Sandler works 13-hour days filling orders and promoting the line. He says he fields 30 calls a week from interested retailers, and is considering increasing the production runs of 300 units per style to meet demand.

But Body Body Wear is not just for men. Women are increasingly drawn to the bold colors and quality construction of the athletic clothes. Sandler says 80 per cent of the line can be worn by women, with the exception of the low-cut tanks and bodysuits.

Body Body Wear is sold in 100 stores in places as diverse as Barcelona, Bonn, Chicago, Hong Kong, London, Paris and Sao Paolo.

In Canada, the line is carried at the Bay in Vancouver, Calgary and Toronto, and in company-owned retail stores in Toronto and Montreal. Mail order catalogues can be ordered by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Body Body Wear, PO Box 460, Station P, Toronto, Ont., M5S 2S9.

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Elegant plus-size fashions

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

Leona, Marla and Steven Lewis of Big Time Fashion Resale, not only know how to make larger women look and feel good, they also know how to keep clothing budgets down.

The mother, daughter and son team, in business for about three years, specialize in selling consignment clothing for women size 16 and over. "Before we opened our store, Marla and I found from experience that one had to be very lucky to find specialty clothing in a consignment shop. If the shops carried items to size 14 we were lucky. We knew that this would be the niche to fill in our business," says Leona Lewis.

Leona, Marla and Steven Lewis of Big Time Fashion Resale.

She says that their philosophy is to give larger women exactly what they want — quality clothes at lower prices. "When a women comes into our store, we want them to feel and look good. As well as listening to what they have to say, we encourage them to experiment with different colors and styles. The myth that larger women should stick to dark colors is gone. Everyone looks attractive in brights and pastels."

Stock at Big Time Fashion Resale is plentiful, with everything from casual to formal wear, as well as accessories such as shoes, bags and jewelry. New stirrup pants, made especially for the fuller figure, come in a multitude of colors from black, copper and mushroom to green and red, and coordinate well with the blazers, tops and sweaters always in stock. "The manufacturer of these pants did research in order to fit the fuller figure properly. A good fit takes more than merely making a small size bigger," says Lewis.

Also in the store is a line of new lycra fitnesswear including tights, leotards and body suits that can be mixed and matched.

"As well, we've begun taking bridal gowns in size 14 and up on consignment. We can have the gowns, which cost half of the original price, altered, and can also outfit the bride with a matching veil and shoes. We take whatever brides bring in," says Lewis.

Men are not forgotten at Big Time Fashion Resale and Steven carries mens wear in all sizes including suits, blazers, sports jackets and blue jeans. "The men enjoy the store and we've found that women are not at all hesitant about shopping with men," she says.

She stresses that when women walk into their store they are immediately made to feel comfortable. "We affirm that we want women of size to look the best they possibly can. This is who they are, and this is their body. We respect them for that and do not hesitate to say if an item is not flattering. We do a lot more than just sell clothes."

Mr. Leonard for '94

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"They intend to build on their existing wardrobes by adding some of the season's most up-to-the-minute new trends. That's why options play such an important role in our new collections."

For this season, Mister Leonard is proposing endless options in three distinct fashion collections. They include the versatile Leonard Studio, which bridges 9-to-5 and 5-to-9 with stylish essentials; Mister Leonard Collection, with its trend-oriented approach to classic career wear; and Leonard Sport, featuring free and easy casual wear. Each selection highlights Mister Leonard's unique Fashion Advantage — nine easy pieces that create 20 looks for under $1,000.

Leonard Studio presents artfully coordinated separates — understated blouses, vests, jackets and skirts in raw linen, crisp cotton and silk noile, with delightful embroidery and beading detail. Leonard Studio is designed in three tantalizing groupings: Perfectly Natural is raw, yet refined; Moroccan Spice is a hot selection in rich shades of curry and paprika; and Spring Elements pairs classic navy and cream.

Thanks to the Mister Leonard Collection of careerwear, you'll almost look forward to Mondays. This selection features flattering, feminine, fitted jackets and vests; sheer, shapely blouses; classic pants; and suit-length and ankle-sweeping skirts.

Also in three groupings, Mister Leonard Collection offers: Exclusive Engagement, featuring deep navy paired with delicious shades of beige and sky blue; Collectible Classics, impeccably faultless in black with honey yellow and ivory; and City Gypsy, enchanting in energetic coral and black.

Leonard Sport combines casual comfort with fabulous fashion — from pleated skirts and crochet toppers, to french terry co-ordinates and denim dependables. It comes in two groupings: Sand Dunes which is naturally-appealing in refreshing tones of cactus, wheat and sand; and Ports of Call which sails into spring with navy, red and white stripes.

From dressed-to-impress to easy casuals, Mister Leonard's three versatile fashion collections — Studio, Collection and Sport — deliver wardrobe classics and style essentials for 1994.

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Soft and simple

Simple and soft are the two watchwords for summer '94 men's fashion.

A fashion which softens the shoulder line, favors comfort and gives full power to flowing, light fabrics in basic colors. This season's big hit: the waistcoat in knitted, plain or printed fabric to be worn with jackets so unstructured they sometimes look like long shirts. Colors: the neutrals, blues and sun-drenched spicy tones take the lead. Fabrics: make way for linen in all its forms, cotton and more technical fabrics.

Silhouettes

Spotlight on three-button jackets.

With suits, jackets button up higher than usual. On their own, jackets are completely unstructured and take inspiration from workwear or are worn as long shirts.

Trousers are more tapered or '50s drainpipe style.

The sportswear world welcomes back the blouson which barely covers the waist.

Still very much in favor is the yachting style with reefer jackets and parkas with metallic clips similar to those found on firemen's jackets.

Among the latest hits: the waistcoat and city shirts with small soft collars or long and loose shirts and a strong comeback of the short-sleeved shirt.

Knits: polo-shirts with details in fancy fabric, long T-shirts with loud designs, wide horizontal rugby-style stripes or very fine vertical stripes.

Graffiti-style

Fabrics

Some coolwool in false plains at the start of the season.

Lots of linen in its pure state or mixed.

Smooth or embossed seersucker-style cotton with madras, gingham or window checks.

Of paramount importance: all the crumpled, worn looks for linen and cotton.

Still a lot of viscose mixed with noble fabrics to give softness.

Strong fabrics: tarpaulin, canvas and twill, often waxed to offer protection against sea spray or showers and denim in all its forms.

Colors

A whole range of neutrals from off-white to earth with dabs of black.

A range of spicy colors (yellow greens, oranges).

For the juniors in mid-summer: explosive mixture of basic colors, whitened or not, and of prints: checks, stripes, tie-dye.

FOUR MAIN THEMES

A Story Of Balance

Simple and fluid: fashion has a relaxed look and plays on the layering of clothes: unstructured jackets, long shirts worn with a waistcoat, the number one item this season.

Fabrics — distressed, crumpled, ultra-light or heavy in a viscose quality, plain, with checks or fine pyjama stripes.

A few tropical notes: Nehru collars, trousers with a draw-string waist, Indian trousers draped up to the ankle for the most fashion-oriented models.

The whole range of neutrals — pure white, off-white, sand and earth — to contrast with black.

A Story Of Spices

Mixing the city and sportsville look in a color range inspired by spices — pepper greens and reds, paprika, saffron and curry for suits and unstructured jackets and blousons. Very little total look but a desire to go for monochromes.

Waistcoats are still very much in favor.

A Story Of Blues

A rustic look for an authentic fashion in a very wide range of blues to be combined.

Workwear-inspired shapes.

Checks of all sizes and rustic-style fabrics: dishcloth fabric, twill, suedette and mostly stone-washed jeans.

Still lots of knitted or leather waistcoats in plain or stripped ticking fabrics.

Shirts with rolled-up or short sleeves.

A Story Of Mixes

A graffiti-style fashion which combines explosive mixtures of both colors and prints (stripes with checks or tie-dye prints).

Small items which constitute the basic wardrobe for juniors: sleeveless denim waistcoats to be worn over a loose T-shirt with gigantic prints, baggy overalls, tight or slightly flared jeans, boxer or cycling shorts.

These trends have been defined in consultation with comite de mode masculine modom (the modom men's fashion committee) and fashion designers.

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By PAULA CITRON
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TORONTO — The concluding concert of this season's Holy Blossom Our Musical Heritage series was eclectic to say the least.

The first half was devoted to hit tunes of Jewish Composers on Broadway, while the second showcased a synthesized rock Friday night service by American composer Gershon Kingsley called *Shabbat For Today*.

The musical marriage is, however, not incompatible because there are throughlines linking the two halves together. Kingsley is an Emmy award winning composer of pop music for TV and film and is, therefore, kissing cousin to composers of show tunes. As well, both halves of the program were graced by the artistry of tenor Mark Dubois who functioned as soloist in *Shabbat For Today* and performed with mezzo-soprano Gisele Fredette in the Broadway section.

This writer has always admired Dubois on opera and operetta stages and was therefore delighted to experience this more casual side of his repertoire. Because he is known as a wonderful interpreter of music, it is not surprising that Dubois can really "sell a song;" he instinctively understands how to bring to life the music of Rodgers and Hammerstein and Sondheim, for example, without being obviously showy. The tenor is able to transcend the formality of his operatic training to easily phrase his voice for the more relaxed style dictated by the Broadway genre. Many opera singers sound stiff performing popular songs but not Dubois; no wonder he is a mainstay at so many symphony pops concerts.

Approach one of caution

Fredette, on the other hand, did not find the transition to Broadway as easy as did her colleague and, although she has an admirable mezzo-soprano voice, she often seemed to be reining in her vocal power to make her instrument fit the lighter singing mode. Her approach was one of caution rather than of giving in to the music. Although she performed well in such numbers as Jerome Kern's *Can't Help Lovin' That Man O'Mine* from *Showboat*, this writer would have liked the singer to give vent to the passions in the Broadway genre that she has ably projected on opera stages.

The singers were complemented by the estimable pianist and arranger Brian Finley. Finley is one of those rare accompanists who is not afraid to use the piano to accent dramatic moments and create a dialogue with the singer. His piano playing is gutsy and passionate, and he worked particularly well with Dubois in creating musical mood and ambiance.

Holy Blossom's cantor Benjamin Maissner joined the couple for some duets and trios, adding local color to the proceedings.

The women of the choir, who had the greater musical part to play in the service, acquitted themselves very well with an elegance of sound; the men, however, were disappointingly ragged and uneven in their singing. Dubois negotiated the Hebrew/English mix of lyrics with aplomb and threw his voice right into the upbeat rhythmic pattern of the rock genre; in ballad numbers like *Eitz Chayim*, the singer was particularly effective. He even took over conducting duties to allow Maissner to render a "faster than the eye can blink" Hebrew solo. The two also performed the haunting duet *Yih'yu L'ratzon* beautifully together.

Walter Soles, narrator of *Shabbat For Today*, is always a reliable performer and did what he could with the arcane, preachy and pretentious narration which really added very little to the music except intrusion.

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Jewish Cooking in America by Joan Nathan (Random House $40.00)

This unusually handsome volume, replete with more than 100 photographs and illustrations, contains over 300 kosher recipes — old and new — as well as a cornucopia of stories and information about Jewish food.

The recipes come from both Sephardi and Ashkenazi sources and include the history behind such favorites prepared in advance of the Sabbath as cholent (long-cooked rich meat stew) and kugel (vegetable and noodle puddings). I was surprised to learn that potato latkes are served with maple syrup in Vermont and goat cheese in California, and that gefilte fish is made with white fish in the midwest, salmon in the northwest, haddock in New England and shad in Maryland.

The famous ice cream concern, Haagen-Dazs was started by a Polish immigrant to the United States who was determined to give his product a foreign sounding name. The only country which saved Jews during World War II, he decided, was Denmark, so he put together a totally fictitious Danish name which doesn't mean anything.

One of the most important prepared products for the Jewish housewife was the invention of Crisco in 1910. In marketing this product, a totally vegetable shortening, Proctor and Gamble advertised that it was a product "for which the Hebrew race has been waiting four thousand years."

Hot dog stand

In 1916, Ida and Nathan Handwerker founded Nathan's Famous, a Coney Island hot dog stand that grew into a chain of more than 50 establishments. Mrs. Handwerker boasted that Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt served the hot dogs to King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. Nelson Rockefeller once remarked, "No one can hope to be elected to public office in New York without having his picture taken eating a hot dog at Nathan's."

Hebrew National, had the task of making kosher hot dogs popular with the general public. They came up with the advertising slogan, "We answer to a higher authority," which implied that the product was cleaner and more carefully prepared. Today, only 20 per cent of the company's clientele is Jewish.

Starting with President Franklin Roosevelt, kosher meals have been served at the White House when desired. On one occasion the entire White House kitchen had to be rendered kosher at the last minute. A Jewish woman cook at the White House recalls that "the mashgiachs came with blow torches as big as they were. They spent all day burning and covering surfaces with aluminum foil. I felt it was a historical moment and at the same time it was comical."

Famous deli

One of the most famous of New York restaurants is the Carnegie Delicatessen with its multiple gastronomic delights. When Bob Simon, the CBS reporter, was held captive during the Gulf War he asked for one thing upon his release, "I want a Carnegie Deli corned beef sandwich with a pickle." And the Carnegie Deli, never missing a beat, sent one to him on the next airplane.

Coca-Cola was one of the earliest products in the United States to be declared kosher, having been tested in 1931. There was some disagreement, however, but by 1935, it was made kosher during the year and for Passover and has been so ever since.

The author tells a story of a Bar Mitzvah reception where a life sized sculpture of the lad was rendered in ice. A woman commented that it was beautiful. "Yes," said her companion. "Who did it? Epstein?" "Don't be silly," the other responded, "Epstein only works in chopped liver."

This rich rapestry of more than three centuries of Jewish cooking and food preferences is a gourmet's delight as well as an unexpected journey into Jewish history and sociology. It is highly recommended for every Jewish household. Bon appetit!

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Tarragon Extra Theatre offers two play with a real sting

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — If you like theatre with a shtuch (sting), see *Nazi-Jew-Queer* and *Lebensborn*, two one-act plays running at Tarragon Extra Space until May 22.

The strangely-titled opener is a bravura one-man performance by the very talented Jewish actor, Michael Achtman, that is supposed to show the similarities between white supremacists and anti-Semites. This may be Achtman's intention but his writing and acting are better than his ability to prove this point, unfortunately.

Using a self-hating Jew to express anti-Semitism, Achtman makes the usual jokes about bar mitzvahs and kosher egg rolls. What every playwright should keep in mind is that making fun of the Jewish middle class can be a deadly game. Why do the foibles of this group offer so much grist for playwrights in many recent productions? Is there a connection between anti-Semitism in its more overt forms and the plays which tap into the latent feelings against some Jews? It's an easy way to get laughs. In fact, the opening night audience seemed too eager in this respect.

Despite this, *Nazi-Jew-Queer* is worth seeing because the white supremacist out on a gay-bashing spree and the homosexual talking frankly of his passions are so powerfully presented. And also because this is where alternative theatre is at these days and a theatregoer needs more than Neil Simon to keep up.

And remember, alternative theatre often means frontal nudity and this play has it (male variety).

The second play, *Lebensborn* written and performed by Sabina Fella, is about a German girl who wants to bear children for Hitler. It is well acted and well written with surprisingly humorous sketches, but it appears to be a work in progress.

It fails to complement any theme of the first play, which is very strong. Since the two are always shown together, one might expect *Lebensborn* to illuminate a theme of *Nazi-Jew-Queer*.

A delightful bonus for the evening is the introduction (in drag) given by Fella for Achtman's play, and by Achtman for his co-performer's outing. Both use the style of the social commentary German Kabaret to lecture the audience, tongue-in-cheek.

Sabina Fella (left) and Michael Achtman in Nazi/Jews/Queer and Lebensborn.

A fine selection of Jewish lullabies

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It is insufficient to say that, almost universally, the lullaby is a human being's first exposure to music. It is also the first exposure to family relationships, to the special love that a mother (and a father, and a grandparent, and an aunt and uncle) has for a child.

And the musical talents of the person singing the lullaby has absolutely no relation to the warmth and security that the child gets from hearing it.

(I can say that with some authority, because my own children, who have perfect pitch, the ability to sing complicated tunes and lovely voices, and now tell me kindly that I shouldn't worry about singing along on Friday night — they will sing to me — *please*, nevertheless were enraptured by lullabies I sang to them when they were babies.)

A recently released tape, *From Generation to Generation: A Legacy of Lullabies; traditional lullabies in Yiddish, Ladino and Hebrew*, sung by Tanja Solnik (DreamSong Recordings, 1993) is a wonderful sample of those very special songs.

Spanning the Jewish experience, from Eastern Europe to Sephardic lands and finally to Israel, the selections are a fine education in what used to be learned almost incidentally in one's childhood home.

The Yiddish tunes are the most familiar to many of us — Abraham Goldfaden's *Rozhinkes Mit Mandlen, Oifn Pripetshik, Zing Faygeleh Zing*.

It is interesting to see that the Sephardic lullabies have the same lilting, gentle tunes, reminiscent of the slowly rocking cradle.

A Legacy of Lullabies is available at Hebrew bookstores, particularly Israel's.

BILL GLADSTONE'S EYE ON ARTS

Ivan and Abraham: With good reviews in the American press, writer-director Yolande Zauberman's film *Ivan and Abraham* opened last weekend at the Madison and Carlton cinemas in Toronto.

Winner of the Grand Prize at the 1993 Moscow Film Festival, this lyrical, subtitled film was shot in high-contrast black-and-white in the region of Belarus and at the last standing shtetl in the Ukraine. Set somewhere on the Polish border in the 1930s, the film paints a moving portrait of daily life before the great devastation of the war, showing shtetls, Christian villages, Gypsy encampments and Russian raiding parties.

Abraham is a 9-year-old Jewish boy whose best friend Ivan, a 14-year-old Christian, lives with his family as an apprentice. When Abraham's family attempts to send Ivan away, Abraham runs away in revolt against his severe, Orthodox grandfather. His sister Rachel goes in search of him with her friend Aaron, a young communist. All four discover a world of adventure, emotion and danger.

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A Theatrical Hit: A rogue's gallery of political hitmen is the subject of the Stephen Sondheim-John Weidman musical *Assassins*, which recently enjoyed a Canadian premiere under the auspices of Toronto's Eclectic Theatre in association with Grassy Knoll Productions.

Assassins focuses on the twisted aspirations and deeds of such notorious killers and would-be killers as John Wilkes Booth, Sara Jane Moore, Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, Lee Harvey Oswald, John Hinkley and others. The director is Jordan Merkur and cast members include Barbara Barsky, Paulina Gillis and Robert Macaulay. "Bloodcurdlingly funny," said the *London Sunday Times*. Playing through May 28 at the Canadian Stage Downstairs Theatre, 26 Berkeley St. The May 24 performance is an AIDS benefit. For tickets, phone (416) 368-3110.

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The Ambitious Bubbie: Marion Schwarz, the Jewish grandmother behind the television series *The Bubbie Break*, received some naches recently. Her show, which originated on a local cable channel several seasons ago, was picked up by two American channels — OBC in New Jersey and KUSK in Arizona. *The Bubbie Break* focuses on light and serious grandparenting topics and features interviews with the likes of Alan Dershowitz and Paul Molitor. "I'm going to be in 50 U.S. channels before the end of 1994," Schwarz predicted.

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Dance at Leah Posluns: The Me'irim Dance Company, a professional, cultural and educational project of the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, introduces its spring season with *Different Trains and Other Dances*, May 24 and 25, 8 p.m. The title work, by Shula Saltzman, confronts the Holocaust and the nature of evil in 30 minutes of dance and drama. Other works include the abstract dances *Yerusha* and *Man's Domain*, the former set to the music of Canadian Jewish composer Srul Irving Glick.

To the Four Corners of the Earth is a solo from *Sephardic Memories*, a piece about the exile of the Jews from Spain, while *Lumbar Thought* is a duet based on an essay by Umberto Eco about blue jeans. For tickets, call Leah Posluns at (416) 630-6752 or Ticket Master, (416) 870-8000.

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Blockbuster Exhibition at AGO: Tickets recently went on sale for the Art Gallery of Ontario's upcoming exhibit From Cezanne to Matisse: Great French Paintings from The Barnes Foundation. Artists include Renoir, Matisse, Cezanne, Toulouse-Lautrec, Picasso, van Gogh, Monet, Manet, Seuraut, Rousseau, Modigliani and Braque. Toronto is the show's only Canadian stop; it's due here Sept. 17 and runs to Dec. 31. For tickets ($15 for adults), phone TicketKing (416) 872-3333.

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At the Israel Museum, Jerusalem: Continuing through Aug. 29 is the exhibition Back To The Shtetl, featuring some 300 objects collected in the Pale of Settlement during an ethnographic study before World War I. The expedition was headed by An-Sky, otherwise known as Shlomo Rappaport, author of the play *The Dybbuk*. Much of the collection was lost in the war but a portion was saved and regathered in the State Ethnographic Museum of St. Petersburg. Items such as musical instruments, religious artifacts, clothing, paintings, recordings of folk stories amount to a massive re-creation of shtetl life in Ukraine and Belarus.

Also at the Israel Museum is Postcards From The Edge: Greetings from Sarajevo. In this compelling exhibit, Bosnian artists depict the war that has torn their lives apart, and seek moral support from Israel. Using familiar icons of Western cinematic and pop culture, such as Christmas cherubs and Andy Warhol's Campbell's soup can, the artists have made startling postcards. For example, Warhol's soup can is riddled with bullets and Rhett Butler is shown carrying Scarlett away from the crumbling skyline of Sarajevo. *The Scream*, Edvard Munch's eerie painting of a figure screaming on a bridge, is shown with the ruins of the Bosnian city in the background and the caption, "Sarajevo 1993."

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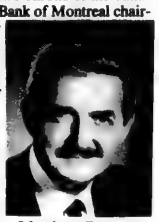

Matthew Barrett

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"Our tribute to Mr. Barrett and Mr. Ritchie demonstrates our appreciation for bank assistance to state of Israel Bonds," says Canada-Israel Securities, Limited chairman, Alex Grossman.

He believes that Ritchie and Barrett's agreement to be recognized by Bonds sends a strong message to the investment community.

"It confirms what many investment analysts have already pointed out. Israel's economy is one of the world's most dynamic, and Bonds are an attractive, secure reflection of that growth."

A Toronto cocktail reception is planned for Barrett on May 24, with a luncheon on June 24. Ritchie will be honored at a June 2 reception in Toronto, followed by a Montreal dinner on June 15.

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Tips From Pros

By YARON HAIK
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Playing the financial markets as if they're a crapshoot in a Las Vegas casino or trying to "beat the markets" to make a financial killing is both unwise and unlikely. A more sensible approach to investing, recommended by many financial advisors as a means of protecting investors from a capricious economic world, is called "dollar cost averaging."

Dollar cost averaging is the investing of a fixed amount of money in an investment, a mutual fund for example, at regular intervals — such as $100 dollars per month. By following this strategy, investors will actually lower the average cost of their investments. If you have lower costs, then you have more profit.

The principle of this strategy is simple. Since financial markets fluctuate, individuals that invest once a year may find the value of their investment either rises, falls or stagnates over a period of time. But with dollar cost averaging, an investor purchases consistently without having to guess when to invest. You buy fewer units when the price is high and more units when the price is low.

For example, you decide to invest $100 a month in a mutual fund. The first month the fund's units cost $10 each — so your $100 buys 10 units.

During the next four months, the fund's price per unit rises to $11; drops to $9; and then $8. Over the four-month period your $100 a month is invested at these different prices so you purchase 42.7 units — or 2.7 units more than if you had invested a lump sum of $400 at $10 per unit, which would have given you only 40 units.

Month	Unit Price	Units Bought	Amount Invested	Total Value
1	$15	6.667	$100	$100.00
2	$13	7.696	$100	$186.67
3	$14	7.143	$100	$301.03
4	$12	8.333	$100	$358.02
5	$16	6.250	$100	$577.36
6	$15	6.667	$100	$641.28

Average Price	Total Units	Average Cost Per Unit
$14.17	42.752	$14.03

The advantage of dollar cost averaging is that investors don't have to invest a large amount of money all at once or worry about timing the market. There is no need to study trends — attempting to determine when to buy, and where the unit value will be tomorrow, next month, or six months from now — because investors are buying units consistently and fluctuations in the market balance out over time.

Furthermore, dollar cost averaging eliminates the temptation to stop buying when the unit price goes down in value or to invest wildly when the units begin rising in value. In short, investors using dollar cost averaging are following the classic advice of buy low and sell high.

Here's an example of dollar cost averaging when prices are fluctuating. Let's say you invested $100 a month over a six-month period. During the first month the unit price was $15 — you bought 6.66 units. Over the next six months, the price swung up and down, reaching as high as $16 and falling as low as $12, and finally returning to $15.

Your $600 invested over six months is now worth $641.28 — a gain of 6.9 per cent. If you had made a single investment in month one, you would still only have $600 at the end of the six-month period. Thus investors using dollar cost averaging have come out ahead.

Dollar cost averaging is a concept that can as easily be applied to your favorite stock as well as mutual funds. Talk with your investment advisor today to learn more about the advantages of dollar-cost-averaging investments. In the long run it could make you a winner.

Yaron Haik is an investment advisor with Richardson Greenshields in Richmond Hill.

Ra'anana project growing fast

TORONTO — The glossy brochure for Central Park Ra'anana, Eli Rubinstein's new subdivision, doesn't mince words. The project, it proclaims, attracts "a very select group of professionals and academicians who seek a new, quality life-style."

Rubinstein, a well-known Toronto developer, is counting on quality and uniqueness to turn a profit in Israel's burgeoning building business. So far, the strategy seems to be working.

Central Park Ra'anana, is situated in one of Israel's fastest growing communities north of Tel Aviv.

It includes over 750 apartments in nine different buildings on land acquired with the help of Israel economic consul in Toronto Benny Noy. Half of the units are for sale; the others are for rent at rates that are reasonable by Israeli standards — $500 to $850 (US) a month.

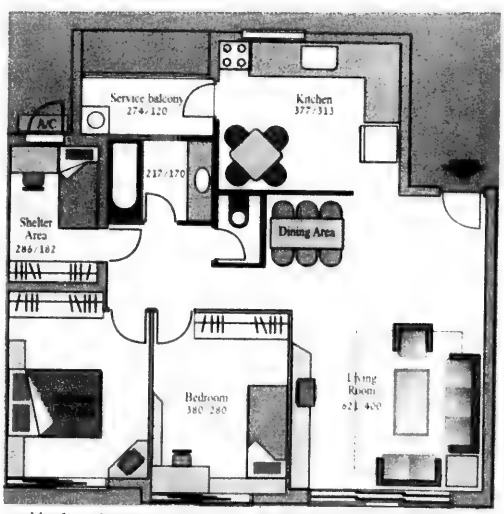
Rubinstein reports more than 600 applicants for 180 rentals that he hopes will be ready for occupancy by September.

Prices for the apartments to be sold start at approximately $150,000 (US) for the smallest units, and all but 30 have been bought.

In addition to Ra'anana's chronic apartment shortage, Rubinstein cites a long list of extras to explain his project's popularity — built-in closets, ceramic tiles and the neighborhood's design. There's a pedestrian mall running through the centre of the subdivision and sidewalks that don't meet the street.

"At all strategic points we have these walkways that go above the road," he points out.

Rubinstein is also developing Tel Aviv's tallest building, a 30-storey



combined condominium and luxury suite hotel development, across from the United States embassy. This one won't be finished until next summer. The hotel portion will be sold to one of the chains that, according to Rubinstein, are "displaying keen interest."

Israel's economic consul in Toronto, Ben Noy, believes Rubinstein's success symbolizes the opportunities available in Israel for Canadian developers.

"As strong commercial and residential demand grows, North American construction methods will become increasingly important.

In Tel Aviv, for example, Rubinstein is relying on pre-fabrication to compensate for a diminishing labor force. With restrictions on the number of Palestinians permitted to work in Israel, builders are importing employees from countries such as Romania. But there aren't enough, so Rubinstein foresees developers becoming more innovative, in order to complete their projects.

Yet, with all the challenges he's encountered, Rubinstein is hardly deterred, especially when he compares Israel's environment to Canada's.

"Here, it hardly pays to do anything," he observes. "In Israel, our main challenge right now is to find things not to do."

TRADE AGREEMENT SIGNED

An agreement between the Israel and China Chamber of Commerce and Export Institutes was recently signed in Tel Aviv. The picture shows the chairman of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce, Lu Guoixian (right), Ehud Metersur, deputy president of the Israel Chamber of Commerce (centre) and Li Shifang, economic advisor to Guoxian (left).

Trading partnership formed between Israel and China

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Phil Dror, former Israeli minister of economic affairs, was in Toronto recently to discuss investment and trade opportunities between Israel and China.

In an interview after a luncheon sponsored by Mendel Green and Canada-Israel Securities Ltd., Dror explained that his main purpose for addressing the group, which included Dror Zeigerman, consul general of Israel and Tang Fuquan, consul general of China was to "update Israel's economic situation in view of the peace agreement."

He warned that the peace accord would only be a success if economic measures were implemented to ensure a better standard of living for those living in Gaza and the West Bank.

"The World Bank has set aside $2.4 billion to implement projects in Gaza and the West Bank," Dror said, adding that such projects would target improving the basic infrastructure of the region.

International think-tank

In the first three years, $1.2 billion will be phased in; this will be in addition to any donations. He said this step will encourage business interests by clearly illustrating that stability is coming to the region.

While the process will be gradual, the jobs that will ultimately be created by such projects will mean that fewer workers will have to leave Gaza for employment. Dror said being able to work close to home will increase the quality of living by fostering family values and a better home environment for those who previously had to spend weeks away from their families.

Dror said the drain such projects will create on Israel's cheap labor force will allow — or force — the modernization of industries like agriculture and construction.

"[Our] great efforts of 30 or 40 years are beginning to bear fruit," Dror said. Other countries are beginning to recognize Israel's economic revolution.

With 25 per cent of the country's workforce holding academic degrees, Dror said Israelis are more than ready to contribute to world development. One day, he said, we'll be able to see a Soviet, an Israeli and an American scientist all working together in the same lab — an international think-tank.

International capital is now increasingly being invested in Israel. Venture and start-up funds total $100 million for the past two years and over 60 Israeli companies are listed on the New York Stock Exchange or NASDAQ.

"Israel has matured and developed into a rich country and as a result other nations — South Korea, Japan, India, parts of South Africa and China — have established business connections."

China's relationship with Israel was originally formed to facilitate defence-related projects. It has since expanded. "China needs the systems that Israel has already perfected," Dror said. These include agriculture and irrigation systems, laser and medical technology, and education systems.

An example of this is the recent agreement of cooperation between the agriculture faculty at Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Beijing Agriculture University.

The agreement provides for Hebrew University to host visiting Chinese scholars for advanced study at the faculty of agriculture in Rehovot. Members of the faculty will visit the Beijing institution to give lectures and conduct seminars. The agreement also provides for an exchange of scientific articles and books published by researchers at the two institutions and a general sharing of information.

Upgrade facilities

Dror said this is only a taste of what is to come. "Israel will be able to export a lot to China without becoming a threat," he said, citing the differece in the size of their economies as the reason.

And Israel is perfectly located for those Chinese manufacturing plants that are looking to upgrade facilities and export their products directly from Israel, thereby benefitting from Israel's free trade policies with other countries.

Asked how this could affect Canadian exporters or investors, Dror replied, "Canada should benefit because many [companies] will be able to use Israel for R&D prior to exporting goods from Israel directly to China."

He also pointed out that Canadian capital invested in Israel-based companies could, in turn, be re-invested in China.

"This will benefit everyone," he said.

Chinese scholars in Israel

REHOVOT — The People's Republic of China is looking to the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel to provide it with some of the knowhow it requires for developing advanced solar technology.

In pursuit of this goal, the Chinese Academy of Sciences recently sent here two researchers, Kou Qing and Yao Chengcai, who point out that their country's growing interest in solar energy is spurred by the difficulties it faces in supplying its huge population with electricity, as well as by its mounting concern over pollution caused by fossil fuels.

Kou, 26, is from the Institute of Electrical Engineering in Beijing, an affiliate of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and China's foremost energy research facility. It has recently helped establish the first of 10 solar power plants scheduled to be built in Tibet, a region poor in fossil fuels where many villages are still without electricity.

Of particular interest to Kou is the development of systems based on solar cells that use concentrated sunlight at selected spectral bands. In a research project supervised by Prof. Amnon Yogev, Head of the Weizmann's Energy Research Center, he is trying to determine the part of the sun spectrum most suitable for operating such cells.

In his free time, Lou is studying Hebrew, hoping to stay here for his doctoral studies and become the first Chinese scientist with a Ph.D. in solar energy. After eventually returning to China, he hopes to initiate collaboration between the Weizmann and his Institute in Beijing, a prestigious institution that accepts graduates from only the 100 best Chinese universities and has approximately 50 applicants for every opening.

Yao, 28, who was sent here together with Kou in January 1993, is a researcher and lecturer in solar engineering at the University of Science and Technology in China (USTC), a top Chinese institution located in Hefei, some 2,000 km south of Beijing. His wife, Zhou Jieying, who was his classmate at USTC, joined him here in October.

Now claiming Yao's attention is a research project headed by Michael Epstein, director of the Institute's Solar Research Facilities Unit. The aim of the project is to transform solar energy into storable and transportable chemical fuel that can be used hundreds of miles away from where the sun's rays are collected.

For a scientist sent by his country to learn advanced technology abroad, Yao has an unusual background. He is the eldest son of poor peasants who live in a rural part of southern China and still have no phone. They didn't have enough money to send all of their five children to school, so that one of them wound up with only two years of schooling. Yao managed to finish high school and enter university, which at the time was free for children from indigent families who received high grades on their entrance exam.

The Weizmann assignment makes him the pride of his parents' entire village, Yao says. When he goes home, he intends to teach his students everything he learned at Weizmann's solar tower.

His ambition is to play a role in the design of the first Chinese solar thermal power plant, which is currently being planned. He also intends to participate in the development of small solar energy systems that will be commercialized by his university. Such undertakings have become an important source of income for Chinese universities since the government drastically cut its support for academic institutions in recent years.

Prior to coming to the Weizmann Institute for their first trip abroad, Kou and Yao could find practically no literature about Israel and hence arrived knowing practically nothing about the country. But now that they have enjoyed the beauty of its landscapes and the friendship of its population, they will return home ready to serve as unofficial ambassadors of Israel.

Prof. Yogev holds the Stephen and Mary Meadow Chair of Laser Photochemistry.

Joint research project

JERUSALEM — Researchers from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem are participating in a joint research project with scientists from China and Germany to examine psychological reactions and growth of poplar shoots under stress conditions of low water supply and high salinity.

Their aim is to develop efficient methods for determining which trees show the most tolerance to the above conditions, and to achieve rapid growth and propagation.

China is currently trying to expand its forest lands, particularly in those areas not under agricultural cultivation, in order to cope with a shortage of lumber, to improve environmental quality, and to fight desertification. Poplar trees are especially suited for this purpose. The advantage of poplars rests in their ability to adapt to varying climatic conditions and in their rapid growth, which makes them suitable for commercial exploitation within a relatively short periood of time (15-20 years). However, mass planting of such trees in China is being delayed because of problems of low and varying distribution of rainfall and unproductive soil.

The Israeli team will examine biotechnical aspects of the reproduction of poplars through tissue cultures and will carry out molecular tests of resistance to drought. The Chinese researchers will be responsible for testing various strains under field conditions of salinity and drought, while the German partners will examine the absorption and distribution of ions in the trees under conditions of salinity.

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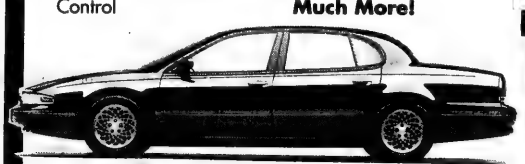

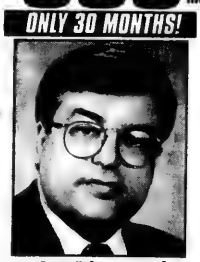

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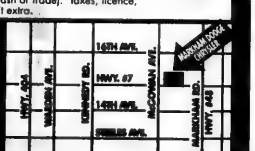

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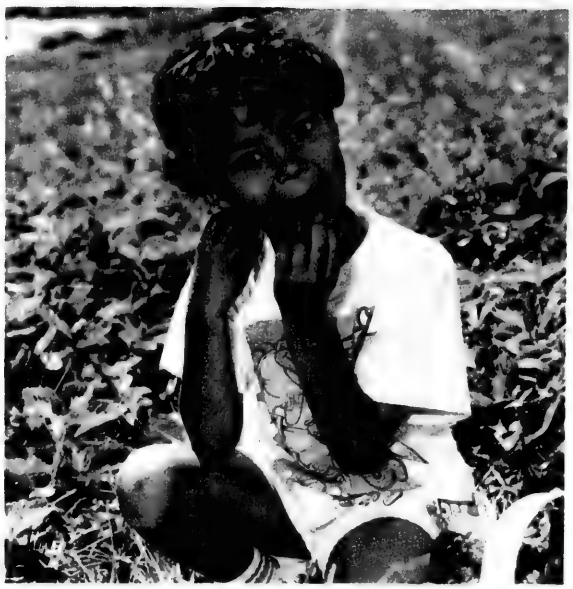

Like Christopher Hazlett of Mississauga, enjoy the bounty Ontario's produces — from July to October — and visit more than one Pick Your Own farms to hand-harvest everything from apples to zucchini.

Picking your own crops yeilds a quality harvest

TORONTO — At present the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture lists in excess of 375 Pick Your Own (PYO) operations. The combined value of all Ontario PYO crops is estimated to be in the range of $25 million annually.

The first organized Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAF) listing of Ontario PYO venues was assembled slightly more than 20 years ago; it ran to approximately 70 entries. At its peak, around 1985, the annual list hit 400 businesses: numbers dropped noticeably in the years immediately following then, but they have begun to rise once more, a fact some local experts have tied directly to the economy.

Certainly consumers are conscious these days of value for money — and there is no doubt picking your own offers good value. But it is also true the consumer today has a considerable appreciation for going right to the source, to be sure of quality and freshness and simply because the journey can be such a pleasant one.

In the early days the average PYO enterprise may have been small-scale, low-key, no-frills, concentrating on the crop and the crop alone. Today, by contrast, there is no longer one predominant style. The understated, simple, one-and two-crop operations still thrive, but there are many other types of PYO places too, ranging all the way up to enormous ventures offering baked goodies, pony rides, haunted barns, children's playgrounds, hayrides and more — something for the whole family, as it's often described.

By far the greatest number of Pick Your Own businesses roughly 173) can be found in the western part of the province, running from the shores of Lake Erie to Windsor and up through Owen Sound, including Kitchener-Waterloo and the Niagara Peninsula.

This region is followed equally by the Central and Eastern regions (98 operations each). (Central region extends from Oshawa in the east to Mississauga in the west, up to Thornbury and along Georgian Bay to Hunstville and down along the western side of Lake Simcoe. The Eastern region stretches from Port Hope to the Ottawa River and up to Algonquin Park.) Even though the Northern region does not have the same number of Pick Your Own operations as the rest of the province, there are about five farms that offer different commodities but most offer berries — strawberries and raspberries.

Raspberries

Strawberries are the drawing card, first and foremost. In fact, of all the PYO operations in business, some 247 of them feature strawberry picking, with or without other crops. Sixty per cent or so of Ontario's total strawberry production is harvested in this fashion and for raspberries the numbers are even higher — 75 to 80 per cent of Ontario raspberries are harvested by the consumer.

In fact, the range of Pick Your Own crops goes much wider than just berries. The current OMAF PYO Guide lists, as PYO crops, apples, beans, beets, blueberries, broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, cherries, corn, cucumber, currants, eggplant, gooseberries, grapes, onions, peaches, pears, peas, peppers, plums, raspberries, pumpkins, squash, strawberries and tomatoes. And there are other crops in smaller quantities, in addition to those just listed.

Most successful crops, from the consumer's point of view, seem to be those most easily harvested and those that can be seen before they are harvested (tomatoes rather than potatoes; raspberries rather than rutabaga, for example).

A very limited amount of asparagus is available through PYO outlets, the first available crop of the growing year, starting sometime in May. After that come strawberries, then peas, raspberries and other midsummer fruits and vegetables and eventually tomatoes, sweet corn and even pumpkins, carrots, cauliflower and apples, taking the consumer all the way through October.

Summer is obviously the first season one thinks of, in considering a PYO trip, but in recent years, September and October have become increasingly popular months in the business — especially for weekend family trips incorporating apple picking, choosing a pumpkin, maybe even a hayride.

For a free copy of Foodland Ontario's 1994 PYO Guide or insert with updated farm listings plus available Home Hardware coupons, please contact the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Information Centre, 801 Bay Street, Toronto, M7A 2B2 or phone 1-800-567-8898 outside Toronto, 326-3400 within the metro area.

Advertiser's corner

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By AVIVA BOXER

TORONTO — Outlet stores are in.

So says Herman Ross, general manager of the Harry Rosen outlet store in Markville Shopping Centre, Markham. Open since August 1992, **Harry's** provides customers with Harry Rosen clothing at sale prices.

There is an organized chaos to this store. Tables piled high with dress pants and sweaters occupy the centre section. At the back, rows and rows of every suit imaginable hang waiting for the right buyer. Throughout the rest of the store stand racks of ties, socks, leather jackets, casual and dress shirts, shorts, coats — the list goes on.

Ross says the outlet concept hit North America 15 years ago, first in the United States, but has since taken off in Canada. With 23 Harry Rosen Stores in Canada, this outlet is the only one of its kind in the country.

"There was a growing need for having an outlet centre because Harry Rosen is a major force in menswear in Canada and we felt it would be a good time to develop this type of format using the excess merchandise that would normally sit in the warehouse," said Ross.

And business is so good, he says, he can foresee expansion plans in the near future.

Because it is the only store of its kind, customers come from all over Canada to shop there. Ross says there are line-ups in the store evenings and on weekends.

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Signs in the store quote 40 to 80 per cent off merchandise. And staff pack a lot of clothing into their 10,000 square feet of space. In total they carry 21,000 pieces of clothing — 2,200 suits, 5,000 pairs of pants. Prices range from $9.95 to $1,000. Once an item has been on the shelf for four months at regular discount prices, it is further reduced.

"The customer today is very astute. People want good value, recognized value," said Ross.

"The Harry Rosen name is very strong. We're kind of unusual for an outlet store. The typical ones carry low- or medium-quality merchandise. We're unique because we carry medium- to high-end quality and exclusive lines at sale prices."

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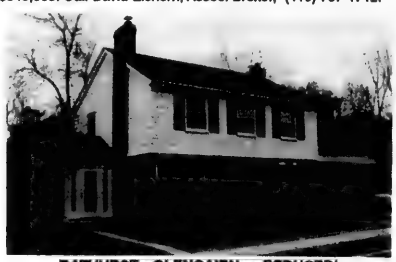

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Quebec Immigration Minister John Ciaccia (centre) signs a second accord with the Jewish community to facilitate the arrival of another 100 Jewish families from the former Soviet Union. Also signing the document were Steven Drysdale (at left), executive vice-president of Federation CJA, and Darius Kiaizadeh, vice-president of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services in Montreal. [Howard Kay photo]

Quebec to admit 100 Jewish families

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The Quebec government and the Jewish community put their signatures to a second historic accord on May 13 that will facilitate the arrival of another 100 Jewish families from the former Soviet Union.

John Ciaccia, Quebec's minister of international affairs, immigration and cultural communities, referred to the virtually unqualified success of the first accord — launched in April 1992 under then-immigration minister Monique Gagnon-Tremblay — as a main reason for repeating the initiative.

"It's been highly successful," Ciaccia said at a combined signing ceremony, press conference and reception in the boardroom of Federation CJA.

The accord, he said, is a "new partnership with cultural communities."

According to Joel Moss, Montreal director for Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS), the second wave of Jewish immigrants from the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), the Baltic countries, and Georgia should begin arriving in Montreal by October 1995.

Putting their signatures to the accord at Cummings House were Ciaccia; Steven Drysdale, executive vice-president of Federation CJA; and Darius Kiaizadeh, a Montreal JIAS vice-president.

The first accord, described as a "pilot project," got underway about two years ago following months of negotiations initiated by the Jewish community. The community was hoping Quebec could help expedite the immigration of Jews from the Soviet Union who were fearing a resurgence of anti-Semitism.

Since the spring of 1993, 72 families have settled in Montreal. Another 10 to 15 families are due to come over in the coming months.

Ciaccia said the newcomers have been highly-motivated, as well as increasingly adept at French and, almost without exception, are gainfully employed.

The Jewish community model has been so successful, in fact, that Ciaccia said a similar accord is now in effect with the Ismailian community.

According to Moss, the second protocol is essentially the same as the first signed two years ago.

The main responsibility of the Quebec government will be to "fast-track" the processing of applicants and to give approval to the list of about 100 candidate families supplied by Federation CJA and JIAS (Ottawa, however, conducts medical and security checks of applicants and has final say.)

The government will also provide materials to the immigrants so they can start learning French before arriving.

Once here, the families will be able to enroll in the COFI program, seven months of government-sponsored French-language courses that pays a living allowance to participants.

Selection of the second hundred families will be based on family links to Montreal, as well as job and language skills.

The Jewish community, for its part, will guarantee to provide the basic needs of the families — such as housing, clothing and food — for a one-year period.

The Jewish community is also committed to helping the newcomers find employment, creating the proper environment for perfecting French skills, and facilitating "socio-economic" integration into Quebec society.

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Arafat 'explains' jihad remark

Seeks peaceful crusade

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Claiming he was the victim of a linguistic snafu, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat stressed last week that a call he had previously made for a "jihad" (holy war) to regain Jerusalem had been misinterpreted.

Arafat's comments came on the same day that the Israel Defence Force evacuated its last installation in the Gaza Strip, bringing to an end 27 years of Israeli administration of the region.

Speaking in Oslo last Wednesday, Arafat said that he had indeed called for a jihad during a speech at a South Africa mosque a week earlier. But he said he intended the word to mean a peaceful crusade rather than a holy war, as the Arabic expression is generally interpreted in English.

"I'll continue my jihad for peace," he told a news conference in Oslo.

Arafat asserted that he was committed to the Declaration of Principles signed last fall with Israel and that he was opposed to violence and terror.

Arafat had made the speech while in South Africa to attend the inauguration of President Nelson Mandela. Later, a tape recording of the speech was played on Israel Radio, prompting a furor.

"Jihad will continue and Jerusalem is not for the Palestinian people. It is for all the Muslim people," Arafat said in the speech. "Our main battle is Jerusalem."

Both Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres stated that the remark could throw the entire peace process with the Palestinians into question.

But the next day, appearing at a joint news conference with Arafat, Peres said he was satisfied with Arafat's explanation.

The two men had travelled to Oslo to attend an award ceremony honoring the role Norway played in the back-channel diplomacy that led to the signing of the Declaration of Principles.

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter was also on hand to unveil a monument presented by the Carter-Menil Human Rights Foundation and to present a $100,000 check to the Norwegian Institute for Applied Social Science, which had helped arrange the series of secret negotiations between Israel and the PLO last year.

Underscoring how strongly he initially felt about Arafat's jihad remark, Peres said on first arriving in Oslo that he would boycott any public gathering Arafat attended until the PLO leader personally announced that he was fully committed to the Declaration of Principles, was opposed to violence and terror and was bent upon pursuing peace.

The remark was also taken quite seriously by the U.S. State Department.

Strobe Talbott, deputy secretary of state, speaking to Jewish leaders in New York, called on Arafat to repudiate the statement.

"As Rabin said, if Arafat's statement is not clarified to the extent of repudiation, it will constitute a violation of his letter to Rabin," Talbott told the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

He referred to letters exchanged between Rabin and Arafat last September which spelled out their commitments to one another and paved the way for the signing of the Declaration of Principles.

Talbott said that as soon as the United States heard of the statement, "we instructed our ambassador in Oslo to clarify it for us."

While Talbott had not heard the clarification Arafat issued from Oslo and thus declined to comment directly on it, he said he was hard-pressed to understand how jihad could be defined as a struggle for peace.

Lester Pollack, chair of the Conference of Presidents, rejected the clarification as "inadequate, insufficient and disingenuous."

Arafat will head a party of Palestinians due to arrive in the autonomous Jericho district during the first week of June, senior Arafat adviser Nabil Sha'ath announced in Cairo last week.

According to Sha'ath, Arafat intends to supervise implementation of the autonomy in person. Sha'ath did not say how long Arafat would spend in Jericho.

Israel handed over the 24-square-mile Jericho district to Palestinian control May 13.

The official hand-over of Gaza was accomplished during a brief signing ceremony last Tuesday, and the evacuation of the last Israeli installations there took place early the following day.

A convoy of eight Israeli jeeps left Ansar Prison in Gaza City Wednesday. Jubilant Palestinians marked the occasion by throwing stones at the departing troops.

No formal ceremony was held to mark the hand-over of authority, although one had been planned. The ceremony was canceled at the insistence of settlers living in the Gush Katif bloc within Gaza, who viewed the Israeli pullout as a surrender to the PLO and an abandonment of the settlers.

Maj.-Gen. Nasser Yussef, commander of Palestinian security forces in Gaza and Jericho, held a news conference at the Ansar Prison after the Israeli troops withdrew.

Asked how he would deal with members of the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas movement, which has vowed to carry out attacks against Israeli soldiers and settlers, Yussef said he had no intention of engineering confrontations with Hamas.

Yussef added that he had reached a full understanding with Hamas representatives on the role their group would play under autonomy. But he did not specify what that role would be.

In the days leading up to the transfer of authority in Gaza, Yussef had stated that he would disarm all Palestinians who were not members of the police or security forces. But later, he spoke only of having their weapons registered.

Yussef stated that 3,000 Palestinian police have so far arrived in Gaza and that more were due soon.

Brig.-Gen. Doron Almog, the Israeli commander in charge of Gaza, told reporters that he expected more terror activity to emanate from Gaza.

His immediate superior, Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilnai, the commander of the southern sector, told reporters that the pullout had gone well.

The withdrawal "went smoothly, not just here, but everywhere," he said. "We are going out. That is it."

— With reports from Larry Yudelson in New York.

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Sex on agenda at seniors' forum

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Seniors attending an Independence in the Year of the Family day at Bernard Betel Centre recently were advised to set aside the inhibitions on sexual matters fostered by their parents.

"They meant well but control through fear doesn't work," said Sue Johanson, well-known TV commentator and downtown sex clinic worker.

Her up-front advice, which asked them to think on why many are opposed to oral sex and "do-it-yourself" sex, was received in good humor by the well-attended session held in the chapel of the centre.

The mood was exemplified by an elderly man who interrupted her talk to ask: "If sex is so exciting, why do I fall asleep?"

When she showed a female condom, she was asked immediately by several women where it could be obtained. Johanson said she got her supply in England and told her audience not to believe newspaper reports that it would be available in Canada in six months.

She downplayed fear of AIDS among seniors, but suggested that anyone who has concerns about herpes or venereal warts should insist on a condom being used by his or her partner.

Johanson's talk was only one feature of a lively day which saw dozens of seniors get their canes or walkers adjusted or equipped with new rubber tips and handles for free at a first-ever walking clinic staffed by Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. Some were advised to change their style of gait.

John May, a Canada Post letter carrier, said he got 100 new applications from people who want a relative or friend advised if mail piles up in the letter box or there are other suspicious circumstances.

In the main auditorium, many seniors got up and danced waltzes, tangos, cha-chas and line dancing under guidance from instructor Stella Switzer. At one exhibit, giant shoehorns, bridge card holders for arthritics and no-tie shoe laces were available.

But the "buzz" of the day came from Johanson and her talk on sex. She was invited by Henry Cranston and Charles Goeldner, co-chairs of the La'Briyut Wellness Centre at Betel.

Men who suffer from premature ejaculation were so frightened by their parents' attiudes toward sex that they learned to be "sneaky and fast," Johanson said. She said only five per cent of male impotence is psychological, with insufficient blood supply to the penis accounting for the rest.

Tranquillizers and high blood pressure medicines are also causes of impotence. Men who go looking for other sex partners to solve their impotence will find that they become impotent with the new choice in two months "and the inevitable skirt chasing will lead to a wrecked marriage."

She scoffed at ideas that the size of the male organ has anything to do with satisfying the female partner.

The seniors were asked to pass advice along to their newly-married sons and daughters to have a weekend way from the first-born child "to kick start the low sex drive" which follows birth. Also, she said, six months after the first child is born, couples should have four sessions of marriage counselling bcause their lifestyle is affected so seriously.

What has not changed in the world of new sexual mores is the need for physical closeness, petting, snuggling and cuddling, she said.

She quoted a Masters and Johnson study of 1986 claiming that the level of sexual excitement for both men and women is higher when sex is done alone. "This is not a put-down of your partner, but you can do it all by yourself."

Study on Jewish students urged by U of T chancellor

By PHIL FINE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — As many as 3,000 — over five per cent — of the University of Toronto's 52,000 students may be Jewish. But only a fraction are affiliated with U of T's Jewish Students Union (JSU), the chancellor of the university said here recently.

Rose Wolfe told a Brotherhood breakfast at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue that JSU's student leaders tend to be bright, attractive and well spoken. But the vast majority of Jewish students at U of T are not connected with the JSU, said Wolfe, who spoke on Jewish student life at the university.

"The average student gets lost; the professors don't really know them," Wolfe told the breakfast. She added that even many Hebrew day school graduates — students with strong Jewish backgrounds — tend not to associate with the JSU.

Wolfe admitted her findings were anecdotal and unscientific. Indeed, she added, there was a critical need for systematic research into Jewish student life at U of T. Such research, Wolfe told a reporter, would attempt to find out who Jewish students are, what type of experiences they have and what support systems they need.

She noted how almost all of the Jewish student leaders whom she has met at U of T were clear-headed about their future.

'All of them had done very, very well. They knew what they were going to do," Wolfe remarked. "They were all going on to post-graduate work in Canada or the United States."

Rose Wolfe

Wolfe said she thought Jewish students at U of T should be able to enjoy a better — and richer — Jewish experience. But she said she was unsure if Jewish enrichment programs should cover everyone or just the small number of students who are already Jewishly committed.

"Do we put all of our money into the Jewish Students Union, which caters to a relatively small group and leave over 2,000 kids completely untouched?" Wolfe asked.

She said she was surprised as chancellor to discover that Jews not only made up a high number of U of T faculty positions but a high number of top positions in those faculties. She said most Jewish faculty members at U of T were not lukewarm to Jewish issues, and many showed interest in a campaign to endow the university with a chair in Judaic Studies.

Fielding questions after her speech, Wolfe told a listener that parents must realize students who leave home to go to university are more susceptible to intermarriage than students who stay behind.

"When you go out of town and your parents aren't there, it's a whole different ball game," Wolfe remarked. "You go out with whomever you want to go out with." Wolfe said parents have to keep in mind that newcomers to university campuses are necessarily exposed to new ways of thinking — many of which, she added, are both attractive and seductive.

Earlier, Wolfe was told by a York University student that York's Jewish Students Federation (JSF) was very active, catering to as many as 150 students a day. "If you went out there, you would find a rah-rah atmosphere," said JSF member Rochelle Segelbaum.

Wolfe acknowledged that Jewish student life at York could be completely different from that at U of T.

Her duties as U of T chancellor include chairing the honorary degrees committee, which this year voted unanimously to bestow an honorary doctorate upon Cito Gaston, manager of the back-to-back World Series champion Toronto Blue Jays.

'Living will' legislation concerns Quebec rabbis

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Does Quebec's new "living will" legislation give mandated individuals too much power over the lives of the physically or mentally incompetent, and thereby violate the traditional Jewish commandment to save life and prohibition against euthanasia?

Some Montreal rabbis are concerned about the halachic implications of "the mandate," a legal contract one draws up with another person empowering that person to make decisions on your behalf if and when you become incapable due to illness.

Living wills was the topic of a recent seminar for rabbis and cantors, as well as other interested medical, social service and legal professionals, organized by the Jewish General Hospital (JGH) and Federation CJA's chaplaincy services.

While active euthanasia or suicide are clearly violations of Halachah, the rabbis admit it can be difficult in some cases to draw the line. For example, does refusing treatment, as is implied in "do not resuscitate" orders, constitute suicide or is it simply letting nature take its course? For that matter, is artificial feeding or hydration a form of treatment?

Lawyer Marc Weinstein, legal counsel to the JGH, explained that the mandate is given by a person (the mandator) of full age and while in possession of their faculties, in anticipation of incapacity some day, to another person (the mandatory). The contract requires either a notarial act or the presence of two witnesses.

The mandate may provide for the administration of the property and general welfare of the mandator, as well as empower the mandatory to consent to or withhold consent for health care and to follow the mandator's instructions on when not to prolong life.

In most cases, a spouse or child is named mandatory, although more than one person can be appointed, Weinstein said.

The mandate is activated only when it is approved by a court and the mandatory must obtain a medical and psychosocial assessment of the mandator certifying that person is no longer able to make decisions.

The mandate ceases to have effect if the court finds that the mandator has become capable again.

The Quebec Civil Code stipulates that no one may undergo health care of any type without consent, so the mandatory acts as a proxy when the person is incapable of giving or refusing consent.

The 'living will' component of the mandate may, for example, ask the mandatory to "intervene to prevent the prolonging of the mandator's life if maintained only with medication, or by technical, artificial or disproportionate means" when the recommended treatment would not guarantee the patient's physical or mental recovery.

"Such wishes must be clearly expressed and carefully drafted in order to avoid any confusion with the rules concerning 'physician-assisted' suicide in the case of a terminally ill person," Weinstein emphasized.

Professor pessimistic about peace

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Anyone tempted to feel hopeful about the peace process should not spend too much time chatting with Prof. Eliyahu Kanovsky.

Visiting Montreal at the invitation of the Quebec branch of the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC-Q) and Bar-Ilan University's Besa Centre for Strategic Studies, Kanovsky, one of Bar-Ilan's best known economists, had rather pessimistic things to say about the value of signing peace treaties with the Arabs.

Kanovsky's pessimism could give cause for concern since he's since been credited with predicting the energy crisis of 1973.

And he painted something of a dismal portrait for the future.

Egypt, he said, is moving towards utter collapse as a result of the growing insurgency of Islamic fundamentalism.

And that is a reality, he added, which is regrettably being ignored by the West but is worrying Israel.

At a recent breakfast hosted by the CIC-Q (and which also was attended by several prominent Quebec fancophone figures), the Winnipeg-born Kanovsky wondered about the "durability" of peace agreements given the vicissitudes and instabilities that exist within Arab governments.

Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak is very weak, for example, while Syrian President Hafez al-Assad suffers from a heart condition and Jordan's King Hussein is also in poor health, he said.

If they go "Will [peace treaties or potential peace traties] hold up?" he asked. "The situation in Egypt is almost hopeless. The regime is fragile."

Fragile, despite the fact that half of its massive debt has been wiped off the books, a gesture of gratitude made by the international financial community for backing the coalition against Iraq during the Gulf War, he said.

As Islamic extremism digs in and grabs a surer foothold in Egypt, he said, the risk to Israel could be immense. "For the extremists, the issue is not borders, but existence."

The West is foolish, he suggested, to assume that peace agreements will always be respected. "That hypothesis," Kanovsky believes, will ultimately have to be "discarded.

"I don't know what the answers are, but the issues are not being brought to the fore."

The current crisis in the Arab world, he said, dates back to the oil crisis, Kanovsky said, giving a historical overview.

During the oil boom from the mid 1970s to the early 1980s, countries like Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Sudan, Yemen, and especially Saudia Arabia, reaped the most benefits.

Saudi Arabia, for one, held one-quarter of all the oil reserves and reaped every dollar it could as the price rocketed to $40 a barrel.

The boom was a boon to other Arab countries because it brought them jobs and raised their standards of living.

But when the boom went bust as a result of a glut and dropping demand, so did the Arab world. Saudi Arabia ended up a debtor nation, foreign workers were let go, and the employment "safety valve" for the poorer Arab countries was shut off, he said.

Arab countries have not been able to subsist on the agricultural and tourism industries. The largest Arab country, Egypt, has a huge unemployment rate, is economically stagnant, and is teetering on the brink of collapse, he said.

While Israel's economic fortunes, by comparison, are very positive, with good control over its natural resources, much lowered inflation, a thriving hi-tech industry and growing economy.

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Refugee process changed

By RON CSILLAG
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TORONTO — Federal Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi last Friday announced "interim" changes to the appeal system for rejected refugee claimants, in response to a report by two prominent Jewish activists who blasted the process as inhumane and wasteful.

Marchi announced the immediate creation of a centrally-managed government body "to take overall responsibility for the quality and consistency of the review of refused refugee claimants."

The "senior" unit, to be assisted by the Canadian office of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees and by York University's Centre for Refugee Studies, will ensure that appeals officers and new recruits are trained in applying "a broader interpretation of the review criteria, which will include violations of fundamental human rights," a statement from Marchi's office said.

The wider interpretation will apply to all refused refugee claimants who have not yet had a final appeal of their case, the statement added.

Those with criminal convictions or who pose a security threat to Canada are ineligible.

As well, Marchi has called on the Canadian Council for Refugees to identify non-government agencies across Canada which could help locate rejected claimants who could benefit from the new criteria.

Those agencies — possibly to include Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada (JIAS) — would screen and submit the cases of all claimants, who, since Feb. 1, 1993, have been refused refugee status but are still in Canada.

Marchi's announcement came in response to a report by Susan Davis, executive director of JIAS, and Toronto immigration lawyer Lorne Waldman, who slammed Canada's appeal process for refugee claimants for its "inhumanity and financial waste."

The amount of money and resources spent by Ottawa on the system is "nonsensical," said the 80-page study, commissioned by Marchi in January and released last week.

"We found that the general institutional situation was far worse than we imagined," stated Davis and Waldman in the report, titled *The Quality of Mercy*.

The report called on Marchi to abolish altogether the review process for refugee claimants who have been refused permission to stay in Canada but are still in danger of being deported.

That appeal system "has failed miserably," the authors contended.

It also condemned the process which allows the immigration minister to permit a rejected claimant to stay in Canada on humanitarian or compassionate grounds. The report called this avenue vague and said it has a "hidden nature."

Waldman told *The CJN* he expects the whole refugee appeal process to give more weight to anti-Semitism as a reason to grant refugee status than it previously did.

He said that although Canada tends not to view personal anti-Semitism as a threat to refugee claimants, it still takes into consideration the state-sponsored anti-Semitism of various nationalist movements in the former Soviet Union.

There are currently between 30 and 40 Russian Jewish families awaiting deportation from Canada. JIAS has asked Marchi to allow them to stay on humanitarian grounds [*CJN*, May 12].

According to Marchi's new rules, JIAS could conceivably intervene on the families' behalf if the Russians have been in refusal since Feb. 1 of last year.

The Davis and Waldman report also called on Ottawa to allow more than 10,000 rejected claimants from China, Somalia and Haiti to stay in Canada because it is unlikely the climate in their homelands will become more hospitable.

'Speak out for Canada': Libman

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

Robert Libman

MONTREAL — D'Arcy McGee independent MNA Robert Libman called on anglophones to get their act together as momentum builds towards a provincial election and, as many predict, a referendum on sovereignty.

Because of the demographic makeup of the province, anglophones will have little impact on the overall election outcome, Libman said to a recent gathering of the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue's Leisure Institute.

But in a referendum, "every vote counts," and anglophones and allophones should be making sure the case for federalism is heard, Libman said.

"On the eve of the election, too few voices are speaking out for Canada," he said.

Anglophones number 800,000 in the province, a number potentially large enough to swing the vote against sovereignty "over the top" in a referendum, Libman said.

Libman said he would have to "live with" an honest decision made by a majority of informed Quebecers on the sovereignty question.

But he is convinced the majority of French-Canadians will vote against sovereignty if the question is not ambiguous and if they understand the "privileges" of federalism they would forfeit, as well as the negative economic repercussions that will follow the secession of Quebec.

Libman cited a 1992 *La Presse*-CROP poll of 1,018 Quebecers indicating that a majority think that under "sovereignty," they will still be able to use the Canadian dollar. One-third also believe they will still be able to possess a Canadian passport.

Most Quebecers — 57 per cent — think the terms "sovereignty" and "separation" mean different things.

Other Quebecers think a separate Quebec would still send MPs to Ottawa.

Libman was most surprised by one of the survey's findings that 30 per cent of Quebecers think the province would remain a part of Canada under "sovereignty."

Libman said the time has come for minorities and anglophones to stop feeling intimidated and to speak out "unequivocally" in support of Canadian unity. They also have to fight the notion, as put forward by Bloc Quebecois leader Lucien Bouchard and Parti Quebecois leader Jacques Parizeau, that sovereignty is basically a "fait accompli."

Two misconceptions that also need to be cleared up for Quebecers, Libman said, are that Ottawa would be agreeable to negotiating away the country if Quebec votes for sovereignty, and that the U.S. would automatically negotiate its own free trade deal with a separate Quebec.

Libman was also not prepared to write off the role Prime Minister Jean Chretien could play in the build-up to the referendum.

"Chretien is more popular in Quebec," Libman said, "than the academics and media give him credit for."

On another point, Libman said PQ Outremont riding candidate Salomon Cohen was "very misinformed" when he suggested recently that the Jewish community's younger anglophone and Sephardi components seem more open to Quebec's "affirmation."

Cohen, who made the comments in the May 12 issue of the French-language daily *Le Devoir*, was perhaps merely speaking "off the top of his head," Libman offered.

But in Libman's view, francophone Jews are "just as federalist as the Ashkenazi community," if less concerned over linguistic issues.

Two days before speaking at the synagogue, Libman issued a public statement reacting to a confidential poll Canadian Jewish Congress released to *Le Devoir* as a response to Cohen.

The poll, a four-year-old survey of 352 Jews conducted by the Toronto-based Goldfarb firm, buttressed Congress' position that the Jewish community as a whole remains overwhelmingly federalist, regardless of age or linguistic or ethnic origin.

But one of the findings that also reflected this sentiment — and which *Le Devoir* used for its May 13 headline — was that one-third of those Jews polled said they would leave Quebec if the province separated.

Libman said in his statement that, "This study should give nationalists across Quebec a glimpse of how ethnic and linguistic minorities would react to Quebec secession.

"Despite the fact that this has been a reality since 1976, the exodus has slowed.

"Should Quebec declare its independence, the floodgates will open again."

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Deaf Jews plan first-ever Canadian conference

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Deaf Jews from across North America will have an opportunity to network and address issues of mutual concern at an upcoming conference at the Sheraton Centre Hotel on Queen Street West.

The 20th Biennial Convention of the National Congress of Jewish Deaf (NCJD), which is being held for the first time in Canada, will run from August 7 to 14. Over 300 people are expected to attend.

NCJD's only Canadian affiliate group, the 200-member Toronto Jewish Association of the Deaf (TJAD), is hosting the event. The Canadian Deaf Jewish community outside Toronto numbers less than 50, it is estimated.

The NCJD was established in New York City in 1956 to foster Jewish identity and knowledge among the Jewish Deaf. The congress has a dozen affiliate groups, as well as individual members who are not served by a local affiliate.

Karyn Goldstein, program coordinator for the convention, would like to see hearing people at the programs, she told *The CJN*. "Anyone who is interested in learning about the Deaf Jewish culture is welcome," she said.

Workshop topics will include: Growing Up Jewishly with Deaf Parents; Adopting Deaf Children; Are Jewish Deaf People a Separate Culture?; Legal Rights; Deaf Rabbis; Deaf Teachers; and Homosexuality in the Deaf Jewish Community in the 1990s. Interpreters will be provided for all workshops, which will be held on August 10 and 11 during the day.

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut

Karen Mock

Speakers will include Karen Mock, national director of B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights; Rabbi Lawrence Englander of Temple Solel, Mississauga; Wisconson family therapists Eva Dicker and David Dropkin; Tovah Wax of the National Technical Institute of the Deaf at Rochester Institute of Technology; and Rabbi Douglas Goldhamer of Chicago.

Keynote speaker for the convention will be Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, on the evening of August 11.

Young adults and senior citizens will have meetings of their respective special interest groups, to be held after the workshops. There will also be a special interest group for rabbis, interpreters, parents, teachers and educators.

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, director of Kolel, a Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, will be the official convention rabbi, and will officiate at Saturday morning services as well as at the Friday night dinner. The Saturday morning service will feature a choir which will sign in rhythm. "It's quite beautiful," Rabbi Goldstein said. "I'm looking forward to that."

A choice of tours to local tourist attractions will be offered. Social events will include a grand ball as well as a performance by deaf magician Pierre Petit, and the variety show *One in Many*, by a group of Deaf Ontarians.

Combination tickets for the convention include admittance to all workshops and speakers, a Wednesday night reception, Friday night dinner, Saturday lunch, and the Saturday night Grand Ball. All included meals are kosher. The cost for combination tickets is $215 for members, $255 for non-members (reduced rates for ages 17 and under).

Tickets for the workshops only are $60 per person; for the keynote address only, $25 per person.

More sponsors are being sought for the convention, said Martyn Wayne, convention chair. Currently about half a dozen B'nai Brith lodges, including his own, are sponsors, he said. Wayne belongs to the Leonard Mayzel Ontario lodge, of which he is the only Deaf member.

"It will be an exciting convention," says Goldstein. "We hope it will be the best NCJD convention ever."

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ANNE FRANK DAY

Commemorating Anne Frank Day, at the Anne Frank School in Budapest are (from left) Harriet Morton; past national president of Women's Canadian ORT; Dr. Rose Berend, principal of Anne Frank School; Libby Dwor, Women's Canadian ORT. The school has benefitted from ORT's technological training program. Berend presented a book to ORT leaders on the history of the school.

Victoria couple recognized as Righteous Gentiles

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — Syrt Wolters of Victoria, who with his late wife Lucinda hid a Jewish family in their home in Nazi-occupied Holland, was recognized by the Israel government as a Righteous Among the Nations at a ceremony at Victoria's Congregation Emanu-El May 12.

The presentation of a medal and certificate of honor was made by Itzhak Shelef, Israel's ambassador to Canada.

The Commission for the Designation of the Righteous of Yad Vashem discovered that the Wolters hid the Spanier family — parents and two sons in their '20s — in their Enschede home from Jan. 4, 1943 until liberation of their city in April 1945.

The Wolters also employed a young Jewish woman, Frida Jacobs, to take care of their own children. With the cooperation of the local pastor, Jacobs was able to pass as a Christian.

Shelef said the names of Syrt and Lucinda Wolters will be inscribed on the Honor Wall of the Righteous at Yad Vashem — the highest Israeli symbol of gratitude and appreciation.

Wolters, who operated a barber shop in Holland, emigrated with his wife to British Columbia in July 1948.

The Wolters had a motto on their dining room wall which read: "Als wij doen wat we kunnen, zal God doen wat we niet kunnen." (If we do what we can do, then God will do what we are not able to do.)

Wolters has written an autobiography stretching from the day the Nazis marched in on May 10, 1940, until the time he left for Canada after selling his barbershop.

He said the Dutch Christians recognized before the German people did the "demonic character" of the Nazis. The Germans, he says, saw Hitler as a savior, sent from God. But a Dutch underground resistance developed quickly, and Wolters joined.

Wolters described how he and his wife took in the prosperous Spanier family when the Nazis began rounding up Jews and hid them in their modest home — quite different from the luxurious place the Spaniers had lived in.

Lucinda had to scrounge food coupons to feed their Jewish friends and the Wolters lost their health insurance coverage because Syrt refused to fill in a form that his family was of "pure stock" with no Jewish blood. When he developed an ear infection a friendly doctor cured him.

Syrt Wolters

Wolters wrote in his autobiography that the Spaniers came out of their hiding place after the 8 p.m. curfew. The two families then joined for conversation and whatever fun they could have.

Wolters said the Spaniers brought a considerable amount of cash with them and were able to pay their way while being sheltered.

The honoree was given a long, standing ovation at the presentation ceremony. More than 400 people jammed the synagogue for the event — one of the largest attendances ever at a synagogue affair.

Wolters seemed overwhelmed and said nothing was further from his mind than recognition when he and his wife took in the Spaniers. It was something he felt had to be done and he did it. He said the secret was kept so well that even his own young children didn't know there were Jews hidden in the house, although "they probably suspected something was going on."

Frida Sera, a granddaughter of the senior Spaniers and daughter of one of the sons who had been hidden, came in specially from Holland to thank the man who had saved her family. She quoted the passage from the Talmud which says that one who saves one person saves the whole world. She was born after the war, and said she always wanted to know the people who had risked their lives to save the family.

The ceremony opened with the singing of three national anthems — *O Canada*, *Hatikvah* and the Dutch anthem. Rev. Henry Jonker of First Christian Reformed Church of Victoria gave the benediction.

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LaRouche, Farrakhan allies?

By LARRY KANTER
Jewish Bulletin of Northern California

SAN FRANCISCO — The Nation of Islam and followers of right-wing conspiracy theorist Lyndon LaRouche have united in an "unholy alliance" to attack Jews and Jewish organizations, according to a report released this week by the U.S.-based Anti-Defamation League (ADL).

"After years of disagreement, the two groups have joined together to blame the world's ugliest problems on international conspiracies involving Jews," the ADL alleges in a report titled *Partners in Bigotry: The LaRouche Cult and the Nation of Islam.*

At "joint programs and street demonstrations, they have vilified Jews and the ADL for allegedly fostering the AIDS epidemic, promoting drugs and violence, and 'attacking' black leaders," the report charges.

The surprising ties between the two organizations, which began in late 1992, are in contrast to the mid-1980s. Then, the LaRouche organization — composed mainly of middle-class whites — called for the arrest and prosecution of Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan for his alleged involvement in terrorism.

The LaRouche group also had long-standing ties to South African intelligence services, the report claims.

The Nation of Islam, for its part, has exhibited nothing but mistrust and disdain for nearly all white, as well as many mainstream black, institutions.

But according to Mira Boland, author of the report and director of fact-finding for the ADL's office in Washington, D.C., LaRouche and Farrakhan "have a great deal in common in terms of their anti-Semitism, their demagogy, their conspiratorial mindsets and their outreach to terrorists and extremists.

"They are, if you will, 'bigots of a feather.' "

What brought the two groups together, Boland contends, was an affinity for bizarre conspiracy theories, particularly ones involving Jews and Jewish organizations.

LaRouche, for example, has called the ADL "a front for organized crime and some of the worst racists on the planet," "a bunch of racist thugs who push drugs," and "a bunch of self-hating anti-Semites with Jewish names, eager to do any dirty deed that their controllers demand."

Louis Farrakhan

Lyndon LaRouche

And Farrakhan has risen to national notoriety, largely by accusing Jews of masterminding the African slave trade and controlling the American mass media and Federal Reserve Bank.

Both groups, says the ADL, also endorse the notorious anti-Semitic czarist forgery *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion;* echo the classic blood libel that the Jews killed Jesus; and promote Holocaust denial activities.

The LaRouche organization and the Nation of Islam first united in the late 1980s to conduct two forums on the AIDS epidemic. LaRouche has long held that HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, was created in a U.S. biological warfare laboratory. And Nation of Islam leaders have accused doctors, especially Jewish ones, of injecting African-American babies with the virus.

"This is a concept the Nation of Islam picked up from LaRouche and made specificaly its own," said Boland.

Nereida Cordero Thompson, a spokesperson at LaRouche's national headquarters, refused to comment on the ADL report.

"We can't comment on something we haven't read," she said.

The Chicago-based Nation of Islam could not be reached for comment.

At the moment, ties between the two groups appear to be largely informal, consisting primarily of co-sponsored programs and lectures, including several held recently at a number of East Coast universities.

Last month, for example, the two organizations sponsored a pair of events at Howard University in Washington, and at Morgan State University in Baltimore, titled "The Ugly Truth About the ADL."

According to the ADL's report, LaRouche representatives declared at those events that the "ADL is behind drugs, destruction of children and AIDS." And a Nation of Islam spokesperson stated, "We are at war. Who's fighting us? The ADL. Either we overcome them or they overcome us, until they kill all of us or we them ... We must fight them until we crush them."

The two groups also have cooperated on a series of programs titled "Is the Anti-Defamation League the new Ku Klux Klan?"

"Neither LaRouche nor the Nation of Islam is attacking ADL only," Boland asserted. "They are attacking us because we are a symbol of the American Jewish community."

The connection has begun to manifest itself locally. At last week's Oakland appearance by Nation of Islam spokesperson Khalid Abdul Muhammad, about half a dozen white LaRouche supporters circulated among the crowd, distributing anti-ADL literature to people waiting to get into the auditorium.

"We were not endorsing his speech; nor were we criticizing his speech," said Robert Ingraham, a Democratic challenger for a U.S. Congress seat who is running on the nationwide "LaRouche was Right" slate.

"We were there to get out our literature to people who are interested, particularly our material about the ADL."

Ingraham declined to comment on alleged links between LaRouche and the Nation of Islam detailed in the ADL report. He said he was troubled by "the extent to which (Muhammad) attacks Jews."

However, he added, "I believe some of Louis Farrakhan's statements have been misreported. He has in fact distinguished between the Jewish people and the ADL."

BOYS AND GUNS

Young Jewish residents of Kiryat Arba, outside Hebron, inspect weapons confiscated from Palestinians by the Israeli Army. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

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Quebec to admit Jewish emigres

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Ciaccia stressed more than once that the goal of the program is for the "integration" — not "assimilation" — of the immigrants into the "pluralism" of the province.

He said immigrants "bring [to Quebec] a richness of cultural and spiritual values. We have much to learn from all communities...Pluralism means putting a commonality of interests at work in a peaceful and harmonious way."

To mark the signing, the Jewish community brought forward several spokesmen — including Federation CJA vice-president Yoine Goldstein and JIAS' Kiaizadeh — to laud the initiative and to testify to its success.

The speakers also included two immigrants from the first batch: Sophia Cohen, from Ukraine, and 11-year-old Alexander Teshler, a student at Ecole Maimonide.

Cohen, showing off newly-acquired (if still rudimentary) French skills, arrived in Montreal nine months ago with her husband, Yakov, and said the period of adjustment has been difficult.

But Cohen is full of optimism about living "a free life in a free country." Her husband, after losing his first job shortly after arriving, has found new employment, and her child will be going to Jewish school next year.

Cohen also praised the "Famille a Famille" program, which brings together local and immigrant families to help them adapt to Montreal and community life.

Teshler, who attends a "classe d'acceuil" at the Ecole Maimonide, came to Montreal around the same time as Cohen, and his French is already approaching fluency.

He thanked JIAS for "giving a chance to me and my family."

Moss, speaking to *The CJN*, said the critical path for the second project will get into gear June 21, when a public meeting is held at JIAS to present details of the program.

Most of the applicants to be considered, he indicated, will involve cases of "family reunification."

However, he did not think the initiative in Quebec conflicted with Israel's expressed desire to have Jews from the CIS move to the Jewish state, not the Diaspora.

The number coming to Montreal amounts to a "drop in the bucket" compared to the total number of CIS Jews seeking to leave, he said.

Ciaccia said to his knowledge, none of the Jews from the 72 families who have come to Montreal as a result of the first accord have moved on to other provinces.

Family reunification

Correction

In the May 19 edition of *The CJN*, the story, Jewish War Vets, CJC to hold memorial, gave the wrong date. The event will be held on May 30. Also members of the Frederick Kisch branch of the Royal Canadian Legion will be participating in the program. We regret the errors.

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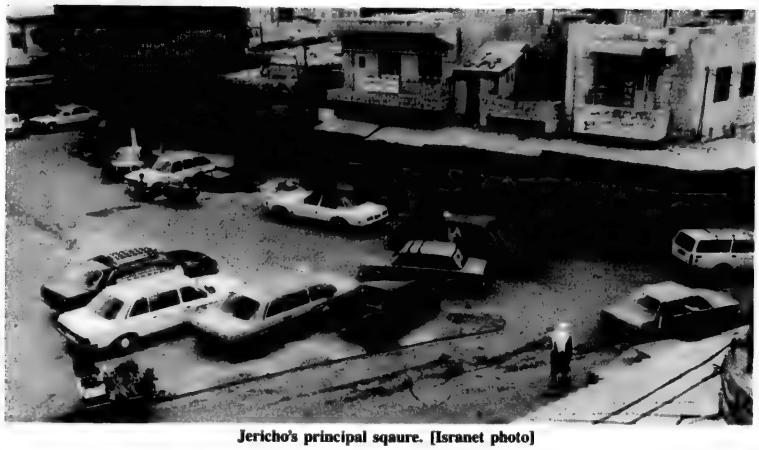

Jericho's principal sqaure. [Israpet photo]

Joint commission to examine allegations of desecration

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — A joint Israeli-Palestinian commission will investigate allegations made by settlers and yeshivah students that Palestinian police desecrated the ancient synagogue in the West Bank town of Jericho.

Last week, National Religious Party Knesset member Hanan Porat said he would sleep in the synagogue to prevent "further desecrations."

Porat's vow came after settlers and students said that Palestinian police had ripped a mezuzah from a door at the synagogue and torn the ornamental curtain covering the Holy Ark.

The Palestinian police in turn claimed that six armed students came to the synagogue and attempted to fly an Israeli flag from the roof.

They said that the students had ignored a police request to put aside their weapons.

Under the terms of the autonomy accord, settlers are allowed to visit the synagogue at any time. But the Palestinian police want them to be unarmed.

While there are no Jewish settlers living in Jericho, Israeli students have attempted to keep the synagogue in the news on an almost daily basis following the May 13 Israeli hand-over to Palestinian control of a 24-square-mile area that forms the newly autonomous Jericho district.

The students previously alleged that Palestinian police had moved their equipment into the synagogue and hung a photograph of Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat alongside the Holy Ark.

In an address to the Labor Party's Knesset faction last week, Police Minister Moshe Shahal stated that he supported Palestinian demands to disarm Israelis wanting to pray or study at the ancient synagogue.

Shahal criticized the yeshivah students for allegedly insulting the Palestinian police officer guarding the building.

"The students must not treat the [Palestinian] police as if they did not exist," he said. "That is a provocation. They are human beings, just like us."

Jericho residents celebrate transition

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — When Israel handed over control of a 24-square-mile area surrounding Jericho to Palestinian authorities on May 13, residents of the West Bank town were jubilant.

The move brought an end to 27 years of Israeli administration of the area.

But within two days the celebrants had a head-on confrontation with the realities of the region, when Israeli settlers marched on the ancient synagogue in Jericho and vowed that the Israeli flag would soon fly over the building again.

Despite the festivities, few if any municipal services were available in Jericho, and local leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) said the problems with services would not be resolved until PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat finished providing the list of officials who would take charge there.

Arafat's problems with forming the 24-member Palestinian Authority were highlighted over the weekend, when one of the people he had named to the governing body, former Palestinian spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi, turned down the offer to be part of the body that will oversee Palestinian affairs in Jericho and the Gaza Strip.

Ashrawi, who resigned from the PLO's Washington negotiating team last December, said over the weekend, "My order of priorities dictates that I stay with the independent Palestinian Committee for Civil Rights to which I was recently elected."

But it is widely believed that her refusal is a protest against what is seen as a preference Arafat is giving to PLO personnel at the organization's Tunis headquarters over local Palestinian leaders when naming those who will be part of the Palestinian Authority.

The day of the transfer of responsibilities to the Palestinians, was a day of wild rejoicing among the residents of Jericho.

PLO flags were run up flagpoles where the blue-and-white Israeli flag had flown only hours earlier. Women ululated noisily with tears of joy coursing down their faces.

Youngsters who had thrown stones at Israeli soldiers walked among the ranks of the newly installed force of 400 Palestinian police and enthusiastically kissed the cheeks of the men who will have the responsibility of maintaining law and order in the streets of Jericho.

The only note of discord occurred when a Palestinian boy, playing with the rifle of a policeman, accidentally shot and killed his brother and wounded two other people.

Brig.-Gen. Haj Ismail, Jericho's new police chief, later said the policeman had been arrested for violating an order that ammunition clips be removed from the rifles during the celebrations.

Saeb Erekat, a former Palestinian negotiator who was a newly named member of the Palestinian Authority, later said that there would be no leniency for the police officer.

"We must prove to the Israelis that we can take care of our affairs," he said.

Within two days, there was further tension in the air, when Israeli settlers marched on Jericho's ancient synagogue.

They arrived on the same day that a contingent of journalists, who had been barred from the town in the days preceding the hand-over, were allowed to visit Jericho.

The settlers, many armed with Uzi submachine guns, arrived at the synagogue under the leadership of Hanan Porat, a Knesset member representing the National Religious Party, who is a prominent settler activist.

"We are horrified," said Porat, "to find that Palestinian police have put their equipment in the building and hung a photograph of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat alongside the Ark of the Law."

"The Israeli flag will yet fly again here," Yehuda Ernest, the head of a yeshivah housed in the synagogue, vowed as he stood just three or four yards from a Palestinian policeman. "This is a Jewish place, acknowledged as such even in the agreement, and the flag ought to be up there."

Asked why he and his fellows had arrived armed, Ernest explained: "In this so-called peace, they station terrorists as if to protect us, until one day, when they decide, the whole thing will blow up in our faces. Anyway, they are only behaving properly today because you, the press, are here."

The troubles involved in implementing the autonomy agreement became obvious some minutes later when the commander of the police at the synagogue ran over to his superior officer to check whether it was in order for the settlers to be armed.

The Palestinian officer and his Israeli counterpart, out together on a joint patrol, soon agreed that this was permitted under the terms of the Gaza-Jericho agreement signed earlier this month.

In Gaza meanwhile, civil administration of the area was handed over to the Palestinians on May 15.

That day, a contingent of 400 Palestinian police arrived and the Israel Defence Force (IDF) began its withdrawal from the centre of the strip, the southern area having been handed over two days earlier.

The evacuation of each installation was a low-profile affair, with no advance notice leaking out as the IDF sought to avoid any conflict with the local population.

On May 14, the IDF withdrew from Gaza's Jabalya refugee camp, the site of seething discontent where the intifadah, or Palestinian uprising, began more than six years ago.

The IDF turned over three installations around the refugee camp to 100 Palestinian police before dawn broke on May 14.

Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilnai, the top Israeli commander in Gaza, had few regrets about leaving the region when he spoke with reporters over the weekend.

"I spent five years here," the Israeli daily *Yediot Achronot* quoted him as saying. "It is completely evident to me that we have to leave, and I am happy to be doing it."

IDF completes Gaza withdrawal

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — The IDF completed its withdrawal from the area of Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip before dawn on May 18, but the operation did not go as smoothly as planned.

Hundreds of youths who had been waiting for the troops to leave the governor's mansion in the town centre began shouting slogans and throwing stones. Some shouted "Rabin go home" in Hebrew.

Troops fired tear gas to disperse the demonstrators, while Palestinian police who were rushed in fired in the air. Some eyewitnesses said they fired partly to keep order and partly to share in the jubilation that the last soldiers were leaving.

Army sources said the shooting lasted for over 30 minutes. "I think the Palestinian policemen used up all the ammunition they were issued," said one senior officer.

The Israel Defence Force (IDF) had previously managed to withdraw peacefully, partly because it successfully avoided revealing which locations it was going to leave when, then left in the middle of the night. In this case, subterfuge was not possible.

Brig.-Gen. Doron Almog, commanding officer in Gaza, said the overall evacuation went smoothly, "thanks to the most efficient and professional work of all units involved."

Other installations were evacuated late the previous night and very early the same morning.

"I thank the two sides and wish good luck to both of us. We have a great mission to accomplish," Brig.-Gen. Yomtov Samia, who headed the committee which established the timetable for the transfer, told a group of Israeli and Palestinian generals at the informal dawn hand-over."

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Polish hero named an honorary Israeli

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

WASHINGTON — Fifty-two years after he alerted world leaders to the horrors of the Holocaust, Jan Karski was made an honorary citizen of Israel.

It is the first time Israel's embassy here has bestowed the honor.

"If one can find solace in glimmers of humanity ... he was a glimmer," Ambassador Itamar Rabinovich said of Karski, during an emotion-filled ceremony at the embassy last Thursday night.

"This is the proudest and most meaningful day in my life," Karski said in accepting the plaque. "Through the honorary citizenship of the State of Israel, I have reached the spiritual source of my Christian faith. In a way, I also became a part of the Jewish community."

Born Jan Kozielewski in Lodz, Poland, Karski joined the Polish underground after the German occupation in 1939. A Catholic, he twice slipped into the Warsaw Ghetto, and, disguised as a Ukrainian guard, into the Izbica "feeder camp" of the Belzec concentration camp, in order to investigate the condition of the Jews in Poland.

Jan Karski

"What is unprecedented is that no one else that I've ever found went to a concentration camp voluntarily to observe the extermination machinery in action," Tom Wood, a journalist who has just completed a biography on Karski, said after the ceremony.

Karski describes his mission in the Warsaw Ghetto at length in Claude Landsman's epic movie, *Shoah*.

In 1942, Karski reported his findings to the Polish government-in-exile in London and raised the matter with members of Winston Churchill's cabinet and with President Franklin Roosevelt directly.

However, Karski's appeals for action in behalf of the doomed Jews of Europe were ignored.

"You represent the condition of the messenger whose message has been received but not accepted," Nobel Peace Prize laureate Elie Wiesel wrote Karski in a telegram read during the three-hour tribute.

Karski visited Israel once, when Yad Vashem conferred Righteous Among the Nations status on him in 1982.

It was only earlier that year that Karski's heroism became public knowledge. According to those familiar with his life, Karski has repeatedly understated his heroism.

Avi Granot, Israel's counselor for interreligious affairs, said later that Karski had requested that last week's presentation be kept to 20 people (more than 100 religious and community leaders attended) and had sought to pay for refreshments before the embassy insisted otherwise.

"You are larger than life, Jan Karski," stated one of the evening's speakers, Miles Lerman, chair of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council. "You have brought honor to your country, dignity to your people. You have restored faith to your church. Polish history will present you as a role model, and this is the highest reward."

And then Lerman approached the lean, frail 80-year-old in the front row, kissed him twice on each cheek and patted him gently on the face.

Haldeman book describes Nixon's anti-Semitism

Jewish Telegraphic Agency and Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

WASHINGTON — Recently-published diaries of H.R. Haldeman, the late U.S. President Richard Nixon's chief of staff, shed new light on Nixon's anti-Semitism.

At one point, Haldeman wrote that Nixon believed in "total Jewish domination of the media."

The question of Nixon's views about Jews has come to the fore in recent weeks following the former president's recent death. The American Jewish community has long been split over whether Nixon held anti-Semitic views.

The Haldeman Diaries, published last week by G.P. Putnam's Sons, buttress the argument of those who feel Nixon was anti-Semitic.

Haldeman, who died last year, was Nixon's chief of staff until the Watergate scandal prompted the president to dismiss him.

His book draws from tape recordings and Haldeman's daily diary entries.

One entry reveals evidence of Nixon's penchant for conspiracy theories, and his dislike of both Jews and the media.

"There was considerable discussion of the terrible problem arising from the total Jewish domination of the media and agreement that this is something that would have to be dealt with," Haldeman wrote.

And in an entry dated Feb. 26, 1970, Haldeman said that Nixon had "really raged against United States Jews," and had ordered Haldeman "not to let any Jews see him about the Middle East."

Richard Nixon

The conversation took place in the presence of Nixon's then-national security adviser, Henry Kissinger, who is Jewish.

According to the entries, Nixon allowed Rev. Billy Graham, his close friend and spiritual adviser, to lecture about "satanic Jews."

"Graham has the strong feeling that there are satanic Jews and that's where our problem arises," the book is quoted as stating.

The Anti-Defamation League was quick to respond to the new revelations this week.

"What Haldeman wrote about Nixon shows something that many of us felt for a long time," said Ken Jacobson, ADL's director of international affairs.

Jacobson said that Nixon was a "great man in history" who was helpful to Israel, but that he had a "singular flaw — his anti-Semitism and his bigotry beyond anti-Semitism."

The diaries also cited several racist remarks by Nixon, including a remark that "the whole problem is really the blacks."

The remarks revealed in Haldeman's diary represent the "dark side of Nixon," and are a "reconfirmation of something we've seen" before, Jacobson said. He called the remarks "extremely distressing."

Nixon's views about Jews have always proved paradoxical.

On the one hand, he hired a number of Jews as key advisers, including Kissinger, who served as secretary of state after his stint as national security adviser. And Nixon was viewed by most as a strong supporter of Israel.

But it was well known in the American Jewish community that Nixon voiced derogatory attitudes about Jews during his now-infamous White House taping sessions.

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World

Israel to host month of events for gay men, lesbians

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TEL AVIV — For the first time ever, Israel will play host to a month-long series of events for and about gay men and lesbians.

Although most of the activities related to Gay Pride Month will take place in Tel Aviv, the opening ceremony is scheduled for May 30 at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem. The ceremony, the first of its kind in Israel, will honor the memory of homosexuals murdered in the Holocaust.

In early June, thousands of Israelis are expected to attend the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations, which is meeting here this year. Participants will discuss such issues as ensuring the legal rights of homosexuals, and the dearth of local advertising directed toward gay and lesbian consumers.

Other events will include a picnic for gay and lesbian parents and their children, and a giant food festival, hosted by Tel Aviv's most acclaimed chefs.

According to gay rights activists, the introduction of Gay Pride Month to Israel represents a victory for homosexual Israelis, many of whom have remained "in the closet" in the fear of encountering discrimination and harassment.

Ilan Shinfeld, spokesman of the Society for the Protection of Personal Rights for Gay Men, Lesbians and Bisexuals, said that Gay Pride Month is only one of many recent breakthroughs for gay men and lesbians in Israel.

Shinfeld believes that "societal attitudes have changed a lot in the past two years, especially in the area of education.

"About a year ago," he recalled, "I wanted to visit high schools and discuss what it means to be homosexual. I sent dozens of letters to schools, but received only two positive responses."

Noting that the Education Ministry recently announced its intention to introduce the subject of homosexuality into the high school curriculum, Shinfeld said, "It's incredible what has taken place in just one year.

"Education is very important," he added. "Without education, public opinion toward homosexuals will continue to be negative, regardless of what the law says."

Gay rights activists also point to progress in the legal sphere. Under the guidance of Knesset member Yael Dayan of the left-wing Meretz bloc, the Knesset recently passed a law forbidding discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Another sign of progress was the Tourism Ministry's decision last month to give a $500 grant to the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations.

The moves marks the first time a government body has contributed funds to an organization dedicated to gay causes.

Orly Doron, spokeswoman for the Tourism Ministry, does not consider the grant unusual.

"The Ministry of Tourism has an interest in attracting all kinds of tourists to Israel," she said. "We support other kinds of conventions, so why not this one?"

Aderette Karni, an organizer of Gay Pride Month, attributes these strides to a greater openness within the gay and lesbian communities. "Society is changing because we're changing," she said.

Despite progress, gay activists say that Israeli society still discriminates against lesbians and gay men, especially in the synagogue and workplace.

Karni, who co-founded a gay-lesbian synagogue in Tel Aviv, Ga'avat Yisrael, said that it is "very difficult to be religious and gay, especially in Jerusalem."

A minyan comprised of lesbians and gay men also meets quietly once a month in Jerusalem.

But asked whether she could imagine establishing an openly gay and lesbian synagogue here, Karni said, "I wouldn't try it. The haredim (ultra-Orthodox) would be very against it."

Out of the Closet: Gay men and lesbians in Israel are making strides. For one, the armed services continue to draft homosexuals and June will mark the first-ever Gay Pride Month. [IPPA Photo]

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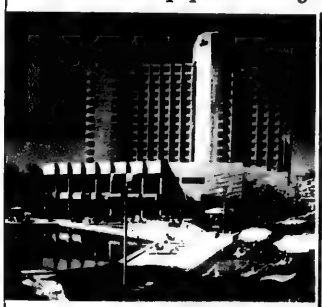

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Mr. Isenbaum leaves Soberman Isenbaum & Colomby well poised to continue as a leading Toronto chartered accounting firm and looks forward to exploring personal business interests in retirement.

Argentina plans to track Nazis

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — Argentine President Carlos Menem has told a group of Jewish leaders that the country will establish a special agency to track down Nazis who found refuge there after World War II.

Ruben Beraja, president of the DAIA, the umbrella body of Argentine Jewish groups, and Manuel Tenenbaum, head of the Latin American Jewish Congress, recently met with Menem and his staff to discuss such a plan after police arrested former SS Captain Nazi Erich Priebke in an Andean resort town.

Priebke was found in San Carlos de Bariloche, a haven for Nazis, and interviewed there by ABC Television for a recent broadcast of its program *Prime Time Live*.

Priebke admitted in the interview to having taken part in the reprisal massacre of 335 Romans at the Ardeatine Caves in March 1944. Since that broadcast, Italy has initiated extradition proceedings for Priebke.

Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress in New York, said Menem pledged to extradite Priebke as soon as the appropriate documentation is received from Italy.

He also agreed, according to Steinberg, to set up a centre that will not only look at the files on Nazis who found refuge in Argentina, but use the files to track down other Nazis who may be alive in Argentina.

The government's files on Nazis were closed to the public until Menem opened them for the first time in 1992.

Even with the files opened, however, "there was no active effort to seek out those who were alive in Argentina and seek to bring them to justice," Steinberg said.

The new agency will reportedly become part of either the foreign or interior ministries.

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

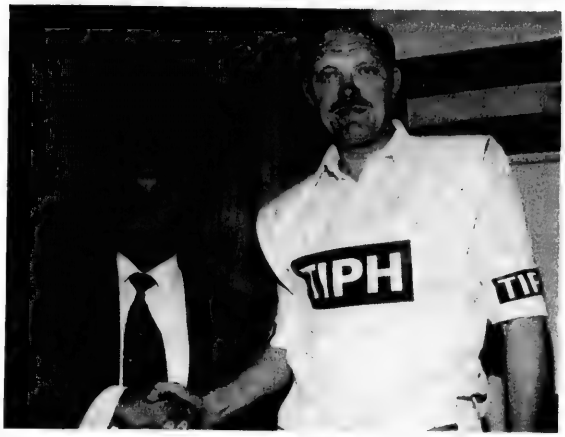
SCHARTUP

A letter from Ann Houpt, of Toronto, enquiring about the surname Schartup launched me onto a frenzied research expedition which led nowhere.

I ruled out the usual sources — toponymic (place name), occupational and descriptive and the Slavic word for devil, Czart, with which no one would choose to identify.

I zeroed in on acronymic names, but the closest I could find was Sharlat — *Sh*alom *R*av, *L'*ohavay *T*rahtecha — "a great peace to those who love Thy law" (Psalms 119-165).

I even considered it might be an emasculated version of Schwartzkopf, the name of the American general of Gulf War fame, which literally means "black head," but I rejected that as involving too much surgery. As a last resort, I considered the possibility it came from the Jewish word Scheuer Topf — scouring pot — but that's taking pot luck.



One of the members of the observer team meets with the mayor of Hebron on the first day of patrol. [IPPA photo]

Hebron observer force says IDF interfering

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — The international observer force in Hebron has complained that the Israel Defence Force (IDF) is keeping its 120 members under virtual curfew, despite its mandate to patrol the city.

A delegation which went to the IDF's military headquarters in Hebron on May 18 reported that the army was "very reluctant" to let them move about in Hebron during the curfew imposed after the killing of two settlers near Beit Haggai, south of Hebron.

"We got nothing from that meeting," said Bjarno Sorensen, spokesman for the Temporary International Presence in Hebron (TIPH). "They closed the total city because of the killing of two Israelis, but that was outside Hebron. Why should that incident prevent us from moving around?"

The IDF said in response that the "TIPH is free to move in and out of the city."

The army said a pre-notification of the impending curfew was faxed to TIPH headquarters, "as is required from us according to TIPH's mandate." TIPH confirmed receipt of the fax, but protested the scope of the curfew.

In Copenhagen, Danish Foreign Minister Niels Helveg Petersen said Denmark, a participant in the force, was considering lodging an official protest as well.

Italy's PM defends decision to put neo-fascists in cabinet

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

ROME — Italy's new prime minister, Silvio Berlusconi, recently defended his decision to include neo-fascists in his cabinet, rejecting international concern expressed over the issue.

Berlusconi charged those criticizing his new cabinet with "bad faith" and said they were spreading a campaign of "disinformation."

Berlusconi's 25-member cabinet was sworn in May 11, as part of Italy's 53rd government since World War II.

Five of its 25 ministers are members of the National Alliance, the far right-wing movement at whose core is the Italian Social Movement, a party that was formed after the war by supporters of defeated fascist dictator Benito Mussolini.

The day after Berlusconi's defence, however, the speaker of the Italian Senate said he could understand European concern over the issue.

Speaker Carlo Scogniamiglio blamed neo-fascist leader Gianfranco Fini for helping fuel the controversy, particularly with his remark last month calling Mussolini "the greatest statesman of the century."

"It was an inopportune remark which had a very negative effect on public opinion," Scogniamiglio told a news conference. "To recall one name can have more of an impact than 100 speeches."

Scogniamiglio, who is a member of Berlusconi's Forza Italia party but holds a position that puts him above party politics, said the National Alliance, though right-wing, was not neo-fascist per se.

But, he added, "nobody can pretend not to know that it derives from the (Italian Social Movement), which in turn has its roots in the fascist experience.

"In Italy, we know the representatives of the National Alliance well, and we know they have nothing to do with fascism. But outside Italy memories of what fascism was remain," he said.

Viewed from outside, he said, "It is understandable that there is deep concern" — particularly since there are extreme right-wing movements in other European countries that do resemble true fascism.

In his first interview as prime minister, Berlusconi — a billionaire tycoon whose wide-ranging business interests include the media, retailing and construction — told state-run RAI television last week that his government was fully committed to democracy.

"All Italians can be absolutely sure that what they have before them is a government that believes in the fundamental principles" of freedom, democracy, respect and tolerance for others, he said.

He said National Alliance members he knew "have nothing to do with a distant past, to put it clearly, with fascism. They are so far from fascism that they can be considered anti-fascists," he said.

National Alliance leader Gianfranco Fini, who for years led the Italian Social Movement, has tried to rid his party of its jackboot image.

"The Berlusconi government marks the end of the first republic and the ideological ostracism of the right," Fini, 42, said. "We have reached an objective. Some people believed that speaking of the right in government was a vain illusion. Tonight, Italians acknowledge that this is not so."

Fascism was "finished in 1945," he repeated the next day, but he has so far failed to repudiate fascist ideology.

European leaders who have expressed concern at the inclusion of neo-fascists in the Italian government included French President Francois Mitterrand and Belgian Foreign Minister Willy Claes.

Mitterrand expressed "regret" over the inclusion of the neo-fascists. And Claes termed them "people who tend to neutralize human memory and who do not seem to have a democratic concept of Europe."

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The News in Brief

CoL Rises Sharply

TEL AVIV — An unexpectedly large increase in the cost-of-living index for April has left Israeli ministers scrambling to find ways to clamp down on spiraling costs in a sector largely responsible for the increase — housing.

The two per cent rise in April's cost-of-living index was described by Jacob Frenkel, governor of the Bank of Israel, as "extremely worrisome."

The announcement spurred Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to summon his housing and finance ministers and their senior aides to an emergency meeting last week.

Soaring increases in home-purchase costs and in monthly rentals accounted for a full 40 per cent of the April rise.

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Israel, U.S. Sign Jet Deal

JERUSALEM — The United States and Israel have signed a deal for the St. Louis, Mo.-based McDonnell Douglas company to produce 21 F-15I Eagle fighter jets for Israel's Air Force.

The decision to purchase the F-15I, a version of the U.S. Air Force's F-15E, was made last January, following a year-long evaluation process that included consideration of the Lockheed F-16ES, a jet tailor-designed for Israel. The Israel Air Force (IAF) finally decided to purchase the all-weather, day/night, long-range F-15I.

The deal is worth about $2 billion (U.S.) and Israel will have the option of buying up to four more jets. The first planes will be delivered by 1997.

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Congress to Monitor PLO's Compliance

WASHINGTON — Members of both houses of the United States Congress have announced they are forming committees to monitor Israeli and PLO compliance with the self-rule accord.

A bipartisan House of Representatives committee established earlier this month — the Peace Accord Monitoring Group — will work to ensure the PLO observes its pledge both to refrain from and condemn terrorism.

The House group is worried Washington's five-year, $500 million grant to the Palestinian autonomy body will flow regardless of PLO compliance.

Under a recent bill, the State Department must report to Congress on PLO compliance with its commitments to Israel.

But some in Congress doubt that the State Department will accurately evaluate the PLO's behavior, and for that reason decided to establish the new group.

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Thumbs Up For Breyer

WASHINGTON — Jewish groups have reacted enthusiastically to President Bill Clinton's nomination of Judge Stephen Breyer to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Organizations said they like Breyer's reputation as a middle-of-the-road jurist and skilled coalition-builder. But they caution that there is little public knowledge of where the judge stands on such issues of importance to the Jewish community as church-state separation, freedom of religion, abortion rights and civil rights.

Jewish officials said they will have to wait for next month's Senate confirmation hearings to learn more about Breyer's philosophy.

If confirmed, Breyer would be the second Jew to serve on the court. (Ruth Bader Ginsburg was confirmed last year).

Two Jewish justices serving simultaneously on the U.S. Supreme Court has not occurred in more than 50 years.

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Police Seize Liquid Cocaine

TEL AVIV — Narcotics detectives here last week seized liquefied cocaine disguised as Colombian coffee liqueur, worth around $700,000, allegedly smuggled from Colombia.

Tel Aviv narcotics detectives at Ben Gurion Airport arrested a 30-year-old suspected courier, who possessed six bottles of what officials thought were Colombian liqueur and a large bottle of Colombian port.

But instead of liqueur, the bottles contained seven kilos and 300 grams of liquefied Colombian cocaine.

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Firm Caught Making PLO Flags

JERUSALEM — A subsidiary of the Jewish Agency for Israel has been manufacturing flags for the PLO, *The Jerusalem Post* reported last week.

The company, located in Nahariya, produces disposable paper products. It recently received an order for car deodorizers in the shape of 28 different flags.

One of the flags was the PLO insignia, but the company director did not recognize it. The person who placed the order, an Israeli entrepreneur, did not stipulate which flags he was ordering.

The company manufactured several hundred PLO flags before a local journalist spotted one.

The firm ordered an immediate halt to the production and a thorough investigation of the matter.

"This is a scandal," said company manager Hanan Ben-Yehuda. "It is not feasible that the Jewish Agency, which more than any other body symbolizes Zionist values and the return of the Jewish people to its homeland, should be the framework for the production of PLO flags."

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Paul Shulman Dies

JERUSALEM — Paul Shulman, the U.S. Navy officer who went on to become the first commander of the Israel Navy, died May 16 at age 72.

Shulman, a New York City native, graduated from naval officers' school in Minneapolis. He went on to become a executive officer of a destroyer in World War II and left the U.S. Navy in 1945.

He immediately joined the effort to smuggle Jewish refugees and arms from Europe as part of the struggle against the British and the Arabs.

In November 1948, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion asked Shulman, then 26, to set up and command Israel's fledgling navy.

In his nine months in the job, Shulman laid the ground for today's navy. He also commanded two important actions at the end of the War of Independence: the blockade of the Gaza Strip and the capture of Ein Gedi, securing Israel's hold of the Dead Sea's southwestern coast.

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Skinheads on the March

ROME — A rally last weekend by hundreds of skinheads — officially permitted by authorities in the northern city of Vicenza — has prompted a chorus of outrage and protest.

Italian Police Chief Vincenzo Parisi, who said he had not been informed in advance of the rally, responded by issuing nationwide orders that no skinhead rallies would be permitted anywhere in Italy in the future.

Attending the rally were between 200 and 300 skinheads and right-wing extremists from a number of Italian cities. They marched through Vicenza giving the Nazi salute, carrying banners, chanting pro-fascist, anti-foreigner slogans and displaying swastikas.

The march and the ensuing protests came amid alarm already raised by the inclusion of five ministers from the neo-fascist National Alliance in the new government of Prime Minister Berlusconi.

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Highest U.N. Post Ever

JERUSALEM — An Israeli health ministry deputy director-general has been elected first vice chairman of the World Health Organization executive — the highest United Nations post ever filled by an Israeli.

Pnina Herzog, the ministry's official in charge of international relations, will serve in the post for three years and fill in for the chairman, Dr. Koumate of Mexico, during his absences.

Herzog was elected at the WHO assembly meetings in Geneva earlier this month.

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Weidman Schneider to Speak

WINNIPEG — Susan Weidman Schneider, founder of *Lilith* Magazine, will be the guest speaker when the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba (JFM) launches its new Women's Endowment Fund on Thursday, June 2 at the Centennial Concert Hall.

Schneider was invited to speak because the idea for the fund was planted in a speech the former Winnipegger gave last summer to the Winnipeg Jewish community's Combined Jewish Appeal executive, according to Leslie Wilder, a member of the Women's Fund committee.

The fund is intended to support and highlight issues important to women, Wilder said.

"There will be no restrictions," she said. "This may fund family and community issues, health matters and educational programs of interest to women."

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Calling Canadian Physicians

TORONTO — The 16th World Congress of the Israel Medical Association (IMA) will be held in Jerusalem Nov. 20-24, 1994. The congress will be preceded by a social program Nov. 17-20.

Organizers look forward to a large Canadian delegation.

The IMA is devoted to promoting cultural and professional ties between physicians in Israel and their colleagues abroad.

For further details, contact Saul Goldstein at (416) 781-9562.

Front Line

Rabin is laying groundwork for Syria agreement

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Is Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin preparing his fellow citizens for a momentous Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights in exchange for a peace treaty with Syria?

It would appear so.

By means of fairly forthright statements and calculated leaks to the media, the Israeli government seems to be laying the psychological groundwork for an eventual agreement that would commit Israel to a phased pullout from the disputed Golan.

The signals have been sharp and clear.

Last month, on the eve of U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher's visit to the Middle East, Rabin declared that he was willing to uproot Jewish settlements in the territories, including the Golan, in return for a genuine peace accord.

As he put it in a meeting with members of the United Kibbutz Movement: "To me, peace is a more important value for the security and future of Israel than this or that group of settlements. Let's once and for all put things in a context that corresponds to the new reality of a great and strong country, not a country on the eve of the (1948) War of Independence, when we had to hold onto every settlement."

At around the same time, Rabin told a Knesset committee that the Israel Defence Forces' conception of withdrawal on the Golan fell short of current "political reality."

And earlier this month, Rabin warned that an impasse in Israel's negotiations with Syria would not be in Israel's interests.

A stalemate, he said, could result in a formidable alliance embracing Syria, Iran and Iraq. "And in five to 10 years time that could lead to war, which will be fought with missiles and perhaps non-conventional weapons as well," he added in a sombre aside

Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni, who's far more dovish than Rabin, has also been dropping broad hints. Speaking on Israel Radio recently, she advised Israelis "to start getting used to the idea that Israel will have to totally withdraw from the Golan."

Stories planted in newspapers and magazines, presumbly by advocates of a withdrawal, have heated up the increasingly acrimonious national debate over the future of the Golan.

Ha'aretz, the Tel Aviv daily, has reported that Israel's Foreign Ministry is drafting a detailed blueprint for peace with Syria, based on a total Israeli evacuation.

As well, *Ha'aretz* claims that Gen. Ehud Barak, the chief of staff, has privately informed American diplomats that any deal with Syria would be based on a full withdrawal.

The report is not far-fetched. Last year, in a briefing for foreign correspondents, Barak's deputy, Gen. Amnon Shahak, intimated that Israel's security could be safeguarded without the Golan.

All this suggests that Israel's Golan policy is changing, or has already changed.

Until quite recently, the consensus in Israel was that the Golan, captured from Syria in the 1967 Six Day War, was absolutely vital to Israel's defence.

In December 1981, the Likud government effectively annexed it. And as late as two years ago, when Rabin was running for election, he ruled out anything more than cosmetic territorial compromises on the Golan.

So what has happened? In all likelihood, Rabin — and certainly the more accommodating foreign minister, Shimon Peres — have reached the conclusion that the peace process cannot proceed without Syria.

By virtue of being Israel's most formidable military foe and a powerful arbiter in Arab politics, Syria commands leverage over Lebanon and Jordan. From experience, Israel has learned that neither Lebanon nor Jordan will sign a peace treaty with Israel without Syria's approval.

The problems between Lebanon and Israel are not insurmountable. As Rabin has said more than once, Israel has no territorial claims on Lebanon. He is prepared to give up Israel's self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon *if* the newly reconstituted Lebanese army disarms Hezbollah, the Iranian-backed Islamic fundamentalist group which has shelled Israeli towns and killed scores of Israeli soldiers since the 1982 Lebanon War.

But, as everyone knows, the Syrian-beholden Lebanese government cannot act unilaterally. Syria — whose army still occupies considerable swaths of Lebanon, in contravention of the 1989 Taif agreement — can veto any Israeli-Lebanese agreement. Syria did so in May 1983, defying Israel and the United States, and can do so again.

Lebanon's timidity was again displayed last February. In response to U.S. pressure, Lebanon promised to calm the situation in the south by reining in Hezbollah operations against Israel. But significantly, Lebanon pointedly said that it would do so only with Syrian "cooperation."

Jordan — which shares the longest border with Israel — is theoretically prepared for a formal rapprochement with the Jewish state. In the past year, Jordan and Israel have signed an agenda for peace and protocols for economic cooperation. Furthermore, King Hussein — who has held a series of secret talks with Israeli leaders going back three decades — has said unambiguously that he would not be averse to a "warm peace" with Israel.

Nevertheless, Jordan has refrained from taking the final plunge. Indeed, after a meeting in Damascus with Syrian President Hafez al-Assad last winter, King Hussein indicated that he would "coordinate" Jordan's policy with Syria.

In plain language, this means that Jordan will not take any further initiatives with Israel unless there is substantial progress on the Syrian front.

Israel and Syria have been discussing the nature of peace since the October 1991 Madrid conference, co-sponsored by the United States and Russia.

In direct talks held in Washington, there has been some progress, but no major breakthroughs as yet.

Syria wants a complete Israeli withdrawal from the Golan, but this demand is unacceptable to Israel unless Syria signs a full-fledged peace treaty.

This frustrating impasse, which holds the key to a settlement between Israel and Syria, has yet to be broken. However, there are signs on the horizon that a solution may be in the offing.

Last year, Syria proferred a formula of "full peace for a full withdrawal." In January, following a meeting with U.S. President Bill Clinton, Assad allowed that he was ready for "normal, peaceful relations" with Israel, and that peace was Syria's strategic objective.

In April, Israel sent formal proposals to Damascus with Warren Christopher. Syria rejected Israel's offer for a withdrawal in stages over five to eight years, in exchange for a Syrian commitment to make peace with Israel. But last week, with Christopher in Damascus yet again, the Syrians hinted that they might indeed accept a phased Israeli withdrawal.

If true, this would add flesh to Christopher's recent observation that negotiations have "reached a new and different substantive level."

Realizing that many Israelis are opposed to an Israeli withdrawal, even for the sake of peace, Rabin and Christopher have urged Assad to come up with confidence-building measures to assure Israelis that Syria is serious about peace.

So far, Assad has offered very little, though he has hinted that Syria's bilateral talks with Israel may be raised to the foreign minister's level.

In the meantime, the Syrians are reportedly asking Israel for a statement that the Golan rightfully belongs to Syria. Israel, in turn, wants secret talks with Syria. It will be recalled that such talks preceded Anwar Sadat's historic visit to Israel in November 1977.

Syria is clearly a tough adversary, and Israel's negotiations with Damascus will be lengthy and difficult. But if the talks do succeed, they will reinforce Israel's May 4 landmark pact with the PLO, and open the door to a comprehensive peace settlement in the Middle East.

We must pursue moderation, not extremism

By RABBI SIMKHA WEINTRAUB

Purim 5754 — Feb. 25, 1994 — is a day few of us will ever forget. It is indelibly etched in the minds and hearts of Israelis, Jews, Palestinians and other Arabs as the day an Israeli Jewish settler massacred Palestinian Muslims as they prayed in Hebron to the one God of us all. He chose his textual inspiration from a rarely taught passage in the Book of Esther which describes how Jews slaughtered thousands of their enemies.

But chapter 9 of the Purim story is not the model for Jewish behavior. Rather, it is the Exodus of Passover which ought to shape our actions and reactions. In that story, we learn that the newly-liberated and empowered Israelites do not resort to violence, revenge or pre-emptive attacks even after being oppressed for 400 years. They instead move toward Sinai, to receive the law that will shape their national identity, their communal quest for justice.

In this law are commandments such as, "Do not oppress the stranger, for you know the feelings of the stranger, having yourselves been strangers in the land of Egypt." (Exodus 23:9); "Do not abhor Egyptians — for you were once strangers in their land . . ." (Deuteronomy 23:8). As a liberated people, Jews were exhorted not to emulate their oppressors but to further freedom, to cherish life, to show empathy, to promote justice and to embody compassion.

And today we must continue along the same path of justice, pursuing moderation not extremism, pluralism rather than provincialism. Where the destructive portion of the Purim story represents the legacy of terror, insecurity and fear, Passover is the result of sacred law and moral principles, the confident reaching for freedom and autonomy.

The Hebron massacre, and other terrorist incidents, occur when people divide the world into "us" and "the other," painting all Arabs or all Jews as the enemy, and finding justification for massacre in fundamentalist, liberal application of the Bible or the Koran. But as reporter Laura Blumenfeld says in a recent *Washington Post* article, "Like studying dinosaurs, studying the Old Testament heroes has great educational value. But to revive them in a literal, fundamental sense would be to create a biblical Jurassic Park."

Even as we relive our experiences of persecution and oppression, we must reaffirm the commonality of all people. The Bible underscores that Jews and Arabs descend from the same patriarch, Abraham, who is buried in Hebron. And according to another ancient Jewish tradition, Abraham purchased the Hebron site precisely because Adam and Eve were also buried there. Abraham sought, in the words of the midrash, to unite all of humanity.

Over the centuries, Jews and Arabs have prayed side by side in Hebron — its name derives from the Hebrew word for "friendship." But too often, the tombs have become the site of enmity, suffering, oppression and even slaughter, dividing not uniting all of humanity.

May we grow to a vision of humankind's oneness, enabling Jews and Arabs to live together in tolerance, peace, equality and mutual respect in their corners of the world,

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Survey casts doubt on Arab readiness for peace

By HILAL KHASHAN

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There is good reason to doubt that Arab public opinion is ready for peace with Israel. Survey research I conducted among 1,000 Muslim Lebanese, Syrians and diaspora Palestinians on the eve of the signing of the September 13, 1993 agreement between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization suggests that the leaders are very far ahead of the masses when it comes to contemplating peace with Israel. This implies that Arab leaders risk delegitimizing themselves, perhaps dangerously so, if they persist with current policies.

To begin with, of the respondents who favored the peace process, not one single person gave a positive justification for peace with Israel. Respondents variously see peace as the only available alternative at the present or as a chance to recover some territory occupied by Israel since the Six Day War or as an opportunity to put a halt to "Israeli aggression."

But the most popular view sees the peace as an interim measure to enable Arabs to reorganize themselves and strike at Israel later. In all, more than 90 per cent of those who support peace say they would cease to support it if Israel were weakened in the future.

These results force us to conclude that Arabs who support the peace negotiations see them leading to a truce, not to a lasting peace.

Also revealing are the alternatives to direct negotiations that Arab respondents offer. Three-quarters of them call for immediate military confrontation against Israel. The remaining one-fourth call for maintaining the present situation of no peace, no war, pending the time when Arabs can attain their objectives. This prompts two comments. When three-quarters of the respondents look forward to war, it hardly augurs well for the cause of true peace. And when Arabs call for military action against Israel, they show themselves to be out of touch with reality. If Arabs could not destroy Israel during the peak of superpower polarity, they are unlikely to do so in a time of U.S. predominance.

From these data, I conclude that Arabs, even those who advocate it are not psychologically ready for peace. Views of Israel's long-term plans after a peace agreement bear out this conclusion.

The respondents worry most that peace will enable Israel to become the Middle East's economic superpower, followed by concerns that it will try to obtain the lion's share of the region's water resources and instigate sectarian conflict. Many Arabs charge Israel with fomenting the Lebanese civil war, compounding the Kurdish question in northern Iraq, and aggravating the rebellion in Southern Sudan. They perceive a grand Zionist scheme to create mini-states replacing Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Egypt.

Such suspicions of Israel should be dying vestiges of the Arab-Israel conflict's early days; that they remain vibrant indicates intellectual stagnation and points to a failure to understand the complexity and dynamism of politics. The respondents, two-thirds of whom are professionals, have fallen victims to uncritical political evaluations.

This study produced sobering results. The respondents show little understanding of the meaning of peace, much less an appreciation of its possible benefits. Quite the contrary, they see peace as surrender and display attitudes that suggest that the conflict with Israel has yet a long life ahead. The survey findings point to strong anti-Israel sentiments remaining in Arab political culture.

The leadership bears considerable responsibility for this state of affairs. Since the early 1920s, it has heavily socialized the populations to suspect Jews and hate Zionists, and then to seek the destruction of the state of Israel. And when Arab leaders finally chose to take part in peace talks with Israel, they did not adequately prepare their people for what might ensue. Their "peace by stealth" consists of one step forward, two steps backward. Leaders once exaggerated the tough stance against Israel; now they underestimate the implications of peace.

Arabs today are in a state of muted rebellion, feeling abandoned by their leaders and bypassed by modernity and political liberalization. Genuine peace is not improbable, but it demands profound resocialization. Americans can help by promoting mutual interaction, cooperation and understanding so that peace eventually stands on its own. Otherwise, the quiet that prevails in the Levant these days could very well be a calm that precedes the storm.

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Sanctions on Iraq

To its credit, the United Nations Security Council has once again extended economic sanctions against Iraq. After careful consideration, it has been determined that Iraq is not in compliance with resolutions passed by the UN in the wake of Iraq's brazen invasion of Kuwait in August 1990. So the 33-month-old trade embargo stands, as it should.

Iraq — ruled by dictator Saddam Hussein, who rained Scud missiles on Israel in the 1991 Gulf War — is entirely aware of what it must do to convince the UN to rescind the embargo.

•Iraq must eliminate *all* its threatening nuclear, chemical and biological weaponry of mass destruction. It is true, as France and Russia point out, that Iraq has taken steps in this direction. But halfway measures are clearly insufficient.

•Iraq must unequivocably abandon its territorial claim to Kuwait, a country it still covets and whose borders it has not recognized. It will be recalled that the events which triggered the Gulf War began with Iraq's incursion into and annexation of Kuwait.

•Iraq must stop promoting terrorism, yet it is loath to do so. Last year, for example, Iraqi agents tried to assassinate George Bush, the former U.S. president, in Kuwait. Last month, two Iraqi diplomats in Lebanon confessed to murdering a high-ranking Iraqi dissident, Sheik Taleb al-Suhail al-Tamimi.

•Iraq must stop repressing its people. Yet Saddam continues his remorseless campaign against the marsh Arabs of southern Iraq, while massing tens of thousands of troops for a possible assault on Kurdish strongholds in northern Iraq.

•Iraq has yet to account for numerous Kuwaitis who disappeared during its occupation of Kuwait.

The Iraqi government complains that the embargo — which exempts the import of food and medicine — is having a detrimental effect on its population. This is not a fairy tale. But embargoes are never pleasant, nor are they meant to be. If Saddam is really sincere about easing the pressure on his long-suffering people, he will comply fully with UN resolutions.

The sanctions should not be lifted until Iraq comes to its senses and complies.

Division by color

A scenario that stretches the bounds of credibility will unfold in Vancouver beginning on June 30 during a conference entitled Writing Thru Race: A Conference for First Nations Writers and Writers of Colour.

The week-long event is being sponsored by the Writers' Union of Canada and funded, in part, by the Canada Council, a federal agency which supports artists, writers and scholars. Although most of the conference will be open to the public, participation in several workshops is limited to writers of non-European descent.

The exclusion of white writers from these sessions has provoked angry commentary — pro and con — in the media and, most recently, a bitter debate at a recent forum held in Toronto by the Writer's Union to discuss the conference. According to a May 14 story by Val Ross, the *Globe and Mail's* publishing reporter, funding for the $15,000 conference from both public and private sources is "up in the air" as sponsors try to withdraw their support or hold up delivery of their cheques.

The Canada Council often supports conference and seminars which deal with ethnic, racial, linguistic and cultural divisions in Canada and elsewhere. However, this is the first time that it has appeared willing to support a conference whose participants are chosen not by academic or literary expertise but specifically by racial origin.

This is one of the most retrograde activities recorded in Canada's social history. The Writing Thru Race conference is wrong on several grounds. First, it invokes the spectre of racism by its exclusionary vision. Second, it encourages a segmented approach to literature and life. Third, it emphasizes the "separateness" of non-white writers by embargoeing other writers. Fourth, it sets a dangerous precedent by invoking race as a collective organizing motif: what is to stop a white supremacist group from soliciting funds from The Canada Council for a closed-door seminar on the special problems of "Canadians of European descent"?

Organizers of the conference defend it by saying that non-whites are confronted with problems whites cannot understand or share. Indeed, as one non-white Union member pointed out at the forum only one non-white has ever sat on the Canada Council board, and of 260 Council staff, only three aren't white. But his conclusion — that "until that changes you will have a need for such conferences" — is wrong.

The Vancouver conference will widen the gap and prevent the very changes he and his colleagues in the Writers' Union desire. It can only reinforce division by color in Canadian society.

The Canada Council should not be promoting such a disconcerting view of Canada, either in its hiring or its funding policies.

Letters to the Editor

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PLAY WAS GENUINE

I strongly object to Ben Rose's review in *The CJN*, "A Shayne Maidel unbelievable" (May 5). He not only claimed that parts of the story were unbelievable, but also that "there is no solid core to the play." Is he serious? The more I read and the more I hear about surviviors, the more I am aware of how incidents during the Holocaust defy the imagination. How people survived, how they narrowly escaped death time and time again, and finally how many people found parts of their broken families after it was over.

Inside this intimate theatre, during the silences, the only sounds were those of people sobbing. Unlike Mr. Rose, the audience had no difficulty perceiving "a clear demarcation between real life and fantasy." How can Mr. Rose say that this play "is an unfortunate vehicle" or that it lacks genuine elements?

The following elements were as clear as the numbers tatooed on my survivor's arms: The guilt of the surviving sister for being alive; the guilt of the American sister who lived comfortably in New York during the war; the anguish of the father who did not rescue his wife and grandchildren from the ovens of Auschwitz; and finally the recurring nightmares and flashbacks reminding us of too many unspeakable horrors.

We all cried and cried, and yet we came away with further insights into the Holocaust, the survivors, and perhaps even ourselves. For this we are very grateful to the director, Mr. Al Waxman, the superb actors, the producer, Janese Kane, and to the writer, Barbara Lebow.

Dr. David Saul
Toronto

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WAISEN AND SPITAL SHULS

Rabbi Gunther Plaut's article (May 5) about the synagogue in Veitshoechheim that was spared during Kristallnacht evokes memories of two synagogues located in Fürth (near Nürnberg) with which I had close associations.

One was my parents' synagogue, called Spital Shul located on the premises of the Jewish Hospital, the other called the Waisen Shul was situated in the building of the Jewish Orphanage.

Due to its close proximity to the Jewish Elementary and High School the Waisen Shul was popular with boys of bar mitzvah age to daven Mincha/Ma'ariv.

The Waisen Shul enjoyed a postwar peak in attendance thanks to a Jewish DP camp near Fürth, and also the presence of Jewish soldiers of the U.S. army in bases close by.

To-day the Waisen Shul is a full functioning house of worship serving the Jewish community.

I would be amiss not to mention the pearl of Bavarian synagogues, namely the synagogue in Ansbach, most probably the oldest synagogue in existence in Germany.

All three synagogues share a common thread, they were situated amidst and adjoining dense built-up areas. The Waisen and Spital Shul were "In-House" synagogues, located in full government accredited institutions; even the Nazis had second thoughts about torching these buildings.

Willie Glaser
Montreal

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STOP THE SLAUGHTER

Let me add my voice to Avrum Rosensweig's call to our Jewish leaders to decry the modern Holocaust going on now in Bosnia and Rwanda. What is the Jewish response to such horror? Do we think that since it does not involve Jews (except for the unfortunate few caught in the crossfire), it is not a "Jewish issue"? Do people think "it is only the goyim killing goyim"? Why can't the Jewish community, precisely because of our Holocaust, take the lead in organizing mass protests by religious leaders of all persuasions?

I understand the reluctance of the countries of the UN to send their own soldiers to die on behalf of other people who seem intent on killing each other. But aren't there other ways to force the combatants to stop? Can we not force an arms embargo on the entire region? If the U.S. feels that an economic embargo can force the rulers of Haiti to capitulate, why can't this be tried in Bosnia?

I admit that I am not a political or military expert. But, as Avrum Rosensweig says, we have to do more than just shake our heads sadly. If the Holocaust survivors and their children can't shame our political leaders into doing something, then it is true that we have learned nothing from our Holocaust. Even those who remember history are doomed to relive it.

Michael Kinrys
Toronto

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SEDER AT DROP-IN CENTRE

I firmly believe that there are times in peoples' lives when by the grace of Almighty G-d they get a brief opportunity to feel the all encompassing warmth of G-d's love and compassion. I am grateful that I had such an opportunity over the Passover Holidays.

I work as a social worker in the Parkdale area of our city. One of my responsibilities is to monitor boarding homes that house people with serious mental health problems. Many of the residents in these homes know that I am an Orthodox Jew. Usually this information is met with indifference. When a resident is ill, then the indifference turns to verbal abuse. Imagine my surprise when I found a number of Jews living in these boarding houses, under such conditions. When they found out that I was a fellow Jew, a special bond developed. After some time it became clear to me that these residents need and want a closer link with the Jewish community, their heritage.

Last year, a few weeks before Chanukah, I and some of my colleagues were able to hastily arrange a Chanukah party for the residents at a drop-in centre in Parkdale. I was told that the party was a success. However, I was disappointed because only about a dozen people showed up. Some of the people were Jewish others came out of curiosity.

As Passover approached I spoke to my colleagues about a seder. After some discussion we decided to give it one more try. I asked the members of my shul (The Village Shul) for financial donations. I was overwhelmed by their generosity and support. Now, I am pleased to state that on March 29 42 people showed up at the same drop-in centre to celebrate Passover. Besides enjoying the five-course meal we were able to provide, Jews who have not participated in a seder in a very long time, read from the Haggadah both in English and Hebrew. I will never forget that pride and joy I felt as I heard people focus long enough to fully participate in the Seder.

I will cherish this Passover for the rest of my life, and I thank G-d that I was given this opportunity to see and feel his compassion and love.

Shoshanna Medovarszky
Toronto

Dry Bones

MY PEN BROKE
I FORGOT MY GLASSES
MY TUMMY HURTS
ENOUGH ALREADY!! SIGN THE PAPERS!
PEACE AT LAST! HE SIGNED!
...BUT I KEPT MY FINGERS CROSSED.
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Opinion

What I learned when I met the Warburgs

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Recently a good friend gave me a copy of Ron Chernow's book, *The Warburgs*. It is a thoroughly researched volume and, even as books of this type go, quite voluminous — over 800 pages. Chernow is a well-known family biographer, having won the National Book Award for his first book, *The House of Morgan*.

Why do I write about this family? Because during an early part of my life I became involved with them, and the experience taught me a fundamental lesson.

Many readers will no longer remember just how prominent the Warburgs were on both sides of the ocean. They were originally German bankers, some of whom moved to the United States. Here they became partners in Kuhn, Loeb and Company, one of Wall Street's most prominent houses. They were active in Jewish life, prominent in the Joint Distribution Committee, influential in the building of Israel — and in a thousand ways made their presence felt.

At some time in 1933, just when the Nazis came to power, my father told me the Warburgs in Berlin were looking for a tutor for their son Oscar, who had recently contracted polio and needed to be taught at home. Dad had spoken to Lola, Oscar's mother, a Warburg married to prominent industrialist Rudolf Hahn. I told Dad I would be happy to take on the tutelage of the boy, but — not having had this kind of employment before — I wondered what I should charge.

Rabbi Plaut

"Well, what do you think?" he asked me. I thought for a moment and then suggested a very modest hourly rate, which would reflect my own experience.

Thereupon Dad made the following prediction: "If you charge too little, the next time you go there the butler will ask you to enter henceforth by the servants' entrance. If you charge the right amount, the butler will say 'The family would like you to join them for lunch.' " Beyond that Dad wouldn't go — he never told me what to charge.

I made the long trip to the beautiful Hahn-Warburg home in the suburbs, met the boy and found him most agreeable and his mother a most gracious lady. (Contrary to the belief that the rich and famous were all fully assimilated, Lola was quite observant.)

Oscar was a 10-year-old lovely boy, and we got along famously, with Lola watching in the wings. When we agreed that I would teach the boy nothing was said about compensation.

At the door, just when I was leaving, Lola asked me what my charge would be. I burst out with some large hourly rate and was in fact shocked that I had been so daring. The lady was not at all upset and simply said that it was fine.

On my next visit the butler met me at the door and said, "Mr. Plaut, the family wondered whether you would like to join them for lunch."

I never forgot the lesson: sell yourself cheap and people will treat you that way; if you value your own work, people are likely to treat you accordingly.

Oscar made good progress and eventually — when the family managed to leave for England — entered his father's business, but unfortunately died at a fairly young age.

When I left for the United States in 1935, the Warburgs gave me a recommendation to their cousins in New York. On my first day in the New World I called on Felix Warburg, the grand old man of the clan, in a magnificent office on Wall Street. He proved to be most accessible. After the interview, I left with a letter of recommendation to Warburg's friends in Cincinnati, where I was going to attend Hebrew Union College. His letter gave me an entree to some of the best people in my new environment.

I lost track of the family after a while. Oscar's mother Lola died not long ago and the Warburgs have faded from the limelight. But their contribution to Jewish life, as well as the larger community, is not forgotten.

Israel revisited, loved and appreciated

By HARRY RASKY

Let's talk about Israel — the new Israel.

Now that I am leaving the electric life of Israel, it is blowing my mind.

It has been 21 years since I was here, just before the 1973 war was about to erupt. Israel was a rude, cocky society. The Yom Kippur war taught this super-weapon world that total destruction was tragically possible. The sacred could become the destroyed in a matter of minute-men missile minutes.

I had been reluctant to return to Israel. My memory of 21 years ago was of an angry, rushed society, too busy building to be polite. We couldn't quite understand the fierceness of the Israelis. We were pained by it. There were no frills. It was truly an age of anxiety. El Al then was a journey of discomfort. The oppressive safety precautions, the body searches, the grilling made you feel like a prisoner of war. The country was shouting at you all the time. Israel was a constant argument and you always seemed to be the loser.

Now the intifadah is a constant on our television screen. Israel from a distance seems a festival for rock throwers. The CBC and CNN told us it was powder keg time in the Middle East and of course, the fanatic revenge bombing by a lone lunatic at the mosque in Hebron made Israel seem like a place to avoid. Why toy with fate? Why visit a nightmare?

Let me tell you, they got it all wrong. We got it all wrong.

I gave some thought to cancelling a long-planned journey to conclude filming for my new CBC epic *Prophecy*. The daily dose of danger in the Israeli streets that I heard about made it seem foolhardy.

Surprise!

When I checked in at El Al's direct Toronto flight, imagine my astonishment when the security force at Pearson Airport was strictly polite and even apologetic. They seemed to be saying, "Excuse me, sir, sorry to intrude, but we must ask you some questions to avoid your being blown up." The long, long but extremely comfortable flight passed with ease. Three back-to-back inflight movies reminded me of my childhood Saturday afternoon triple bills at the Royal George Cinema on St. Clair Avenue. The arrival at Ben Gurion Airport as the plane caught the early dawn light from the Mediterranean was more effortless than any landing I've had in Toronto. There was an intense feeling of normalcy.

Our Israeli guide, a tender, tough woman named Yaffa, insisted we take a detour down the old road to Jerusalem with a required stop at the Prophet Samuel's tomb. It's a deserted mosque, patrolled by young Israeli draftees looking like a high school summer camp team with machine guns instead of tennis rackets. And the Orthodox settlers with their black beards and extended families came to pay their respects to Samuel the Prophet. To be in Jerusalem is to be history's special companion.

I decided to do a quick survey of the Via Dolorosa in the Old City. I had been told by other visitors from Canada that no one goes into the Old City. But the fact is the place was packed with tourists and I found the Arab shopkeepers agreeably anxious to make a deal. Yes, the presence of the 18- and 19-year-old Israeli soldiers, looking somehow too young in their too-large uniforms, added a bizarre note. But there was no discomfort, none.

We had a brief moment of panic when Yaffa, our driver, failed to pick us up at the agreed gate of the city. She showed up an hour late. Had it been an encounter with a terrorist? No, it was a head-on collision with a camel and her sparkling new GM van seemed to have lost the fight. We never saw the camel but Yaffa assured us she got his license number.

The Hyatt Regency Hotel in East Jerusalem near the Hebrew University is like a pyramid on a hill, the service close to perfect. The fact must be known, but it is untold in our daily press ever anxious to cry out "crisis," that Israel is booming. There is a terrific sense of abundance. It is unrecognizable from the Israel of 21 years ago. An Israeli breakfast of fresh fruit and vegetables is a morning dream.

On Good Friday morning, we filmed extensively along the path where Jesus, according to tradition, walked his last mile. The maze of guns and crosses and chants amid the smoke from outdoor cooking turned the whole place into a marvellous market. Even though we were surrounded by an endless parade of Muslims returning from prayers at the Dome of the Rock, we felt oddly at ease. We felt less fuss than after a Blue Jay game in Toronto. But here shish kebab was on sale instead of Shopsy's.

On Easter Sunday morning, we drove through what are called the occupied territories to film David Courchene, a Canadian Indian prophet, who had travelled all this way to conduct a ceremony of oneness to link the four races. As the sun rose, the Dead Sea lay tranquil like a giant pool of metallic blue jelly. Across the way, was Jordan, silent. We did avoid the road to Jericho, now the frontier of independence. We talked to dark workers in a vineyard, who were somewhat afraid of the approaching day when Yasser Arafat moves in to be the new king of the Palestinians.

The journey back to Jerusalem was crowded with cars rushing back after a holiday weekend in the Dead Sea resorts, reminiscent of Highway 400 on a summer Sunday with the return of travellers from Muskoka.

Early the next day, we headed for Haifa, a magic city on a hill that should rival San Francisco for beauty. But boom times have turned it into a polluted place. It is a city absolutely void of any tension. Arab and Jew have figured it out here. A visit with the matriarch from Montreal, Mrs. Maxwell-Rabbani, reminds you of an earlier time. The Bahai Temple is beautiful in the Mediterranean light as the disco music drifts down from Ben Gurion Street.

I happened to be in Haifa for Holocaust Remembrance Day. The sad sirens sound at 11 a.m. All traffic freezes. It is time to remember. But who can forget here in the country populated by the survivors and those who followed. But after the traditional two minutes of bowed heads, the city shouts it is time to be normal. At a service that night, at Yad Vashem it is declared that no name must be forgotten.

Of course, the news tells us that a terrorist has blown himself up in a bus, but life goes on, driven by powerful forces that say we will be normal, we are used to it.

Yes, there are political stabbings, but there are no muggings, no rapes to report and few robberies. At the Weizman Institute, against the background of the Koffler Reactor, the president, Chaim Harari, talks of a time when sea water will be purified. Along the way we pass settlements for Russians, settlements for Ethiopians and fields of flowers.

The Western Wall. Why should a mass of stones make you weep? But it does. It is time for Bar Mitzvah ceremonies with young men from New Jersey and Montreal and Morocco, conquerors at the age of 13, riding on the shoulders of proud fathers reciting in cracked tones the ancient prayers, reading from the Scrolls of the Law as if Moses himself were listening. Who is to say he is not? We left notes in the cracks in the Wall. God had many letters that day. "Dear God, please . . ."

I had a magic meeting with Nathan Sharansky, the man who defied the entire Soviet Union and won. For him, a modern prophet, it is Russia that is unsafe and Israel, the promise to come.

I went down by plane to Eilat, a Miami on the Red Sea. The hotels are more ornate than anything I have seen, matching the shocking colors of the coral life just outside the hotel entrance. Tourists have come from France and Scandinavia on direct flights. Even though Egypt is just a few yards away, there is zero sense of danger.

The debate in Conrad Black's conservative *Jerusalem Post* is about importing foreign workers to replace the stone throwers in Gaza. There is a shortage of workers.

Tel Aviv is a city removed from the danger zone. The highway to the city is jammed with industry.

Finally, we are on the way to the airport; the orange blossoms sweetly scent the air — the promise of a new season.

It's said that every man lives in two cities. One is his own, the other is Jerusalem. I am home.

Harry Rasky is a Toronto documentary filmmaker.

Doing someone's laundry a real act of love

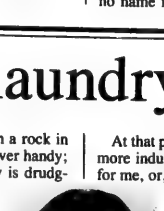
By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

If someone should mention an Act of Love, some people's minds (not yours or mine, for Heaven's sake) may immediately conjure up prurient images. That depends on what you perceive as an Act of Love.

If you think Acts of Love happen only in the dark and between spouses, you're wrong. If you think Acts of Love involve locked doors and dark rooms, you're still wrong . . . at least, about the Act of Love on my mind — doing the laundry.

It may not sound romantic, but love is the only reason (short of cold, hard cash) that any human being would ever do any other human being's laundry. Doing laundry is what used to be called in the South "stoop labor," in that you have to stoop to do it; bend, lift, tote, sort, wash, bend, lift, tote, sort, dry, bend, lift, tote, sort and, worst of all, fold. In the words of *Fiddler on the Roof*, "If that's not love, what is?"

Now, I'm not complaining unduly. After all, I don't have to beat the blue jeans on a rock in the river (actually, we don't have a river handy; would the Atlantic do?), but laundry is drudgery, even with the help of a washer and dryer, and doing drudgery on behalf of another person is an Act of Love.



Erica Meyer Rauzin

I have limited domestic skills, mostly involving food. Laundry is not a big ticket area for me. I dread it. I let it pile up, pushing against the lid of the hamper, overflowing the baskets in the children's closets, until doing it is no longer an option, but a necessity. When our 4-year-old complains that he is out of Ninja underpants and Barney socks, when I have to wash and dry school uniform shirts during breakfast so that my daughters can leave the house, when my husband is forced to wear the T-shirt with his college seal on it under his best white shirt for synagogue, it's time for the laundry hustle.

At that point I have two choices: pay someone more industrious and competent to manage this for me, or, in the words of the 17th-century play . . . stoop to conquer. So, I gather it all up and head for the machines.

I think enviously of a friend of mine who assigned everyone in her household a color: each person's towels, sheets, toothbrush, hairbrush and plastic laundry basket is that person's color. If the green and red laundry baskets appear in the laundry room, the clothes in them get washed, dried, and folded. Then the green and red persons are expected to fetch them and put away their clean clothes. If the blue laundry basket fails to appear, the blue person lives with dirty socks. I think this is an admirable system. It might work in the army, but it wouldn't work at my house.

The baskets might make it to the laundry room (at least, the first time) but they'd never make it back to the bedrooms, at least not if the junior owners were held truly accountable. Why? Because the only thing worse than sorting, washing, drying, toting, and folding is putting away. I can imagine my children living out of their laundry baskets, like someone in hotel room where there's no space to unpack, but I can't imagine them putting clothes away.

Perhaps I do them an injustice: they do set the table, feed the dogs, bring in the newspapers and give desultory attention to the garden, but I believe they think that clean clothes, like dollars, grow on trees. They don't know that loving labor refills their closets with pressed, fresh clothes. I think they believe in the laundry fairy, who comes mysteriously while they are in school, scoops up the dirty clothes and replaces them.

Actually, a laundry fairy would be a lot help. I wonder, if you rub on a lamp to get a genie, what do you rub to get a laundry fairy? What the hey, hand me the Clorox bottle, and we'll give it a try.

Features

Polish mystery exposed

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

To Henry (Henryk) Grynberg, it was the ultimate mystery.

Grynberg, a Holocaust survivor from Poland, had always been puzzled about the circumstances surrounding the deaths of his father and younger brother during the war.

Were they murdered? And if so, by whom?

These questions consumed Grynberg, an actor-turned writer and poet, before and after his emigration from Poland in 1967.

Three years ago, while visiting Paris, he finally got the chance to unravel the conundrum. A young Polish film director, Pawel Lozinski, approached Grynberg and asked whether he'd be interested in participating in a film he was planning.

It would be a documentary about a Polish Jew, like Grynberg, who returns to Poland after a long absence and looks up old family acquaintances. Lozinski chose Grynberg because he was familiar with his writings, which have an avid following in Poland. In fact, Lozinski had made a student film based on one of Grynberg's short stories, and the movie had won first prize in a French film festival.

Initially, Grynberg greeted Lozinski's offer skeptically. But upon further reflection, he changed his mind. Such a film, he reasoned, would enable him to confirm, once and for all, the fate that had befallen his father, Abram, and his brother, Baruch.

In February 1992, Grynberg and Lozinski's crew set out for the village of Radoszyna, 60 kilometres east of Warsaw, where his father had been a dairy contractor.

Lozinski's 47-minute documentary is called *Birthplace*, and is in Polish with English subtitles. It had its Canadian premiere earlier this month at the second annual Toronto Jewish Film Festival.

An award-winning production, *Birthplace* was previously shown at festivals in Poland, Denmark, the United States and France.

It opens as a Polish airliner lands in Warsaw, then fades to a scene in which Grynberg pensively looks out a car window at a desolate winter landscape in rural Poland. The rest of *Birthplace* turns on Grynberg's conversations with wrinkled, bent peasants who knew his parents, including his mother Sophia (Sarah), prior to the war.

These encounters, which are laden with bitter memories of the Holocaust, reveal that Baruch, only 18 months old at the time, was shot by a German policeman in 1942, and that Abram was murdered by two Polish brothers in March 1944, and buried in a pit in the vicinity of Radoszyna.

The most powerful segments in *Birthplace* occur when the phlegmatic Grynberg confronts the deceased killer's younger brother and then, horrifically, finds his father's mummified remains in a grave.

But *Birthplace*, more than just a riveting murder mystery tinged with intimations of the Holocaust, is an insightful examination of the wide range of attitudes displayed by Poles toward Jews.

Grynberg, a resident of McLean, Virgina, a virtual suburb of Washington, D.C., was born in Warsaw in 1936. He was raised in Radoszyna — where the Grynbergs were the only Jews in a staunchly Catholic population of about 100 — and educated in Lodz.

Several years after Nazi Germany's invasion and occupation of Poland, news reached the Grynbergs that their deportation was imminent. "We were supposed to be transported to Treblinka, but we ran away," said Grynberg in an interview in his Toronto hotel room.

With their flight, the Grynbergs became furtive, frightened fugitives, hiding in fields and forests and farmers' barns and backrooms, always paying for their lodging and food. In return for a substantial payment, Sophia left Baruch with peasants.

Having been about six years old when he and his family fled Radoszyna, Grynberg has few recollections about those harrowing years when he was constantly on the move and in hiding.

He can, however, vividly recall the fatigue, the lice and the hunger, to which he adjusted. He also remembers "the resignation and joylessness" of his life. "Sometimes," he admitted, "I was suicidal."

Grynberg is grateful for the help his family received, but he has no illusions. Most farmers who assisted Jews, he said, were not necessarily kind and decent. More often than not, they sought "material gain." Others delivered Jews to the Germans in exchange for money or supplies.

Knowing that theirs was a precarious existence, in which their lives always hung in the balance, Sophia made her way to Warsaw and, somehow, obtained forged documents for herself and Henryk. Abram did not join them in Warsaw, probably because he realized he could not "pass" as a Pole. And for this reason, he perished ignominiously.

After the liberation of Poland by the Soviet army, Sophia placed Grynberg in a succession of Jewish children's homes and sanatoriums to restore his health. There, he regained his Jewish identity, which he had been forced "to forget" during the war. "I realized it was all right to be a Jew."

After their ordeal, the Grynbergs had no interest in remaining in Poland. Not long after the war, Sophia and her new husband applied for, and were granted, exit visas for Venezuela. Before they could leave, Grynberg's stepfather was arrested and packed off to a labor camp.

In 1957, Sophia and her husband finally left, immigrating to Israel. Since Grynberg was completing his studies at Warsaw University, he stayed behind. Three years later, Grynberg's parents settled in the United States. In 1968 Grynberg's stepfather was killed in a liquor store holdup in Los Angeles. Sophia passed away in 1979.

In the wake of the 1967 Six Day War, Grynberg — a member of Ida Kaminska's renowned Yiddish theatre troupe — defected to the United States.

The Polish government had just launched an anti-Zionist campaign, and Grynberg feared that his personal and professional life would be thrown into turmoil if he went back to Poland.

"I would have suffered emotionally as a Jew, and I doubt whether I could have functioned as a Jewish writer."

Today, Grynberg has 20 published books of prose, poetry and essays to his credit. He writes in Polish, but has been translated into English, Hebrew, French, German, Dutch and Italian. His themes revolve around the war, the post-Holocaust syndrome and the nature of Jewish identity.

After settling in the United States, Grynberg juggled his writing with a two-decade career at the United States Information Agency as a Polish language broadcaster and editor.

Grynberg, who has two grown children, considers himself "a Polish writer" who's spiritually Jewish. "It's a little bit complicated, but there's really not much to it."

Last year, he returned to Poland on a second visit to deliver lectures on his work to Warsaw University students.

"Poland is still the country of my culture, and it's important to me," he said. "But I can't imagine living there "

Henry (Henryk) Grynberg in a scene from *Birthplace*, which was screened at the recent Toronto Jewish Film Festival.

The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Steven Spielberg's critically acclaimed film, *Schindler's List*, is not only a box office hit, but a stunning blow to Holocaust deniers.

Neither Spielberg nor the powers-that-be at Universal Studios thought it would be a commercial success. In fact, Universal's chairman, Tom Pollock, even tried to talk Spielberg out of it.

But Spielberg, the most successful director in Hollywood, was determined to bring Thomas Keneally's best-seller to the big screen because, as he explained recently, American high school history texbooks have either ignored the Holocaust or reduced it to a fleeting footnote.

Spielberg cared about the Holocaust because he was raised in a Jewish environment and had lost relatives during the war. For him, it was not just an abstraction. "I've been preparing for this film all my life," he said.

By all accounts, he convinced Pollock to embrace the film because of his tremendous clout in the $5 billion-a-year industry. Spielberg's movies, ranging from *Jaws* to *E.T. The Extra Terrestrial*, are among the top-grossing films of all time, and therefore, Pollock deferred to his judgment.

Schindler's List was made for $23 million, a relatively modest sum these days. To Spielberg's surprise, the film has been hugely profitable, having raked in some $90 million to date. Now Universal predicts that its international gross could exceed $200 million, which would place it on a par with such stratospheric instant classics as *Jurassic Park* (a Spielberg production) and *Mrs. Doubtfire*.

Since its release last December, *Schindler's List*, which won seven Academy Awards and a clutch of other accolades, has been seen by more than 100 million people world-wide.

An immense success

It has done remarkably well in Europe, particularly in Germany. The German foreign minister, Klaus Kinkel, has said it has "hit Germany like a time bomb, but in the positive sense." The film has also drawn large crowds in Japan and South America, and is scheduled to open in Russia in June.

Schindler's List has run into turbulence in the Muslim world. In March, Malaysia announced it would ban the movie on the grounds that it was anti-German "propaganda" and reflected "the privilege and virtues of a certain race only." But following overseas protests, Malaysia relented, saying it would allow *Schindler's List* to be screened. The film, however, will not be shown in Malaysia because the censor there demanded cuts Spielberg roundly rejected.

Schindler's List is banned in Syria, Jordan and other Arab countries. The Damascus newspaper, *Al Ba'ath*, has attacked it as an attempt to divert attention from Israeli "aggression." Jordan's minister of information said he decided to ban it after the Feb. 25 Hebron massacre perpetrated by Baruch Goldstein.

Not unexpectedly, the film has generated interest in the Holocaust. A new edition of Keneally's book currently tops the charts, while an audio version, read by one of the movie's actors, Ben Kingsley, occupies an exalted position on the *Publishers Weekly* audio list. And there are spinoffs. In April, the cable TV Family Channel began showing *Holocaust*, the 1978 miniseries which won eight Emmys and first exposed a mass audience to the Nazi genocide.

In addition, the state of California has introduced a Holocaust education program which integrates *Schindler's List* into the curriculum. Twenty five other states have expressed an interest in what is being called the Schindler's List Project.

Spielberg himself, in recent weeks, has given a series of talks to high school students across the United States. His topic — religious and racial hatred.

Schindler's List has caught Holocaust deniers off-guard, but they have launched a countercharge. In this country, for example, the racist Canadian Liberty Net's telephone message describes the film as "a masterpiece of propaganda."

A handful of ignorant, gullible souls may buy this line. But most people will rightly reject it as neo-Nazi ranting.

For Holocaust deniers, *Schindler's List* is an unmitigated disaster. Spielberg has struck a blow for truth.

Curiosa and trivia

By CARL ALPERT

There is still no end to the curiosa and unusual but distinctive trivia which make life here so interesting. For example:

Fat is Not Beautiful. A new criterion for promotion has been introduced in the Israel armed forces. The regulation stipulates that officers who are found to be overweight will not be advanced in rank. Weighing-in will take place annually, and those found to be carrying surplus fat may even be subject to fines.

Treated with Kid Gloves. There is a law on Israel's books making it a criminal offence to offer financial or other material inducements to encourage a person to change his faith. Nevertheless, for the past 12 years, the police have refrained from prosecuting all such complaints brought to their attention.

Where They Come From. Since the establishment of Israel in 1948, this country has received 2,034,000 immigrants. Countries of origin, in order of numbers: The former Soviet Union, Romania, Morocco, Poland, Iraq, Iran, the U.S., Turkey and Tunisia.

To Test Equal Rights. An Israeli who considers returning home after a lengthy stay abroad is offered certain rights and incentives to encourage him to come back. Observers are now waiting for a test case where an Israeli Arab, returning to the country, makes application for the rights and benefits of a returnee.

Forbidden to be Himself. A local Tirat Hacarmel artist who went out for a walk one evening was arrested for impertinence to a policeman and for falsely identifying himself as Leonardo da Vinci. The Israeli, an immigrant from Mexico, was cleared when it was revealed that was indeed his name. To avoid further difficulties he has now changed it to Aryeh Golan — but he is still engaged professionally in painting, sculpture, architecture, literature and poetry.

New Source of Income for Kibbutz. City folks are invited to spend a day on the farm and see what the real thing is like. Sample of the attractions: For 12 shekels, milk a cow with your own hands.

A Real Pro. A Canadian tourist was apprehended by the police for stealing property from shops to a value of hundreds of thousands of dollars. While being arraigned at Jaffa police headquarters, he managed to pocket equipment from the desk of the police sergeant. The charge: kleptomania.

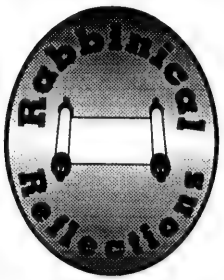
Long Memory. Israel's beer manufacturers sponsor advertising on Israel's radio stations — except on Abie Nathan's Voice of Peace, despite its popularity among young people. The reason, it is said, is that for some years Abie broadcast a jingle 17 times a day, calling on his listeners to drink water — water — water!

Plus ca Change . . . "In Samaria, he charged up a hill, in the face of a volley of stones; he fired into the crowd of men who threw them . . ." From *Innocents Abroad*, by Mark Twain, 1867.

Pithy Politics. Abba Eban, expressing his opinion of the two leaders of the Labor party: "One is unpleasant, the other is unbearable."

Pigs and Proselytes. In combating the law to forbid the raising of pigs in Israel, some members of kibbutz Mizra, whose major industry is processing the porkers, have threatened to convert to Christianity.

Only in Israel. Journalist Tom Friedman of the *New York Times* recounts that the daughter of the Israel poet, Yehuda Amichai, came wailing to her father: "Daddy! My ball fell into Herod's Tomb!"



By RABBI KENNETH KATZ

Sex is a delicate subject for sermons. In many congregations, people may feel it is inappropriate for the rabbi to speak about that topic. And yet the Bible, the Talmud and the great medieval rabbis speak about sex frankly and often.

In a world where public discussion and display of sex is a constant in entertainment, the press, advertising — a few blocks from my shul in Montreal, there is an enormous billboard with a jeans ad that would have been considered pornographic not many years ago — it seems to me it is a rabbi's responsibility to speak occasionally about sex in the Jewish tradition. Better to hear about it in shul than on street corners.

And so the Rabbinical Assembly of Conservative Judaism has established a commission on human sexuality to produce what it calls a Jewish pastoral letter on human sexuality. A draft was presented at the Rabbinical Assembly convention in April, and I would like to share a few highlights with you.

The letter discusses four topics: the general values which pervade the Jewish tradition that bear upon sexual relations; Jewish norms for marital heterosexual sex; heterosexual sex outside the bonds of marriage (pre- and post-marital); and homosexuality. Readers can obtain more information on this letter from their Conservative rabbi.

Also recommended is the recent book, *Does God Belong in the Bedroom?*, by Rabbi Michael Gold. In particular, teenagers and their parents may be surprised and pleased that they can receive intelligent and sympathetic guidance from Judaism and their rabbi on the difficult topic of sex.

Why a religious view of sex at all? Let me quote the pastoral letter:

"Contemporary Jews all too often think of sex as a distinct area of life, separate from the rest of what we think, feel, and do. Thinking about sex like that, however, dehumanizes and mechanizes sex: sex becomes simply the functioning of a machine with no meaning beyond the immediate pleasures it affords.

"One of the critical lessons of the Jewish vision of life is that sex is not a physical activity exclusively. God created each one of us as an integrated whole, with no part of us capable of living apart from any other part of us. The body, the mind, the emotions, the will and the spirit are all involved, at least to some degree, in everything we do in life, and they affect each other continuously and pervasively.

"This integrated view of the human being has an immediate implication for our sexual activities — namely, that our sexual acts ought to reflect our values. Our sexual relations should be shaped by who we are as people; they should express our whole selves, who we are and who we want to be. Sex should not be seen as a series of isolated acts with no effect on the rest of our lives; it should rather be seen in the broader, more accurate way in which Judaism depicts it — as one important part of our human existence which is tied to all the other parts and which therefore affects, and is affected by, the totality of our lives.

"This means that some of the norms which we generally apply to other parts of our lives are at least as important in our sexual relationships. This should not be surprising. Sex, after all, is one of the ways through which we relate to one another. Emotionally and physically, it is a particularly intense way, of course, but that only means that the expectations we have of each other in other contexts are all the more important in sex. Consequently, much of what we learn in other forms of relationship applies to sex as well."

Some of the Jewish values mentioned in the letter are modesty, respect for others, honesty, love and fidelity, health and safety, all of which taken together can make sex part of human relationships which bring one closer to God.

"Sex, in other words, can be a vehicle for celebration, for wholeness, and for holiness."

In its discussion of marital sex, the letter emphasizes the traditional Jewish values of companionship, the Jewish home, raising and educating Jewish children, and notes that the Jewish birth rate in North America is leading to a decline in the Jewish population.

The letter reaffirms the importance of the laws of family purity, and speaks in detail about contraceptive methods, abortion and infertility. At the same time, it speaks sympathetically of the reality of divorce and single parenthood.

In a controversial section, the letter discusses at length premarital and postmarital sexual relations. Jewish tradition condemns extramarital sex (sex with someone other than one's married spouse). It also condemns casual and promiscuous sexual encounters since they involve little or no love or commitment.

But the letter nevertheless realizes, as was well known in the Biblical, Talmudic and Medieval tradition, that there are valid and compelling situations where people may engage in longstanding but informally arranged emotional relationships that if close and lasting, may validly include a sexual component. However, the letter goes on to emphasize that here, too, as in marital relations, the same Jewish values must be affirmed as inside a marriage, even if not as well.

The statements on homosexuality reflect an ongoing debate, still unresolved, between the traditional condemnation of homosexual relations and the demands of our changing understanding of homosexuality.

In this column I have only touched on the topics raised in the letter. Whatever you may think about the details, I share the hope of the Rabbinical Assembly that, by raising the topic of sexuality in a Jewish context, the pastoral letter will be another way to demonstrate the continuing relevance of our tradition.

For more details, see your rabbi.

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Hearings for Haitians urged

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — Jewish groups in the United States are pressing the Clinton Administration to proceed speedily with its plan to grant asylum hearings to Haitian refugees.

Sixteen national and local Jewish organizations issued a joint statement recently calling the administration's recent decision not to repatriate immediately refugees picked up by the U.S. Coast Guard an "encouraging move."

But Jewish activists say they will be watching closely to ensure that refugees receive due process, including legal representation and fair hearings to determine their status.

Sponsors of the May 10 statement include the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Council of Jewish Federations and B'nai B'rith.

Refugees from Haiti have been fleeing to the Florida coast on makeshift sailboats, rafts and dinghies since a military junta overthrew Haiti's first democratically elected president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, in September 1991.

Of the nearly 45,000 who have been interdicted by American officials since then, fewer than 3,000 received asylum hearings, and only approximately 600 were granted asylum.

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Okanagan Jewish community praised as Negev Dinner held

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

KELOWNA, B.C. — The first Negev Dinner ever organized by a small community was held here May 10.

The Okanagan Jewish Community (OJC) is "an outstanding example of what can be accomplished when people share a common goal, vision or purpose," said Cliff Serwa, MLA for Okanagan West.

Serwa and his wife Lois were the honorees at the dinner, the proceeds of which will establish an Okanagan grove in the Jewish National Fund's British Columbia forest in Israel.

More than 300 people filled the dining room of the Capri Hotel for the occasion. About 20 Vancouverites joined the historic Kelowna event.

Mel Kotler, a past president of OJC and a member of the Jewish National Fund (JNF) Pacific region board of directors, said the dinner "is a great mitzvah. There are no two finer people in the Okanagan that we can think of to honor with this dinner. Cliff and Lois are wonderful humanitarians, community minded citizens and good friends to all who know them."

Serwa said he remembers the first time he was invited to attend an OJC function — "perhaps two handfuls of people in a small hotel. They were individuals who were dedicated and committed, but perhaps hesitant about becoming too visible. Yet, as time passed, these same people became stronger and I knew they were on their way when they filled the Kelowna Theatre (300 plus) with members from the larger community to watch the Shalom Dancers perform."

The OJC became active fundraisers and the members soon achieved their first dream — a Jewish community centre, Serwa continued. "They are still fundraising for projects directed to special interests such as the Okanagan forest in Israel, and as well have made financial contributions to local organizations and societies."

Canada, said the MLA, is a multicultural country "and it is my conviction that the best way to eliminate racial and religious prejudices is for minority groups to become part of the larger community. Hence understanding and familiarity are developed." He said members of the OJC have made "a dedicated effort to present themselves in a positive way — I am proud to be considered a friend."

Keynote speaker, Israel's ambassador to Canada, Itzhak Shelef, added his praise of the Okanagan community. "This evening," he said, "is a testament to the resolve, willpower, effort and sheer determination of the Jewish community in the Okanagan."

Potential for achievement

The potential for achievement, said the ambassador, is not relative to size. Rather, the potential for achievement is relative to will.

Shelef said the sanctity of the democratic process and of democratic values is something that Israel shares with Canada. He said Israel's dedication to upholding democratic ideals "is quite remarkable" given that it is the only democracy on earth which has never experienced a day of formal peace since its birth.

The ambassador said Israel must defend its democracy and at the same time defend the civil liberties against those who would bring it down. It is a tense situation "with which we will be forced to live until the day we have true and lasting peace in the region with all our neighbors."

He noted that Israel and the PLO signed an agreement finalizing arrangements for the transfer of authority of Jericho and Gaza but "this is not the end of the process — only the beginning."

He said much remains to be done in the Middle East and in specific countries, bilaterally and multilaterally. Canada, he added, and the rest of the world's democracies "have an important role to play in helping us achieve the true and lasting peace."

Ambassador Shelef joined in paying tribute to the honorees, Cliff and Lois Serwa, "a couple well-known for being activists, philanthropists, idealists, realists, altruistic, pragmatists and leaders in their community."

Former Social Credit cabinet member Grace McCarthy and Okanagan and Victoria radio station owner Mel Cooper were among the special dinner guests. Present also was Gideon Shavit, JNF emissary from Israel to British Columbia; Norman Gold, JNF Pacific region president; Anita Nadler, OJC president; Bob Levin, OJC past president; and Dr. Alvin Lander, JNF Pacific region director.

A feature of the evening was a silent auction, with items donated by Kelowna merchants and business people and items from Israel.

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In further news from Kelowna, the OJC recently held a Shabbat dinner honoring the conversion of Larry Teal to Judaism. The dinner was held at the Jewish Community Centre. According to the OJC, Teal and his family "have become completely integrated into the Okanagan Community and have proven to be most dedicated, committed and productive participants in the ongoing development of the OJC." Mel Kotler, speaking on behalf of the community, extended a mazel tov to the Teal family. A kiddush followed the service.

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Mormons said to be 'baptizing' Shoah victims

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

JERUSALEM — Esther Ramon, president of the Israel Genealogy Society, was startled recently to learn that her grandfather, a religious Jew who had been slaughtered in the Holocaust, has been posthumously baptized by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS), otherwise known as the Mormons.

Ramon made the discovery during the international conference on Jewish genealogy, held in Jerusalem in early May; she had been consulting the Mormons' International Genealogical Index (IGI), a vast computerized repository of names of some two billion deceased persons. Compiled for the purpose of assisting family tree research, the IGI shows the full name of each individual, and provides information on birth, marriage and death dates; other family members; and whether the Mormon Temple baptismal ritual has been performed.

Immediately after seeing her grandfather's name, Ramon spoke with Gary Mokotoff, president of the Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies. "She was very upset. She wanted to know, 'How can I get him unbaptized?' " Mokotoff recalls.

"She couldn't understand how anyone can take a man who was a religious Jew all his life, and who was murdered for being a Jew, and baptize him. To my knowledge, once somebody's been baptized, there's no way to get the church to unbaptize him."

It has been almost a year since Mokotoff first became aware that some Mormons in the Salt Lake City region were extracting names from the Gedenkbuch, a listing of 128,000 German Jews murdered in the Holocaust, and performing a religious ordinance in their local temples to baptize and endow them according to the Mormon religion.

In a letter of complaint to J. Richard Clarke, a church elder, Mokotoff explained that the practice "shows incredible insensitivity to the anguish of living relatives of these martyrs, some of whom saw their loved ones murdered ... Baptism is a Christian ceremony that ... reminds us of the centuries of persecution against Jews where our ancestors were given a choice: be baptized or suffer death."

Mokotoff closed his letter with a dire prediction: "At present, this practice is known to only a few Jewish-American genealogists who noticed the entries in the International Genealogical Index. Once the Jewish world community is aware of the practice, it will seriously strain relations between Mormons and Jews."

Although the LDS Church does not officially support the practice, it claims it cannot prevent zealous church adherents from performing the ritual on deceased Jews. "Please be aware that, given the nature of computer databases and the number of temples and family history centres operational throughout the world, we cannot guarantee that no work will be done," Clarke replied in a letter to Mokotoff.

The exchange was reprinted in full in the Spring 1994 issue of *Avotaynu*, the International Review of Jewish Genealogy, of which Mokotoff is publisher. Publication of the letters has seemingly generated an Associated Press wire story and a flurry of electronic comments on the Internet computer network.

The AP news story explains that LDS church members would like to baptize everyone, not just deceased Jews. "It is a labor of love," church spokesman Thomas Daniels is quoted as saying. "We are doing for them what they can't do for themselves." The article notes that multiple baptisms by proxy have been performed on Judy Garland, Charlie Chaplin, Jack Benny, W.C. Fields, Humphrey Bogart, Lucille Ball, Fred Astaire, Boris Karloff, Marilyn Monroe and Walt Disney.

At the recent conference on Jewish genealogy in Jerusalem, Yitzhak Navon, former president of the state of Israel, commented on the issue while delivering opening remarks. "I congratulate you for writing to them," he told Mokotoff. "I think Jewish genealogists in all countries should protest. The Mormons are good friends of Israel but we don't ask them to baptize us. If any of us want to be baptized, we'll find our own way."

The Mormons have a fundamental belief in genealogy and family values, and require church adherents to trace their families at least four generations back. To facilitate this research, the Mormons have built a genealogical library in Salt Lake City that is regarded as one of the finest such facilities anywhere. They have also established thousands of library branches across North America, including more than 100 across Canada, for public use.

Many Jewish family tree researchers have used materials collected by the Mormons to add generations to their own family trees. Mokotoff himself has used 19th-century Polish civil registration and other documents microfilmed by the Mormons to help him discover the names of some 300 members of his extended family who were murdered in the Holocaust.

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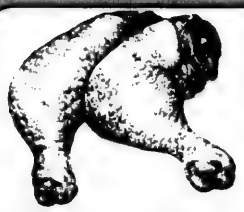

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Beth David celebrates liberation of Jerusalem

By JACK KOHANE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The liberation of Jerusalem by the Israeli armed forces in the waning hours of the Six Day War in June 1967 was greeted with joy by Jews around the world.

In the intervening 27 years since the stunning victory of Israel over its enemies and the reunification of the City of Peace, Yom Yerushalayim has been commemorated with reverence and unabashed rejoicing.

This year Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue hosted a festival for Yom Yerushalayim May 9, with a cavalcade of guest speakers and musical performers.

Dror Zeigerman, consul general of Israel, led off the proceedings with an impassioned speech.

"I am from Jerusalem. I met my wife there and we are raising our children there. It remains the quintessential heart of the Jewish people and a unique place among all cities," he said.

Zeigerman went on to describe the city's wondrous character. "Here, all the great religions live side by side and worship, each to its own, in freedom and in friendship. It has survived the ravages of time and the ransacking of the Caesars, crusaders and other transient conquerors."

The consul general told his audience of over 500 that Jerusalem is nonnegotiable and that his government is committed to keeping Jerusalem as the eternal capital of Israel and the spiritual centre of Judaism. Rabbi Philip Scheim of the Beth David said he still trembles when he thinks how fortunate the Jewish people are to be able to pray at the Western Wall. "It is extraordinary times we now live in, and we must remember that it is a great privilege to be Jewish."

The evening's entertainment included a stirring performance by renowned Israeli singer Shelly Ovdat. She sang a medley of folksongs from her two recently recorded albums, *Favorite Israeli Songs* and *Favorite Songs of Yerushalayim.*

"It is your city, it is mine, it is ours forever," she said of Jerusalem. "It is the very soul of Israel and the Jewish people."

Ovdat is the featured artist at the May 29 Negev Dinner in Hamilton.

Also performing that evening was the phenomenal Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am children's choir. The powerful voices of this six-member choir thrilled the audience with a toe-tapping rendition of *Shalom Aleichem.* Their finale, *Tefila,* was a child's wish to God to protect all children, and Jerusalem too. This last piece brought a thundering ovation from the audience, leaving hardly a dry eye in the house.

"It has been an outstanding success," said Beth David Cantor Yehuda Rottiner, coordinator of the event.

The words of Elie Wiesel were cited in summing up Yom Yerushalayim: "One does not go to Jerusalem; rather, one returns to Jerusalem."

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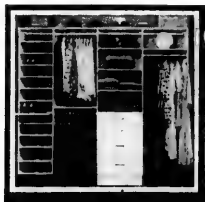
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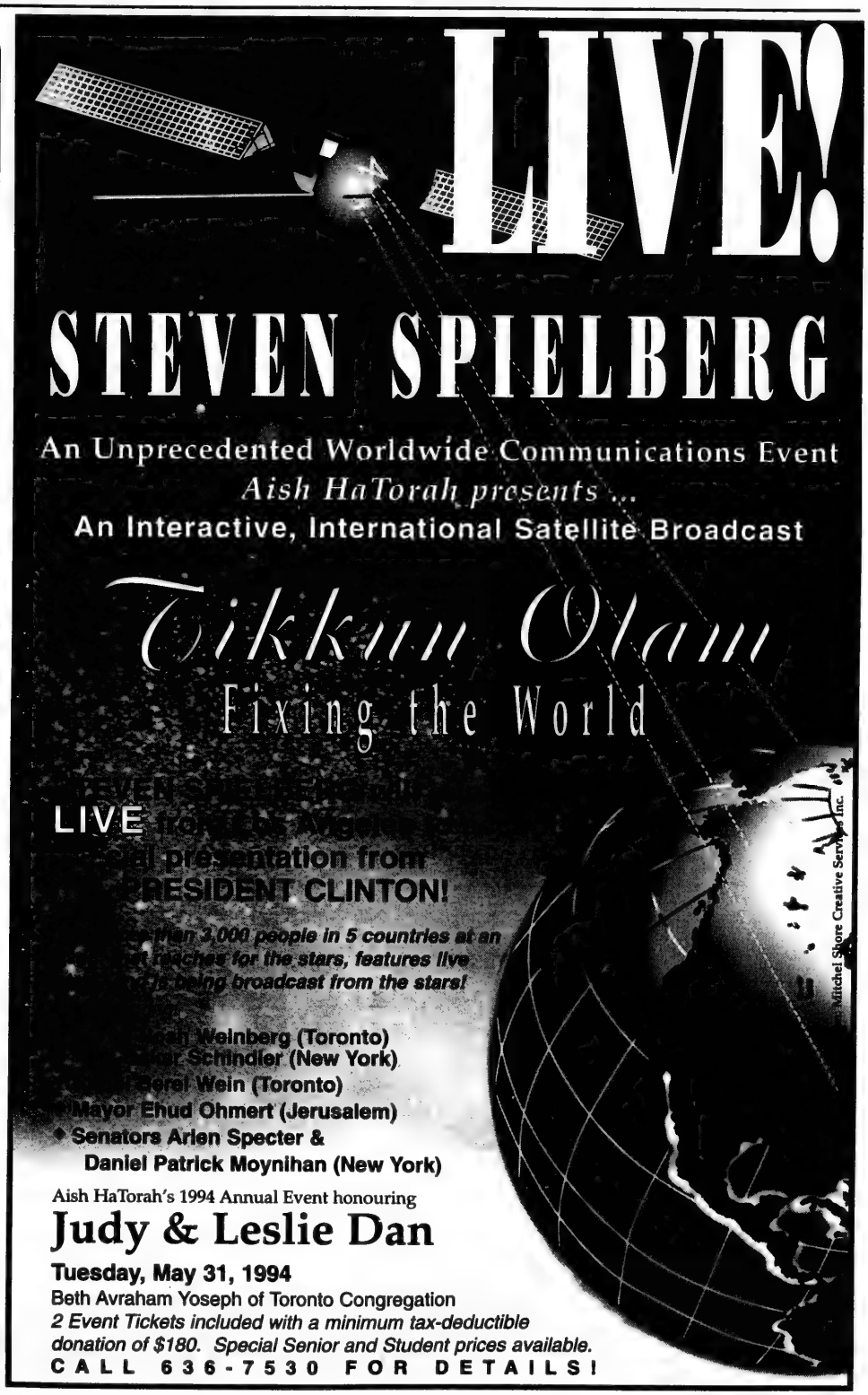
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Meningitis claims Vaughan teenager

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Gail Watkin isn't surprised by the thousands who have come forward to mourn her daughter Orly, who died May 9 at age 15.

"Orly did more in her 15½ years than most people do in 60, and affected more people too," she says.

Orly Watkin died of meningococcal meningitis, a bacteria carried in the throats of two to 30 per cent of the population. The flu-like symptoms include fever, vomiting, headache, stiff neck and drowsiness. Orly's was an isolated case.

Gail Watkin, 44, is sitting on her daughter's unmade bed. She looks around at the laundry piled on the floor, the giant stuffed animals propped against the wall and the cassette tapes of Bette Midler and Madonna strewn across the dresser. Only the sheet covering the mirrored headboard stands out amidst the typical teen detritus.

"Actually this is pretty neat for Orly," Gail says. "Usually you couldn't see the floor."

Gail, the managing director of the Open Window Bakery and Health Bread family businesses, stayed home from work the day of her daughter's death. Orly had won four gold medals in a tap and jazz competition just two nights before but spent the day in bed with fever, nausea and headache. Gail brought her to York Central Hospital for antibiotics.

"I had no idea, no inkling, no thought that it was so serious," her mother says. Her eyes plead for understanding. Two hours after first being seen by the emergency physicians, Orly was dead.

More than 1,000 mourners were at Orly's funeral, many of them fellow students and teachers at Vaughan Secondary School or fellow campers from Northland-B'nai Brith, where Orly (Hebrew for "my light") was to be a counsellor-in-training this summer.

"She made everybody happy," says Pearl Feig, Orly's aunt.

In addition to her dance prowess, the teen wrote poetry and short stories. She was a big fan of the soap opera *Days of Our Lives*. She spoke French and Hebrew, often visiting her father's family in Israel. She told her mother that while she wanted to be a professional dancer, she planned to go to university "for back-up" and train as a teacher or lawyer.

Orly Watkin (left) with mother Gail Watkin.

Sister Tali, 22, says she is touched to know Orly was important to so many people. She holds out a sympathy card sent by a Grade 11 student at Newtonbrook Secondary School. The writer didn't know Orly, but said a mutual friend often spoke of her "in awe."

"In a room full of people, Orly was one everybody went to. Everyone liked her, everyone went to her with their problems. She was a regular teenager, but everyone adored her," Tali says. "I'm glad I know it now."

In addition to her mother and sister, Orly is survived by grandparents Max and Rose Feig, and father Shlomo Watkin.

Employees and friends have set up the Orly Watkin Trust Fund for neurological or meningitis research. Cheques should be sent to the attention of Annie Tang at 1125 Finch Ave., Downsview, Ont., M3J 2E8.

Gail Watkin is planning to publish a booklet of her daughter's stories and poems.

Hamilton JCC seeking Rotman Award recipients

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Former recipients of the Max Rotman Humanitarian Youth Award are being sought by the Hamilton-Wentworth & Area Jewish Community Centre to be part of the 25th anniversary awards presentation at Hamilton city hall, Sunday, June 5 at 7 p.m.

The award, which is sponsored jointly by the JCC and city of Hamilton, is named in memory of Max Rotman, JCC physical education and camp director from 1953 until his untimely death in 1967.

A much loved and greatly respected youth leader, Rotman inspired and guided a whole generation of teenagers to become responsible, concerned citizens and committed members of the Jewish community.

One of those who grew up under Rotman's guidance is lawyer Howard Katz, a former JCC president and Max Rotman awards committee chair, who was honored two years ago for his 20 years of service with the committee and still continues to be involved.

The award, which honors young persons between 14 and 19 for their "cheerful dedication to their fellow man" and "performance of some outstanding humane service," is open to the entire community throughout Hamilton and surrounding area.

"It's a wonderful program where the Jewish and general communities come together to honor teenagers for their volunteer accomplishments," said JCC executive director, Neil Silvert.

Originally, one winner was chosen but several years ago it was decided that all nominees should be declared winners.

Picking one winner from the many outstanding young people nominated "was almost impossible," said former winner and current awards committee chair Pam Bojeski at the time.

Winners receive a medallion from the JCC and a certificate from city hall.

A special certificate this year will go to St. Joseph's Hospital in recognition of its "volunteens of St. Joseph's Hospital" program, which has approximately 100 participants.

Former Max Rotman award winners and nominees can call the JCC at 905-648-0605 for further information.

Ziemba lauds government's achievements

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Is the question simple or simplistic? — Why, if Ontario spends millions of dollars on anti-racism programs and implements more and more initiatives aimed at stamping out racial discrimination, do racism and anti-Semitism seem to be worsening?

Elaine Ziemba, the provincial minister responsible for anti-racist policy, doesn't blink when posed the conundrum.

"It's a very complex question and complex concern," she told *The CJN* in a recent wide-ranging interview at her downtown office. "There are many different elements to the puzzle."

Among them are the major factors contributing to the rise of racism around the world: a global recession that is only now starting to ease, and the wildly shifting politics of the last five years — particularly in Eastern Europe — which have resulted in strong ethnic tensions. Throw in nascent right-wing movements and calls for restricted immigration, and the situation has been ripe for an ugly upswing in hatred.

The era, the mood, the re-emergence of old hostilities — all have combined to heighten racism virtually everywhere. Indeed, in Canada, B'nai Brith's most recent audit of anti-Semitic incidents showed a disturbing 31 per cent rise in anti-Jewish activity over the previous year.

"But," Ziemba is quick to add, "I always wonder that if we hadn't been doing these things, what would have happened?"

Those "things" are several ambitious initiatives Ontario's New Democrats have launched on the anti-racism front since assuming power in 1990.

Elaine Ziemba

The unflappable Ziemba, whose title barely fits on a business card (Minister of Citizenship, with responsibility for Human Rights, Disability Issues, Seniors' Issues and Race Relations) points to her government's "great strides" in combating racism and discrimination.

Accompanying some solid achievements, however, has been the NDP's traditional big government approach, which has resulted in near-glacial progress on several fronts, not to mention more bureaucracy, more regulations, more paperwork.

Ziemba's showpiece, arguably, has been the Stephen Lewis Report, released in June 1992, which made 24 recommendations on ensuring equitable treatment of minorities in Ontario.

The recommendations were contained in three key areas: education, justice and training, and have since formed the cornerstone of the government's broader anti-racism agenda.

To date, every one of Lewis's suggestions has been implemented or is being acted on, Ziemba points out. Some have crossed into several other ministries' jurisdictions.

Programs have encompassed employment equity, anti-racist education and policies on multiculturalism in schools, better access to professions and trades, race relations training for police and generally, increased representation of racial minorities in government, schools and community bodies.

The centre-piece of Lewis's report — and in which Ziemba herself has put a great deal of stock — has been the Cabinet Roundtable on Anti-Racism, composed of six cabinet ministers, Premier Bob Rae's parliamentary assistant and 13 community representatives.

The Jewish community's delegate is Gerda Frieberg, chair of Canadian Jewish Congress's Ontario region.

Announced in December 1992, the roundtable has met three times to hammer out priorities for Ontario's anti-racism agenda and to establish more subcommittees on specific issues, including, Ziemba notes, "the whole area of hate crimes and how we look at them. There has been some progress, at least some recognition that this is a serious component of racism and that we must work toward finding solutions. But there's a lot of work still to be done.

"What we've noticed at the cabinet roundtable is that everybody wants to get on with it and do something. They actually want to come up with solutions.

"The roundtable has taken a particular interest in all areas of anti-Semitism and hate-related activity. They're looking at laws that exist and how we can build on them. I think good stuff is going to come out of that."

Still "under study" by the roundtable is a campaign announced in September 1992 by the Ontario Anti-Racism Secretariat designed specifically to fight anti-Semitism.

The "pro-active" plan called on several ministries to look into the recruitment by white supremacist groups of young people; racially motivated crime; laws allowing group defamation action and other measures aimed at stemming traditional anti-Jewish behavior.

Twenty months later, the roundtable is "expanding" on the recommendations, which are still "in the exploratory stage," Ziemba explains.

The minister takes the slow pace in stride. For one, she dismisses charges that Attorney-General Marion Boyd is ignoring entreaties from the Jewish community to charge pro-Nazi publisher Ernst Zundel with hate crimes.

"It's a perceived lack of progress," she counters. "There has been work done and there has been contact with officials on proceeding [with laying charges]. It's pretty well now up to the attorney-general."

Ziemba adds that Boyd has met with several American attorneys-general to hear how hate crimes, racist propaganda and group defamation are handled stateside.

Also of interest to the Jewish community, especially immigrants, she notes, is the government's access to trades and professions initiative, which aims to remove barriers for minorities and foreign-trained tradespeople and professionals.

With polls showing her party at 14 per cent support, Ziemba hopes the government's work on anti-racism will continue should the NDP be defeated in the next vote, in a time when it's needed most.

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TORONTO — Forest Hill Collegiate is inviting former students, staff and the community to come home.

The homecoming, called for 1 p.m. May 29, will showcase memorabilia and photos from the '40s onwards, followed by the official opening of the school's new three-storey addition at 3:30 p.m.

"This event [is] the ideal time for old classmates and their teachers to get together, perhaps for the first time since graduation," said school principal Alan Scott.

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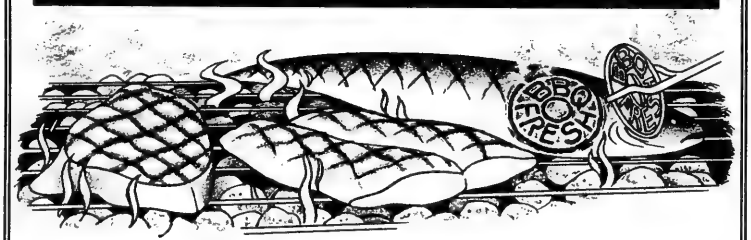

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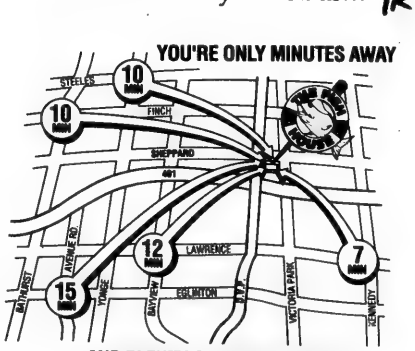

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JIAS forum issues community challenge

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — How to get immigrants to Toronto connected to Jewish services and make them feel more at home Jewishly were key themes explored by over 100 community representatives at a day-long forum earlier this month.

The Leadership Consultation on Toronto Jewish Immigrant Issues, sponsored by Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) of Toronto, effectively challenged the community to integrate Jewish newcomers to the city — before it's too late.

Lay leaders and professionals from synagogues, National Council of Jewish Women, Jewish Vocational Services, the Jewish Women's Federation and Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto joined immigrant leaders for a brainstorming session on how to facilitate links between new arrivals and the local community.

Recent immigrants, especially from the former Soviet Union, often have little or no attachment to Judaism, and are in danger of melting into the general population, the conference was told.

In the past five years, over 6,000 Jews from the former Soviet Union have arrived in Toronto and they continue to come at the rate of 1,500 annually.

More recently, another 100 Jews have come to Toronto from war-torn Sarajevo. They joined the 12,000-strong South African Jewish emigre community and the Israeli population, whose size is said to range from 30,000 to 50,000.

JIAS's involvement with immigrants entails assistance mainly with finances, housing and employment. Once that initial period is over, newcomers are in danger of drifting away from Judaism, conference chair Sandy Atlin told *The CJN*.

While South Africans arrive here speaking the language and with a well-developed support network, Russians come with little or no English and often face culture shock, Atlin noted.

Israelis face another barrier, she added — a prevalent feeling that anyone who leaves Israel, especially a sabra, is hurting the Jewish state.

The overriding concern, however, is keeping Jewish immigrants plugged into the Jewish community, Atlin stressed.

And those newcomers seem to want Jewish content. JIAS's experience has shown that following jobs and language training, immigrants want Jewish programming, JIAS Toronto director Perry Romberg said, a finding he called "surprising," given many immigrants' supposed lack of affinity to Judaism.

Some suggestions to come out of the conference included the establishment of a "friendship network," in which more seasoned emigres could help new arrivals access community services.

Another was to work more closely with and complement the work of the community integration program at Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

The need for synagogues to reach out to newcomers was stressed.

A "dream program," as Atlin called it, would be Jews helping other Jews find jobs.

Employment is "the greatest need" faced by an immigrant, she noted, followed closely by the need to upgrade and retool skills.

Another issue raised was the need by the established community to overcome its "psychological barrier" to Israelis coming here.

Holocaust seminar draws over 300 Hamilton kids

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Hamilton's first ever student seminar on the Holocaust was an unqualified success.

Three hundred Grade 11 to OAC students from five public and five separate high schools attended the morning seminar, which was held in the Burke Science Building at McMaster University.

They listened attentively and with evident interest to guest speaker Inge Auerbacher, author of *I Am a Star, Child of the Holocaust*, as she told of what it was like to be a small Jewish child in Nazi Germany and of the three years she and her parents spent in the Theresienstadt concentration camp.

But they were even more impressed with the stories of survivors they later met face to face in small group sessions. These, as their evaluation sheets showed, were the most valuable of all.

The students were sensitive and clearly aware of the importance of the seminar. "Everybody should hear these survivors because we don't want to repeat history," wrote one; while another observed that the "seminar is needed for this generation . . . [so that] people will not forget or deny that it happened."

"As the survivors pass away, the children and grandchildren will be able to tell about the experiences," and learning about the Holocaust from survivors themselves is "absolutely the most effective Holocaust education," were other comments. One student wrote that "half a day was too short."

Most felt they would have liked to hear more about the survivors' experiences in concentration camps, but appreciated that for many these memories are too painful.

Approximately 75 per cent of those who attended filled out evaluation sheets and all declared the seminar to have been worthwhile.

A long-planned sabbatical leave in Israel unfortunately prevented committee chair, Dr. Nadia Rosa, a Czech-born child survivor of Theresienstadt, who had worked hard to ensure the success of the seminar, from being present; but equally hard working co-chair Beverley Lasky was elated.

Their hard work had paid off and next year, Lasky hopes the seminar will be a full-day event for double the number of students.

The seminar was sponsored by the history department of McMaster University, the Hamilton Public School Board, the Hamilton-Wentworth & Area Roman Catholic Board of Education and the Jewish Federation — Hamilton-Wentworth & Area.

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Study disproves myths about survivors' children

By MARA KOVEN
CJN Correspondent

LONDON — Contrary to conventionally accepted theories, adult children of Holocaust survivors do not differ significantly from other Jewish adults, according to a Montreal psychologist.

Dr. John Sigal, psychologist and McGill University psychiatry professor shared his hypothesis, data and interpretations about children of Holocaust survivors with over 150 people at the Lillian Burden Memorial Lecture held at Congregation Or Shalom.

In a random sample survey of Holocaust survivor families and other Jewish families, completed in Montreal in 1987, Sigal and his colleague Mort Weinfeld began with the hypothesis that when Holocaust survivor parents are physically or psychologically scarred by their experiences, their children are also adversely affected.

Based on anecdotal clinical observation, Sigal and Weinfeld felt that survivors with tormented memories were left with few emotional resources to attend to their children; many pushed their children too hard and had separation and communication problems with their children.

The study included three groups: adult children of Holocaust survivors, those with at least one parent who immigrated to Canada before World War II, and those with two Canadian-born parents.

Not only did the study disprove the initial hypothesis, it suggested that the Holocaust experience often has a positive effect on children of survivors and many have an excellent relationship with their parents.

Survey participants were asked, "Do you think you were affected by your parents' experience in the Holocaust?" Forty-eight per cent felt there had been a negative effect, but 52 per cent said it had affected them positively.

Some respondents felt they "were less complacent about Jewish survival and felt they had a strong Jewish identity," said Sigal.

There seemed to be no difference between the three groups of adult children (age 19-36) in their self-esteem, level of depression, social contacts, occupations, marriage and children, or satisfaction with their achievements.

Looking at parent-child communication. Sigal discovered that 84 per cent of children with both parents surviving the Holocaust spoke to their parents at least once a day, as compared with 65 per cent of children with at least one immigrant parent and 80 per cent of children with Canadian born parents, again showing no significant difference among the three groups.

The only noticeable difference was seen in survivors' children who had sought psychological help; they had lower self-esteem and troubled relationships with their parents, and felt more guilt.

Confirming the findings of the study, one member of the audience, a child of a survivor, commented on her father's openness. "He always shared his experiences with us, no matter how terrible they were," she said.

At the BGU tribute to William Grossman is (from left) Eli Yerushalmi, councillor, embassy of Israel; Gerda Frieberg, Grossman, Susannah Dalfen, president, Ottawa chapter, Canadian Associates of BGU; and Vera Klein and Dr. Leslie Klein, daughter and son-in-law of Willian Grossman.

BGU honors Grossman

OTTAWA — A 3,500-year-old water jug from the Negev desert was presented to William (Bill) Grossman at the Ben-Gurion University Tribute Luncheon held in his honor recently, at the home of Dr. David and Miriam Algom in Ottawa.

In her introduction, chair of the event, Susannah Dalfen, president of the Ottawa chapter of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University (CABGU) said, "Bill Grossman is well-loved in our community. He's done so much for the community and for Jews around the world."

Leo H. Marcus, national executive director of the CABGU who presented Grossman with the Ben-Gurion Negev Award, explained. "We found, in Beersheva, Ethiopian immigrants who wanted to go to university but couldn't afford to. Most of them are married and couldn't go to school and put bread on the table for their families." When Grossman was asked to support the education of these immigrants, he readily agreed.

A scroll of honor, read by Claire Horowitz, executive director, Ontario region, was presented to Grossman "in recognition and appreciation of his dedication to the values of Judaism . . . , his inspirational and exemplary leadership . . . , and his many acts of philanthropy and benevolence in the cause of higher education in Israel."

Grossman, a survivor of the Holocaust, is proud of his contributions to the survival of the Jewish people, supporting some 180 organizations annually. He has been honored by former prime minister Brian Mulroney as a recipient of a Commonwealth 125 award for contributions to "business, community and to Canada."

Keynote speaker Gerda Frieberg, chair, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, herself a Holocaust survivor, praised Grossman and commended Israel for coming to the aid of the Ethiopians.

Her worship Jacquelin Holzman, mayor of Ottawa also addressed the assembly, describing her visit to Ben-Gurion University in June 1993 and praising the Grossman family for their contribution to the quality of life in Ottawa."

Proceeds from the luncheon are being directed towards the William and Laya Grossman Scholarship Fund for Ethiopian Immigrant Students at Ben-Gurion University.

Eli Yerushalmi, councillor at the Israeli Embassy, brought greetings. Tribute committee member Dr. Eve Shulman was recognized as were Grossman's daughter, Vera Klein, and son-in-law, Dr. Leslie Klein.

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Bible contest winners named

TORONTO — Twelve students from Jewish schools in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver emerged as winners in this year's National Bible Contest finals held recently in Toronto at the Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue in Thornhill.

One hundred and forty-seven participants from Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, London, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria participated in this annual event.

The contest is co-sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation, the Toronto Board of Jewish Education, Montreal's Jewish Education Council and the Jewish National Fund.

In the senior division for Grades 9 to 13, Tzvi Goldman of Yeshivat Or Chaim won first place. He will represent Canada at next year's World Contest for Jewish Youth to be held in Jerusalem on Yom Ha'atzmaut 1995.

Second place in the senior division was won by Channa Lockshin of Ulpana Orot. Jill Crackower of Montreal's Bialik High School placed third.

In the intermediate divisions for Grades 7-8, Beth Sapiro of United Synagogue Day Schools placed first. Laura Erdman of the same school placed second. The third spot in this division was filled by Alta Peerless of Montreal's Hebrew Academy.

Yehuda Basser of Eitz Chaim Schools (Patricia Branch) was awarded first place in the junior division for Grades 5-6. In second place was Carolyn Gehr of the Akiva School, Montreal. Jordana Rothstein of the Vancouver Talmud Torah came in third.

Designated as Kallat Yisrael was Tzippi Tapuchi of Eitz Chaim's Spring Farm branch. This title is bestowed upon an Israeli student living in Canada, and who, by Bible Contest rules, cannot represent Canada at the World Competition in Israel.

In the English language division open to students of congregational and supplementary schools, Rudy Bromberg of Toronto's United Congregational Schools edged out Alexander Orwin of Downtown Jewish Community School for first place. In third was Sarah-Jane Morrison.

The contest involves both written and oral components. The four-member panel included Dr. Barry Levy of McGill University; Shawn Zelig Aster, a former Bible Contest winner; and Reuven Yalon, director of educational services for the Board of Jewish Education.

The contest was coordinated by Yael Selinger and Ruth Silverberg of the Board and Shlomo Shimon of the Jewish Education Council of Montreal.

The National Bible Contest winners shown wre among the 147 students from across Canada who participated in the annual competition. From left: Yael Seliger, BJE co-ordinator of interschool events and key contest organizer; front row: Tzvi Goldman, first place winner, senior division; Jill Cracower; Beth Sapiro; Rudy Bromberg; Alexander Orwin; Noa Engleman; Tzippi Tapuchi; Channa Lockshin. Back row: Yehuda Basser; Alta Peerless; Laura Erdman; Carolyn Gehr; Joanna Rothstein; Sarah-Jane Morrison. Several of the students are holding the book prizes they were awarded. [Michael Brothman photo]

Family Matters

by

John Syrtash, B.A. (Hon.), LL.B.

Who will pay for the Thibaudeau decision? *(second of three parts)*

In the May 12 issue I discussed four specific reasons for the recent Federal Court of Appeal ruling that Mrs. Thibaudeau, a single mother receiving child support payments, did not have to pay taxes on them. (Since that article, the Federal Government has announced its intention to appeal). There are, however, some even broader considerations underlying the decision:

1. On its surface the Income Tax Act discriminates against single custodial parents, usually women. Since the Act creates discrimination, family law courts and lawyers should not have to clean up the mess the Income Tax Act creates in each case by having to predict tax consequences for support payments. In short, family law and single parenting is difficult enough without the need for taxes to sort out.

2. Family law is not an exact science and many women are being very unfairly treated when the appropriate tax calculations should be made. According to a report by Judge R. Williams (1989) and accepted by the Court, a survey of 147 judges suggested that **only a minority of lawyers present income tax calculations to the Courts where it would be appropriate to do so.**

3. It's an unfair burden to have women "save" the tax portion of their monthly support payments to be remitted to the Government on April 30 of each year. The Court ruled that "in some cases it is not financially possible to save this money each month without depriving the children."

Surprisingly, the Court refused to rule that the payor spouse (usually men) could no longer deduct the child support payments. This ruling fundamentally challenges a long-established principle that if a taxpayer benefits in making a payment by virtue of a tax deduction, then the recipient usually pays taxes on the payment.

The court also anticipated that Ms. Thibaudeau's ex-husband could now go back to the Courts and ask to lower his current child support payment because his ex-wife no longer needed part of it to pay taxes. If the wife's income is substantially enhanced by her now being able to keep all of her support payment, the husband may have sufficient cause to argue that she no longer needs as much money from him in order to help cover the costs of raising the children in her custody. The husband could then ask a family law lawyer to go to Court for a reduction in the payments he is making, since her effective income or "yield" may have risen dramatically if she no longer needs to pay tax on what she receives.

Some predict that the government will now move to eliminate the ex-husband's ability to deduct the support payment from his taxable income, since there is no longer any corresponding ability by the government to tax the income as it arrives into the ex-wife's hands. The lost revenue may well be replaced by forcing the payor spouse (usually ex-husbands) to forgo their ability to deduct and hence pay a lot more income tax.

If this happens, then ex-husbands will have two reasons to ask the courts to lower the ex-wife's child support payment: (a) the ex-wife now has more net disposable income because she no longer pays income tax on the payment; and (b) the ex-husband's ability to pay may have been dramatically reduced because he will have to pay more in taxes, leaving him with less money to pay child support and his other expenses.

In the June 9 issue I'll examine the chaos these developments could wreak on our already overburdened family law courts and legal aid programs unless the Supreme Court quickly resolves these problems.

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High school wins science award

NORTH YORK — Wm. Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate Institute has received a Roberta Bondar Science and Technology Award from the province of Ontario for educational achievement in science and technology.

The award was presented earlier this month by Ontario Premier Bob Rae; Dave Cooke, Minister of Education and Training; and Dr. Roberta Bondar at the ROM Theatre, Royal Ontario Museum, 100 Queen's Park.

The award and a cheque for $5,000 recognize the school's outstanding programs in science and technology. In 1985, Mackenzie established a system-wide program for talented North York students in Mathematics, Computers and Science. In technology, the school has been a leader in the change from industrial arts to broad-based technology studies, encouraging all students to use technical labs. Student groups such as the Classics Club, for example, have used the technology lab to build a Roman chariot and replicas ot archeological artifacts. Science students build innumerable objects ranging from electric motors, and catapults, to toothpick bridges and complete science fair projects.

The school also has a Creative Inquiry Centre which enables students to do crossover work in several subjects at once using state-of-the-art technologies. For example, in a recent biology independent study project on Glycolysis, students digitized laser disk images; transferred files between different computer platforms; composed original music using a computer sequencer; created original animation; did video genlocks in series to create overlapping effects; added clips from science films; and completed voice-over sound editing.

"This is notable as a recognition of the school's efforts and for the person who bears the award's name," said North York Board of Education director Veronica Lacey. "Dr. Bondar, a true Canadian hero, has motivated many of our students, particularly young women, to pursue their studies and careers in mathematics, science and technology. We are truly honored."

Parents urged to respect children

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The most important thing parents can do for their children is treat them with respect says a Baltimore rabbi and Torah educator.

"If you give a person the confidence to believe in himself, then you've made that person and to make a child believe in himself is a great thing," says Rabbi Yissocher Frand.

Rabbi Frand, a member of the Hanhalla of Yeshiva Ner Yisroel of Baltimore, was the guest lecturer at the recent second annual Sam and Sarah Kerzner Memorial Lecture sponsored by Eitz Chaim Schools. The lecture, entitled And Best of All, I'm Very Humble: A Torah Perspective on Self-Esteem, was endowed by Joseph Kerzner, son of Sam and Sarah.

Rabbi Frand told the capacity crowd at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Synagogue that those who feel good about themselves will have a healthy ego and in turn act humble.

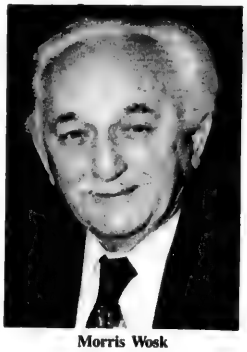
"That is the irony. Those that feel worthless act self-absorbed and always have to have praise. The better one feels about himself, the less they need to be self-absorbed. It is crucial to instil a sense of worth and importance in children or they will have to act like the self-absorbed. People who know their self-worth do not have to make noise."

Rabbi Frand said a humble person does not deny his talents, but rather realizes these abilities are a loan and can sometimes be temporary. "Talents, abilities, position and power are only leases and leases can be up tomorrow. If you bear that in mind, you will still be humble.

"As well as being aware of his talents, however, a person has to realize the responsibilities these talents place on him, and use them to help. A person who feels his responsibilities will be humble. . .One must be able to see other people — that is what being a Jew is all about."

Order of British Columbia awarded to Vancouver Jews

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent



Morris Wosk

Dr. Martin Schechter

VICTORIA — Two members of Vancouver's Jewish community, Morris Wosk and Dr. Martin Schechter, have been named to the Order of British Columbia and will be presented with their awards in a ceremony at Government House in Victoria on June 16.

In all, 12 "outstanding British Columbians" were chosen for the province's highest award, said B.C. Premier Mike Harcourt in making the announcement. "These distinguished men and women have made a tremendous contribution to science, business, the environment, literature and the community," he said.

First awarded in 1990, the Order of British Columbia now includes 80 British Columbians. It is presented annually to individuals who have excelled in any field that benefits people, including community service, sports, the arts, labor, research and the professions.

The premier said recipients are selected by an independent committee headed by the Chief Justice of B.C.

Morris Wosk, a prominent member of the Jewish community, has lived in Vancouver for over 65 years since he came from Odessa as a young man. He is well-known as a philanthropist and contributes generously to a wide variety of causes including many Jewish ones, as well as such organizations as the Mennonite Bible Institute, the Bethany Bible Institute, the Variety Club, the Vancouver Symphony, the Vancouver General Hospital, the Salvation Army and others.

He was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Hebrew University in 1989, and a gold medal by Israel Bonds, the Mount Scopus Award of Hebrew University, the Prime Minister's Medal of the State of Israel and the Torah Umesorah National Award in New York. In April 1993 he was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada.

During his 62 years in business in Vancouver, Wosk has employed thousands of people as owner/manager of a chain of furniture retail stores. In the past 25 years he has been active in real estate investment including building and managing apartment complexes.

His wife, Dena, a talented violinist has won a gold medal from the Royal Academy of Music in England. The Wosks have three sons and a daughter and five grandchildren.

Dr. Martin Schechter, a physician and medical researcher, is professor of epidemiology at the University of British Columbia and is known nationally and internationally for his work on the transmission and natural history of HIV infection.

Schechter has served on numerous committees and panels, including the B.C. and Canada Advisory Committee on AIDS. In 1989 he helped organize the fifth international conference on AIDS, which attracted 12,000 delegates from around the world.

In 1990, Schechter was one of only 10 persons worldwide invited by the World Health Organization Global Program on AIDS to serve on the steering committee on epidemiology, forecasting and surveillance.

Schechter's wife Janice is also a doctor, employed by the province. They are active in the Peretz Institute.

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What's New

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

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Thursday, May 26

MASHIACH EXPOSED

A panel discussion on Mashiach Exposed: The Final Challenge of Current Messianism, with **Rabbi Immanuel Schochet** of the Keilcer Shul, professor of philosophy at Humber College; in forum with **Prof. David Bakan**, professor emeritus of psychology, York University; **Prof. Alex Bligh**, professor of history, York University; **Prof. Rena Zeidman**, chair, Department of Jewish Studies, Queen's University; and **Rabbi Shmuel Spero**, rabbi of Minsker Shul, takes place 8:30 p.m., Associated Hebrew Schools auditorium, 3630 Bathurst St. Question and answer period follows. Donation $5.

BIALIK FUNDRAISER

Bialik Hebrew Day School Parent Teachers Association fundraiser, 7:30 p.m. at Leah Posluns Theatre, features Malton and Hamilton Follies. For information/tickets, 932-9406.

TORAH TOTS OPEN HOUSE

Open House for Torah Tots, a program of art, creative movement, water fun, music and more, offered by Chabad Lubavitch of Markham, is 1-2 p.m., 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill. RSVP to **Goldie Plotkin,** (905) 886-0420.

Sunday, May 29

UJA MARCH FOR ISRAEL

UJA's Community March for Israel, which attracts thousands of participants, takes off 10 a.m. sharp from the Promenade Shopping Centre parking lot (east entrance off Bathurst). Registration is 9-10 a.m. This year's event features a new name and a shorter route along Bathurst St. (5 km) to the Jewish Community Centre. A giant community festival with clowns, live entertainment, petting zoo and a kosher barbecue follows the March. For information, UJA March Hotline, 635-2883, ext. 600.

SPIELBERG HONORED

Charles Bronfman (standing right) extends his hand to his brother Edgar Bronfman (seated centre), president of World Jewish Congress, at a dinner held recently in New York, given by Beth Hatefutsoth, the Nachman Goldmann Museum of the Jewish Diaspora in Tel Aviv. Steven Spielberg (seated left), director of Schindler's List, was honored by the museum "for his contributions to the arts, Jewish memory and continuity." Shown with them are Roni Milo (seated right), mayor of Tel Aviv, who announced his city would soon name a street in honor of Oskar Schindler; Giora Goren (standing left), director of the museum; and Abraham Spiegel (standing centre), president of the American Friends of Beth Hatefutsoth. Mrs. Charles Bronfman is president of Canadian Friends of the museum.

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THE SPIRIT OF YIDDISH SONG

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am continuing education committee and Club Chaverut present The Spirit of Yiddish Song, 7:30 p.m., with Yiddish folksinger **Lenka Lichtenberg**. **Julius Sokoloff** will introduce the program. Everyone welcome. No charge.

ENCHANTING ILLUSION AND SONG

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham Sisterhood invites you to an evening of Enchanting Illusion and Song featuring the Thornhill Jewish Male Choir and **Matt Disero**, master illusionist. Also, the Community Chesed Award will be presented to **Pnina Zilberman**, director, Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre for her dedication and commitment to Holocaust education. 8 p.m., Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Tickets $12.50 at synagogue office, (905) 886-0420 or **Pam**, (905) 771-7097 or **Debbie**, (905) 886-0765.

UJA/EXODUS TEA

Congregation Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave., is holding its annual UJA Tea Party, 2:30 p.m. with entertainment featuring vocalist **Rachel Kast**, refreshments, door prizes. Admission $10. Proceeds to UJA Exodus.For information, 267-0047.

WOMEN AND THE STUDY OF TORAH

The Sisterhood of Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue breakfast meeting, 10 a.m. at the synagogue, features guest speaker **Dr. Shoshana Zolty** who will conduct a seminar on Women and the Study of Torah in Jewish Law and History from a halachic perspective. Breakfast will be served. All are welcome. Members $3, non-members $5. For information, **Sharon** at shul office, 787-1631.

GIANT GARAGE SALE

A giant rummage sale of books, toys, bikes, clothing and household items, is being run by Club Tamar, Na'amat, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 83 Chumleigh Cres., Thornhill. Proceeds to charity.

JEWISH RECOVERY NETWORK

The Jewish Recovery Network, an organization aimed at providing emotional, spiritual and communal support for Jews in a 12-step recovery program, as well as serving as a resource centre and information exchange, meets 4-6 p.m., Earl Bales Senior Centre. For information, (905) 669-0904.

MEZUZAH CAMPAIGN

Beth jacob Congregation of Kitchener-Waterloo invites its community to participate in a Mezuzah Campaign at 10 a.m. **Rabbi Yarmush** will be guest speaker and **Rabbi Shapiro** will be available to inspect mezuzot. The morning concludes with a ceremony renewing Beth Jacob's mezuzot.

BARGAINS GALORE

You'll find bargains galore in new and used toys, books, clothes and much more at Adath Israel Sisterhood's giant garage sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the synagogue. Merchandise donations gratefully accepted. **Fay Estrin**, 636-7353.

GRAND SOCIETY

GRAND (Grandparents Requesting Access and Dignity) Society meets 1 p.m., 16 Spadina Rd. Family law lawyer and author **Michael G. Cochrane** is guest speaker. Question and answer period. $5 non-members.

MUSIC WITH LOLA

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** presents a wide selection of popular and semi-classical music, 1:15-2 p.m., Terrace Gardens, 3705 Bathurst St.

GARAGE SALE

If you're looking for good buys in housewares, books, records, bric-a-brac, giftware and more, be sure to drop in at Chai branch, National Council of Jewish Women of Canada's giant garage sale, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., 7 Kathrose Dr., Willowdale (Sheppard and Don Valley Parkway).

OLDER WOMEN'S NETWORK

At the Older Women's Network (OWN) annual meeting author **Gail Weber**, program coordinator with the Regional Women's Health Centre, Women's College Hospital, will discuss Images of Older Women: Self and Society, followed by Interactive Theatre for Feminists, facilitated by the Forum Theatre, and starring OWN members, 1-4 p.m., Metro Hall, 27th floor, 55 John St. For information, 924-4188.

Monday, May 30

THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Study public lecture series on Judaism and Contemporary Medical Ethics continues with The Rodriguez Case: Determining One's Right to Die with **Rabbi Mordechai Ochs**, rabbi of Torah Emeth, 9-10 p.m., Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St.

The Women's Institute also offers a Torah class with **Chana Weisberg**, Mondays, 7:45-8:45 p.m.; a Naveim class with **Ruchama Alter**, Wednesdays, 7:45-8:45 p.m.; and a Jewish Mysticism class with **Rabbi Immanuel Schochet**, Wednesdays, 9-10 p.m.

Information/registration, (905) 889-6066.

ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD PIANIST

Ori Friedman, an 11-year-old piano prodigy from Thornhill, is featured soloist at the National Chamber Orchestra of Canada concert, 8 p.m., Recital Hall, North York Performing Arts Centre. He will perform Beethoven's *Emperor Concerto* under the direction of **Alexander Weinstangel**. Tickets at box office or Ticket Master 872-2222. For information, (905) 660-3383.

Tuesday, May 31

NUTRITION IN THE '90S

Author Rena Mendelson will speak on Nutrition in the '90s, 8:30 p.m., 4700 Bathurst St. Admission at door $5. All welcome.

KOSHER COOKING SCHOOL

Kosher Cooking School, sponsored by Kashruth Council of Toronto, presents a session on Healthful Living, a lecture and discussion with dietician/nutritionist **Sharon Gotlieb** and a demonstration of low fat, high fibre recipes., 8 p.m. Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. Fee $15. To register, 635-9550.

Wednesday, June 1

WORLD ORT UNION DIRECTOR

World ORT Union director general **Ellen Isler** will address members of Canadian ORT-Ontario region board of director at the residence of **Moshe and Anat Wertheim**. For information, 661-3136.

COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood presents **Joanne Yolles** and **Kevin McKeachie**, chefs of Scaramouche restaurant, in cooking demonstration and tasting 8 p.m. Boutiques 6:30 p.m. Hostess **Marlene White**. Tickets $18, shul office, 633-3838.

MULTIFAITH, ANTI-RACISM

The second Multifaith Anti-Racism Conference takes place 7 p.m., Metro Hall, 55 John St. The theme is Change of Heart. Program includes keynote speaker, discussions, workshops. For information, **Ruth Webster**, 694-1661 or **William** or **Donna Smart**, 441-0452.

MANIC DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

Manic Depressive Association of Metropolitan Toronto information meeting features social worker **Catherine Stewart** speaking on It Never Goes Away: Childhood Abuse and its Long-Term Effects, 7:30 p.m., 40 Orchard View Blvd., Room 224ABC. For information, 486-8046.

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Beth Tzedec Congregation adult education committee welcomes **Rabbi Benjamin Hollander** of Jerusalem, who will deliver two lectures on the theme Ancient Texts-Modern Living — Biblical Roots of Zionism, Part I, Promise and Conflict, Saturday, May 28, 10:30 a.m. from the pulpit (services begin 9 a.m.), and Part II, Promise and Fulfilment, Sunday, May 29, at the Men's Club Breakfast, 9 a.m., lecture 10 (nominal charge for breakfast).

Lectures on the theme Conflict and Resolution in the Book of Genesis — The Blinding of Isaac, Sunday, May 29, 7 p.m.; Jacob and Esau, Monday, May 30, 7 p.m.; Joseph and His Brothers, Tuesday, May 31, 7 p.m.

Public is invited. No charge.

BEREAVED JEWISH FAMILIES

A self-help group for siblings and a group for parents is being offered by Bereaved Jewish Families of Ontario, an organization that provides support following the death of a child. Groups are held once a week for eight weeks. For more information about the groups or the organization, **Maureen Feder**, Jewish Family & Child Service, 638-7800, ext. 202.

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CALL A NEWCOMER

The Telephone Language Companion (TLC) Program of the Community Integration Program is seeking volunteers to phone recently-arrived immigrants from the former Soviet Union. Phoners are asked to make a commitment to telephone an assigned companion twice weekly for six months to help the immigrant develop telephone skills. Call **Selena Kovshoff** at the JCC, 636-1880, ext. 261, for further information or to apply.

KABBALAH CENTRE

The Kabbalah Centre is located at 678 Sheppard Ave. W. Phone 631-9395.

The Power of Kabbalah — a documentary explaining the mysteries behind life, death, good, evil, success and failure, Sundays, 7:30 p.m. Free. Register now.

The New Beginner's Course — learn the basic concepts of Kabbalah through this 13-week course. English starts Tuesday, May 24; Hebrew starts Tuesday, June 7, 8:30 p.m. Register.

Teens Beginner's Course — 13-week course for teens, ages 12-16, teaching the basic concepts of Kabbalah. Begins Thursday, May 26, 5:30 p.m. Register.

Rosh Chodesh Tammuz — Astrological sign of Cancer. Learn how to end the Dis-Ease. Meal and lecture, Wednesday, June 8, 8:30 p.m. $7.

ORPHAN'S HOME REUNION

A combined reunion of residents of the two Jewish orphanages in Montreal, the Montefiore Hebrew Orphans Home and the Montreal Hebrew Orphans Home, will be held in Montreal, Sept. 17 and 18, at the Hotel de Fort.

The orphanages opened around 1920. The reunion will mark 58 years since the closing of the Montefiore Home and 52 years since the closing of the Montreal Home. Former residents from across Canada and the United States are expected to attend. Contact **Myer Gordon**, 14 Alonzo Rd., North York, M2R 1T5, or phone (416) 221-3161.

GIANT GARAGE SALE

Associated Hebrew Schools Parents' Association is holding a giant garage sale Sunday, June 5, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Neptune playground, 3630 Bathurst St.

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SOLEL-MISSISSAUGA

At Solel Congregation the Grade 10 Kallah class will be graduating Saturday, May 28. Services at 10 a.m., followed by luncheon. Bet Sefer students will be participating in the March for Israel, Sunday, May 29. Regular services will be held Friday, May 27, 8:30 p.m. and Saturday morning, May 28. All are welcome. For information, (905) 820-5915.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service groups — Coping With Separation and Divorce (discuss anger, loneliness and looking ahead, begins May 25); Positive Parenting (pre-schoolers, school age, pre-teen and teens, begins in July for four-week series). **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

BACK TO THE PROMISED LAND

On Sunday, June 12, New Leadership Group of the Jerusalem Foundation (Toronto) presents *Back to the Promised Land* at the Film House, 424 Adelaide St. E. Two showings: 6:45 p.m. and 9 p.m. Reception at 8:30 p.m. (dietary laws observed). Tickets $15 in advance, $50 patron tickets with $35 tax receipt. For information, **Renee Wortzman**, executive director, 537-8827.

POWER SHIUR AND POWER LUNCH

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham offers a Power Shiur and Power Lunch with **Rabbi Avrohom Plotkin** every Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., 340 Ferrier St. (Woodbine and Steeles) No charge. For information, (905) 886-0420.

BAYCREST VOLUNTEERS

Hum your way to Baycrest Centre. Volunteers are needed to lead a sing-along. The volunteer should be familiar with Yiddish/Hebrew songs and be available Tuesdays or Wednesdays 1:30-2:30 p.m.

If you would like to initiate and lead a group, volunteer opportunities are waiting for you at Baycrest.

Call 785-2500, ext. 2572 and set up an interview for either of these volunteer opportunities.

SENSATIONAL SOUNDS

Metro presents Sensational Sounds at Metro Square, a series of free concerts featuring every type of music, Wednesdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m., May 25-Aug. 31, in the Metro Square (park outside Metro Hall, 55 John St).

at the JCC

University and college-age volunteers, ages 18-30, are needed in the program department of the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch. References provided and an excellent fun-filled experience in fundraising techniques, developing programs, organizing trade shows and being involved in community outreach special events. Call **Rosanne**, 636-1880, ext. 358.

The babysitting department needs volunteers from Monday to Friday, 9-11:30 a.m. For more information, **Sharon**, 636-1880, ext. 248 or 229.

for seniors

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave., an eight-week session of 60 and Holding Weight Reduction Program begins Wednesday, June 1, 10-11:30 a.m. $30 members, $40 non-members. For information, 785-2500, ext. 2267.

Senior Adult Services, Jewish Community Centre Eastern Canada tour includes Quebec City, Charlottetown, Halifax, the Tattoo, Cabot Trail, Bay of Fundy, Jewish history of St. John, N.B., St. Andrews, Vermont, an evening with the Van Trapp family and more, June 26-July 8. $1,681, twin. **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

South African Jewish Association in Canada (Seniors) presents a talk by **Marion Seften**, one of the leaders of the March of the Living, Sunday, May 29, 2 p.m., Banbury Community Centre, Don Mills. Young members of the group will give their impressions using slides. Refreshments. Everyone welcome. $3.50 per person. For information, 446-1155.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming trips are Peterborough, June 14 and Catskills at the Raleigh Hotel, July 25-31 (a few seats available). Activities include dance with live band, Sunday, May 29, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; bridge games and social ballroom dancing with instructors twice a week; plus bingo, shuffleboard, chess, ping pong, woodwork, fitness, yoga and more. Call 395-7881 and discover a ton of fun!

Join **Young at Heart Seniors** on a trip to the Pines Hotel Aug. 5-14. Same price as last year, $975 except for medical. **Doreen** or **Helen**, 635-6343.

Wagman Centre Self-Help Group for Widows meets Friday, May 27, 9:30-10:45 a.m., Wagman Centre boardroom, 55 Ameer Ave. For information, **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

LZA Seniors Club has a few seats left to see **Mickey Rooney** in *The Mind with the Naughty Man* at Stage West, June 22. Registration is being taken for trip to Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills, July 20-26 (phone **Libby**, 782-2059 or **Belle**, 633-5841). Cultural Discussion Group meets Tuesdays 10 a.m. and Ladies Line Dancing on Tuesdays 1 p.m. at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Funtime Seniors invites you to join the seven-day trip to Cape Cod leaving June 12, plus day trips *Lady Be Good*, Wednesday, June 1, and *Music Man* and cruise July 19. **Sylvia** 730-0503.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is arranging a cruise and shop trip to Buffalo with kosher luncheon at the Jewish Centre July 26; a special trip to Israel in November including a London show tour (reservations being taken); theatre trips to Stratford, *Twelfth Night* Sept. 29 and *Cyrano de Bergerac* Oct. 18. For information on all activities, **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. The Golden Book is a great way to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). For information, 661-4689 or 783-9453.

Beth Tikvah Friendship Group, 55 plus, invites you to an interesting evening Sunday, May 29, 7:30 p.m. when **Rabbi Zigmund Wolkenstein**, executive director, Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library, speaks on Amazing Happenings in Jewish Life. Members $2, non-members $3.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

The ways and means committee presents A Spring Into Summer Fashion Show, Wednesday, June 1, 1:30 p.m. with clothes modelled by members. Spring clothing and jewelry available for purchase. Tickets $3. Everyone welcome.

Art Appreciation lecture on Impressionism with **Edith Altschuler**, Monday, May 30, 1:30 p.m. Members no charge, non-members $1.

The movie, *Places in the Heart* will be screened Sunday, May 29, 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members $1.

The centre is hosting the North York Senior Games duplicate bridge tournament Friday, June 3, noon to 3 p.m. Registration at time of game. Call **Norma**, 225-2112.

The Friendship Circle for people 55 and over and on their own meets every other Thursday, 2:30 p.m. On May 26, the first-run movie, *Age of Innocence* will be screened. $1.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. For information, **Anna**, 225-2112.

BONDS TO HONOR HARRIS

Charles Harnick, MPP, and a delegation from the Construction and Development Division State of Israel Bonds met recently to discuss final arrangements for the upcoming luncheon at the Sheraton Centre May 30. Mike Harris, leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservative party, is guest speaker. Shown above are (from left) Fred Guth, Charles Harnick, Mark Freedman and Jules Kronis.

About People

BB LODGE INSTALLATION

Upper Canada Lodge B'nai Brith held its 48th annual installation of officers recently in the form of a luncheon at Beth Sholom Synagogue. Installing officers were past presidents **Judy Gordon** and **Ben Sand**. Installed were **Larry Winston**, president; **Steve Fishman, Jerry Pearlstein** and **Jerry Klayman**, 1st, 2nd and 3rd vice-presidents respectively; **Ben Sand**, treasurer; **Bernie Dubinsky**, secretary; **Ike Goldstein**, guardian; **Ralph Gerstein**, warden; **Harry Alexandroff**, chaplain and immediate past president; **Sally Dubinsky, Ira Fisher, Joe Lester, Steve Lubek, Monty Mazin, Lil Melamed, Ruth Sand** and **David Young**, trustees.

LOCAL POET PUBLISHED

Ibolya Grossman came to Canada as a widow and refugee with her young son during the Hungarian revolution in 1956. After her retirement, she joined a senior club where she enrolled in a creative writing course. Her memoirs, *An Ordinary Woman in Extraordinary Times*, were published by the Multicultural History Society of Ontario in 1990. The following year she received the Joseph Tanenbaum prize awarded by the book committee of Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Last summer she saw an ad about a poetry contest in *The Canadian Jewish News* and submitted her poem *Hunger* for which she received the Editor's Choice Award. The poem, about hunger in the Budapest ghetto, especially focusing on her 2-year-old son who almost starved to death, was recently publish in *Tears of Fire*, an anthology compiled by the National Library of Poetry.

LAG B'OMER CELEBRATION

Pictured with other participants at the Jewish Russian Community Centre's Lag b'Omer celebration held in Earl Bales Park are dignitaries (from left, seated) Mike Feldman, alderman, North York Community Ward 7; Bev Salmon, Metro councillor; Zanana Akande, MPP; Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman (standing), rabbi and executive director Jewish Russian Community Centre; Dan Ronen, assistant to MP Art Eggleton; and Charles Harnick, MPP.

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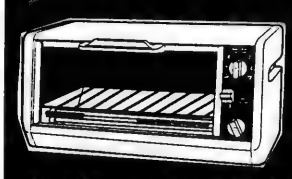

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Children's dance festival marks Jerusalem reunification

By ROSE TOGMAN HEILBROON
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — All 360 dancing children radiated joy during the 24th annual Israeli Dance Festival for Children, held at York University May 9.

The theme of the Rikudiyah was Jerusalem the Eternal, which celebrated the 27th anniversary of Jerusalem's reunification during the Six Day War.

"Each dance celebrates Jerusalem with most songs based on biblical quotations about the holy city," said festival director Teme Kernerman.

More than 1,200 audience members, including special guests Premier Bob Rae and his wife, turned out to see 17 dance groups from Toronto and Hamilton Jewish schools, as well as the Me'Irim Dance Company, the resident modern dance company of Toronto's Koffler School of Dance.

The Rikudiyah was sponsored by the Jewish Community Centre and the Board of Jewish Education of Toronto.

The Me'Irim troupe opened the program with *Yerusha* (Hebrew for legacy), choreographed by director Shula Saltzman to music by Srul Irving Glick.

The dancers represented the four Matriarchs — Sarah, Rivka, Rachel and Leah — and all Jewish women since then.

"When Jewish women hand on their tradition from the generations to the next as we do in this dance, than the name Yerushalayim becomes complete," Kernerman said. The dancers' soft, fluid movements in this melodic piece ended in a tableau of unity.

Then the children, marching and clapping, burst into a blue-and-white kaleidoscope of movement filling the entire floor of the Tait McKenzie Gymnasium. With electric enthusiasm, they proceeded through eight rehearsed dances, two specially choreographed by Kernerman. They also performed a new dance which they learned en masse while Kernerman instructed from the microphone.

As part of their costume, the children wore bright blue T-shirts imprinted with a white graphic of Jerusalem, created by graphic designer Ofra Nadel.

More than aynthing else in the 1½ hour program, the energy of 360 young Jewish voices shouting "Yerushalayim" in unison, at the end of *Shiru Hashir* brought tears to many audience members.

The audience often erupted in spontaneous, rhythmic clapping.

Like Jerusalem, the dances reflected different ethnic influences: European, Yemenite and Chassidic. "The children learn about Israeli sub-cultures through dance," said Kernerman.

Twenty-four years ago, in a small room in the northern branch of the Jewish Community Centre, Teme Kernerman pioneered Rikudiyah with 40 children. Over the years, groups have travelled from as far as Sarnia and Montreal to participate in this popular community event.

What benefits the children is a boost to their self esteem. No one auditions for Rikudiyah. Every child who wants to can dance.

The festival's purpose, according to Kernerman, is to bring Israel closer to the children through dance. She implants in the participants "an excitement not only for Israeli dance but for Jewish culture.

"It's my way of reaching out to the children," she says, "and showing them this is not only educational, it's fun. When you enjoy something as a child, that feeling stays with you for life."

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. **Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m. , 10 days preceding issue date.** For rates or to place an ad,please call Joe at 422-2528.

The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

BEIT HALOCHEM 5TH ANNUAL BOAT CRUISE. We're back! Even bigger and better than last year. New Leadership of Beit Halochem Canada (Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel) invites you to our 5th Annual Boat Cruise of Toronto Harbour aboard the Stella Borealis. Sunday May 29th, 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m Dance to contemporary and Israeli music by Moshe Kast Band. Middle Eastern Buffet (Kosher). $36.00 per person. All proceeds to help the new rehabilitation centre in Jerusalem. For tickets and information call (416)488-7649

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Floating Jewish Singles. Dr. Ron Clavier. Topic:Relating in the 90s. May 26 7:30 SHARP. Barbara Frum Library. Light supper incl. $12.

New Image 50+ Singles is having a dance on Saturday May 28 at Earl Bales Community Centre 8 p.m. D.J., Don Del Greco. Refreshments & prizes. Members $5. Guests $6. **Catskill Trip** to the Granit July 29-Aug.7 (10 days). Call H. Pearson 633-0397.

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Conservative women hold conference

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Canadian Seaway, the new union of the Ontario and Eastern Canada branches of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, recently held its first spring conference.

Themed Bayachad (Together We Are One), the two-day conference held at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, focused on the new union and included sessions on new directions for women in the '90s with CFRB talk show host Rhonda Katz and the enrichment of Jewish lives.

Evelyn Seelig, conference consultant and keynote speaker at the opening dinner, said the theme reaffirmed that "our faith is broad enough to encompass all forms of Judaism. The credo we must pursue is that the welfare of Am Israel transcends all parochial interests."

Seelig said the Women's League for Conservative Judaism wants to help fix the world. "We have always been activists in the synagogue and the community. Sisterhood women believe that voluntary service is the rent one pays for the gift of life."

But Seelig said synagogues cannot exist alone, "they have to have homes that love Judaism and it is never too late to learn. Children will respect what you respect and practice what you practice. . .Jewish mothers are still the driving force behind their children's education by juggling and arranging to make sure their Jewish education is fulfilled."

She said synagogue sisterhoods are obliged to bring spirituality into their congregations.

Officers installed include Terry Winston as president; Bea Muroff, Carol Sher, Linda Lallouz, Leona Elligberg and Sonia Slobodsky as vice-presidents; Rose Haspel as treasurer; Ruth Cooper, Deenie Reiken, Ethel Phillips, Arlene Tennenhouse and Phyllis Vines as secretaries; and Janice Steinberg as parliamentarian.

Envoy's duty ends

MONTREAL — Itzhak Levanon, Israel's consul general to Eastern Canada, has announced that he will be returning to Israel in August after serving a four-year term in Montreal.

Levanon, 49, arrived in Montreal in September 1990, initially to serve a three-year term. He succeeded Chalom Schirman, who also served four years as consul general.

Levanon said he was asked to extend his stay for two years — until the summer of 1995 — but decided to return to his home in Jerusalem later this year so his family could be together.

"It was strictly a family decision," he said. "My son Yariv [who was in Montreal] had to go back to Israel to join the army, and I thought it would be best for the family to all be together.

"This was the major consideration. The family should come before anything else."

Levanon said he has enjoyed "every single moment" of his stay in Montreal and that he developed a great fondness for the Jewish community here.

He will return with his wife, Edna, and another son, David, 12.

A daughter, Tali, 22, remained in Israel to serve in the army.

Dementia's effects on elderly discussed at conference

TORONTO — As more Canadians survive into their 80s and 90s, they and their families will be faced with the devastating effects of dementing illness which robs people of their vital abilities to remember, reason, understand and speak.

Although Alzheimer's Disease is the most common type, representing about 60 per cent of all dementing illness, it isn't the only one, says Dr. Donald Stuss, a neuroscientist and director of the Rotman Research Institute at Toronto's Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

"As we've developed better diagnostic tools which provide a clearer window to the brain, we have significantly redefined our concepts of dementia," says Stuss.

At a recent international conference on dementia co-sponsored by the Rotman Research Institute and the University of California at Los Angeles, experts in neuroscience presented the latest information on the diagnosis and management of cognitive disorders.

The conference, which attracted more than 250 doctors and other health care professionals, was supported by a major grant from a U.S. charitable group, the French Foundation for Alzheimer's Research. Other supporters included the Ontario Mental Health Foundation, Parke Davis and Merck Frosst Canada Inc.

One type of dementia which has been recognized over the past decade is frontal dementia, where damage to the brain is clustered in the frontal lobes.

"Unlike Alzheimer's Disease, these cases show up more often in adults under 65," explained Dr. David Neary, a neurologist at Manchester University in England.

Frontal dementia often manifests itself with symptoms such as anxiety, depression and hypochondria. The condition strikes equal numbers of men and women (unlike Alzheimer's which is slightly more common among women) and is characterized by changes in language and personality.

"These people may become very slowed down and apathetic, or highly overactive," said Neary. "They can become excessively sentimental or emotionally remote, and there are often stereotyped behaviors such as overeating, going on fad diets, and hoarding objects."

Doctors have discovered important differences between Alzheimer's Disease and frontal dementias, said Dr. Morris Freedman, director of behavioral neurology at Baycrest Centre.

Attending this year's conference of the Rotman Research Institute of Baycrest Centre were (from left) Dr. Frank Benson, Tom Ennis and Dr. Donald Stuss.

"People with frontal dementia lose their social abilities early on in the disease, while these skills are preserved in Alzheimer's patients, except in later stages of the illness," he explained. "Alzheimer's patients generally experience early loss of memory and an impaired spatial ability which causes them to become lost in familiar surroundings. But people suffering from frontal dementia tend to retain memory longer and are able to navigate.

Being able to differentiate between various types of dementia is extremely important, explains Stuss. "This gives patients and doctors a better idea about the cause of the disorder. If treatment is available, we can then begin it earlier, which may delay deterioration."

Scientists are also revising some long-held opinions about Alzheimer's Disease, said Dr. Frank Benson, a professor of neurology at the UCLA School of of Medicine.

"I think we're moving away from the idea that Alzheimer's is irreversible and towards the concept that it's more treatable and controllable," he said. "After all, we don't reverse diseases like diabetes — we treat them and give patients longer, better lives."

While the loss of cognitive abilities is a major feature of Alzheimer's Disease, patients, families and doctors must confront other problems, said Dr. Dillip V. Jeste, director of the Geriatric Psychiatry Clinical Research Centre at the San Diego Veterans Administration Medical Centre.

"About one-third of people with Alzheimer's have symptoms of psychosis such as delusions or hallucinations, and one-fifth have depressive disorders," he explained.

Research has shown that people who experience these psychotic symptoms as part of Alzheimer's Disease, are more disabled and deteriorate faster than those without psychosis.

"These symptoms result in upsetting behavioral problems which produce a great deal of stress among caregivers of Alzheimer's patients," said Jeste. "Caregivers say that delusions and agitation are more difficult for them to cope with than physical problems such as incontinence and are more likely to result in institutionalization."

London Jews to buy million dollar bond

LONDON, Ont. — For the first time ever, the Jewish community of London, Ontario is purchasing a Million Dollar Note under the Israel Bond High Yield Note Program.

The Note is a loan by a Canadian bank to individuals or organizations for Israel's benefit. Note purchasers often profit because the interest Israel pays is higher than that charged by the bank.

Although Million Dollar Notes are fairly common in Toronto and Montreal, they are rare for smaller centres like London.

According to London Israel Bond co-chair Martin Shapiro, it took three and a half years for the Note campaign to be launched. "The people were there but they had to be convinced," he says."

The Note was eventually signed by three active community members, who prefer to remain anonymous for now.

About 2,500 Jews live in London, which has three synagogues and a Jewish day school.

Although Israel Bond sales started in London only five years ago, last year set a sales record, says Shapiro. He credits this success to Israel's 7.5 per cent return on the Canadian Variable Rate Issue Bond, which has since sold out. However, Israel recently raised rates substantially on its Zero Coupon Savings Bond and the Economic Development Issue Bond, which now pay 7 per cent and 7.2 per cent respectively.

Shapiro hopes that London's achievement, to be celebrated during a community event on May 29, will encourage other Jewish communities of similar size to do the same.

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Organizations and People

Beth Tikvah's concert season ends with spirited recital

By JACK KOHANE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The final jewel in the triple crown concert series of Musica Beth Tikvah Synagogue took place recently with a spirited recital by chamber ensemble Trio Lyra.

The score sheets featured orchestrations by Canadian composers Ben Steinberg, Milton Barnes, Srul Irving Glick and a world premiere performance of *Touchpoints for Flute, Viola and Harp* by Harry Freedman.

Comprised of Suzanne Shulman, flute, Erica Goodman, harp, and Mark Childs, viola, each member of Trio Lyra is a master musician in their own right. Collectively, they represent the finest blend of ensemble virtuosity currently playing on the concert circuit.

Formed in 1978, Trio Lyra performs repertoire from the Baroque era to the contemporary. The group has commissioned numerous works which they have performed at concert venues in North America and Europe. The acclaim they have garnered and their list of awards keeps growing.

The Beth Tikvah recital was dedicated to the memory of Hyman Goodman, Goodman's father, who passed away recently in Los Angeles. A renowned Toronto violinist, he had played with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra from 1931, becoming its concertmaster from 1948 to 1967. Before his retirement in 1988, he had performed under the baton of this century's best known conductors, including Sir Colin Davis, Sir John Barbiroli and Leopold Stowkowski.

Goodman's solo performance in honor of her father was Barnes's bluesy, quasi-religious (the composer's own descriptions), *Variations for Solo Harp*. It was a treat and the definite high point of the evening's musical offerings. The audience, which numbered several hundred, cheered her tour de force.

Composers discuss 'Jewish music'

"She is this country's premier harpist," observed Glick, Beth Tikvah's composer-in-residence. "The harp is unique in its technique and expression. It is certainly different from the piano and, in some respects, more challenging for the performer. Erica is a consummate artist, with an awesome ability to extract the most beautifully sensuous sounds from her instrument."

After the concert, Beth Tikvah's season concluded with the four featured composers holding a panel discussion on the topic: Jewish Music — Is There a Difference.

Freedman spoke about his younger days, spent in the pursuit of art and painting. He turned to music as his life's passion when he heard the artistry of Cole Porter, Irving Berlin and the Gershwins. "My religion has not particularly affected the kind of music I write, though," he said. "I am a composer who happens to be Jewish, not a composer of Jewish music."

Glick continued the theme by relating that he was born into a musical family, one that surrounded him with Jewish songs and verse. "When I started to write my own compositions, it was this style that literally poured out of me."

"Jewish music is much more than just *Fiddler on the Roof*," commented Barnes. "It is more of an exploration of a people with a distinct identity." He went on to reveal that a large portion of his more than 100 major compositions have been directly inspired by the music he was brought up with.

His music is a search for self, he explained. He wrote his first 'Jewish' works in 1958, and that initial process proved to be arduous and very difficult for him. Today however, his Jewish compositions are sweet, natural self-expressions and the melodies "flow with ease."

The issue of the difference between Jewish songs and other forms is not a matter of question for Steinberg. He is also well-known for his lecture-recitals at universities across North America. He is presently director of music for Toronto's Temple Sinai Congregation.

Ronen Goldfarb (the bear) and Bilha Mass (right) of the Israeli troupe Bimama Theatre for Children entertained at Bialik.

Israeli troupe gets audience involved

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When the Bimama Theatre of Israel comes to town, the audience goes on stage.

The renowned children's theatre entertained students at seven Toronto Jewish Day Schools, under the sponsorship of the Jewish National Fund.

Their forte is audience participation and the kindergarten and Grade one children at Bialik Hebrew Day School took up the challenge recently by shouting, "Give him a kiss on the cheek," when Ronen Goldfarb begged for affection from co-actor Bilha Mass, one of the founders of the Israeli troupe.

The Bialik children poured onto the stage to hold giant puppets carrying a message of racial tolerance and were even given lines of dialogue to speak.

Along with stage manager Yuval Pinto, Mass and Goldfarb also performed in Winnipeg, Vancouver, Montreal and Ottawa with the scaled-down version of their repertoire. They were escorted on the three-week Canadian tour by Roni Kadmiel, wife of the Toronto JNF shaliach.

There is no difference between Israeli children and Canadian children in their reaction to the short musical plays, according to Mass.

The poetry and songs of Chaim Nachman Bialik and Lea Goldberg were featured in the Canadian production, with English translation by Jerry Hyman.

Goldfarb and Mass were particularly enthusiastic about their warm reception and invitations to homes in Winnipeg and Vancouver.

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Lisa V. had an unsightly reddish patch on one side of her neck. Crude early laser treatments, steroids and surgery failed to help. Once Dr. Wolgelernter began treating her with the Dye laser, designed for port-wine stains and other disfiguring skin lesions, the red color began to fade. After five sessions, Lisa V. looked forward to no longer having to wear cover-up makeup or turtleneck sweaters. Mr. Gerald H. had a cluster of facial veins on the bridge of his nose. After two treatments the veins were gone.

Laser light is absorbed by blood vessel pigment rather than skin pigment, destroying vascular lesions without damaging neighboring tissue as earlier lasers did. The light transmits heat to blood vessel walls, making them stick together while drying the blood; this process causes the lesions to fade.

Another laser at the office, the Q-switched laser eliminates liver spots, freckles, age spots, sun spots, tattoos and non-blood-based color. Pulsed dye lasers, which have superseded the tunable laser, works on vascular or blood-based pigments like those in birthmarks and facial or fine spider leg veins.

Portwine stains are found at birth. Most common causes of facial veins are: over-exposure to sun, heredity, chronic use of steroid creams on the face, pregnancy, hormones or post-surgical procedures. Pigmented lesions, which occur in about 15 percent of the population, usually have causes like those of vascular lesions.

Laser treatments generally take 15 minutes and cause minimal discomfort. Patients can return home or to work following treatment but may require some makeup.

Most of those who want treatment come for cosmetic reasons. About 75 percent have vascular lesions, 25 percent pigmented lesions, and 5 percent PWS (Port Wine Stain). PWS marks are usually the most dramatically disfiguring, especially in children, and may darken over the years.

As women age, they face the distress of varicose veins on the legs, and spider veins on the face and legs. Four out of ten women suffer from them, and eight out of 100 men. Heredity is the main cause, but because puberty, birth control pills, pregnancy and estrogen supplements seem to bring them out, estrogen is thought to contribute to them. So are tight clothes, trauma, overweight, prolonged sitting or standing, excessive sunbathing and drinking.

Anke W., had been unable to wear shorts or bathing suits—until she learned about sclerotherapy from Dr. Wolgelernter. In this non-surgical procedure, a salt water, sugar and alcohol solution is injected into the blood vessel. The solution irritates the vein wall lining, making it swell and stick together. Over a few weeks, the vein fades and finally becomes barely visible. After two sessions, Anke W. noticed great improvement in her legs.

Dr. Wolgelernter judges sclerotherapy to be very effective. It began in Europe in the 1930's. Today, with improvements in technique and greater consciousness of physical appearance, people want earlier treatment. .Sclerotherapy has come back, spreading to North America.

Sclerotherapy is considered to be cosmetic and therapeutic for people with painful varicose veins. It is safe, requires neither hospitalization nor anesthesia. Discomfort is minimal, and swelling or bruising after treatment is short-term. Dr. Wolgelernter prefers sclerotherapy for the legs, where the veins are thick; for smaller veins he prefers the laser.

Cost for each sclerotherapy session is $75, if it is purely cosmetic. OHIP covers the cost if treatment is therapeutic and for PWS treatments on the head, neck and extremities, if the stain is bigger than ten centimeters. Everything else is "cosmetic", and costs for laser are $150 and up per session. One reason for the expense is the cost of the laser.

In spring, as summer approaches and we shed winter clothing, everyone thinks more of physical appearance. Makeup will mask skin disorders; lasers and sclerotherapy may eliminate them.

Dr. Wolgelernter's Laser Medical Centre, the first established clinic of its kind in Toronto, is still the most up-to-date. His vascular laser, the kind which is used at the Hospital for Sick Children, is safe for infants.

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Gym training is one-on-one with a personal trainer, an intense one-hour workout by appointment, with no more than five people in the gym at once. Trainers' backgrounds range from phys. ed. graduates to certified personal trainers.

Sugar, a certified neuro-linguistic programmer with ten years' experience, considers nutrition as vital as exercise. He gives his clients ongoing support, calling daily, visiting, grocery shopping and planning restaurant excursions with them. He strives to motivate them to make lifestyle changes which bring lasting changes in how people look and feel.

Sugar advocates natural foods, and paying attention to how you combine them. He begins by gently cleansing and revitalizing the digestive system. With toxins in your system, performance and appearance suffer, no matter what you eat or how you exercise; you won't have a flat stomach until the system has been cleaned out. Then, hips, thighs, buttocks and stomach not only fit better into clothes, but you feel better.

To keep to a diet in the long haul, you must love each meal. Most of us eat mainly in order to feel good, and need to combine enjoyment and nutrition. Therefore, each diet respects individual preferences and lifestyle. A career woman with children, for example, has different needs from a single woman with no children.

Our relationship with food is the most intimate of all. An infant's two basic needs, food and love, are satisfied together through feeding by the mother, whose love is unconditional. As we grow older, these needs persist, but love becomes conditional. If the needs are unfulfilled, and we try to replace love with food, it can become addictive. While other addictions like tobacco can be cured, we can't stop eating. We can, however, change our awareness of what we eat and why.

Deprivation diets fail because if "food is love", they ask us to renounce love. After depriving themselves, people compensate by food binges. Besides making them feel guilty, binges disrupt their metabolism, making it even harder to lose weight. To make lifestyle changes, however, requires not guilt but self-esteem, and the will to grow from dependency on externals to self-support from within. If we love ourselves, we motivate ourselves to change.

Besides promoting public awareness of the need for self-esteem, Sugar works with emotions and stress management. His mentors include Eli Bay of Relaxation Response Centre, Dr. Joe Goodman and Dr. Barbara Forest of Lifespace Institute. Micheal Sugar, Rob's father has been one of his greatest supporters. Some of Rob's clients include Dini Petty and Robert Gage.

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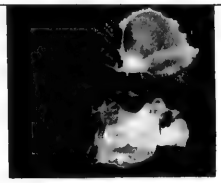

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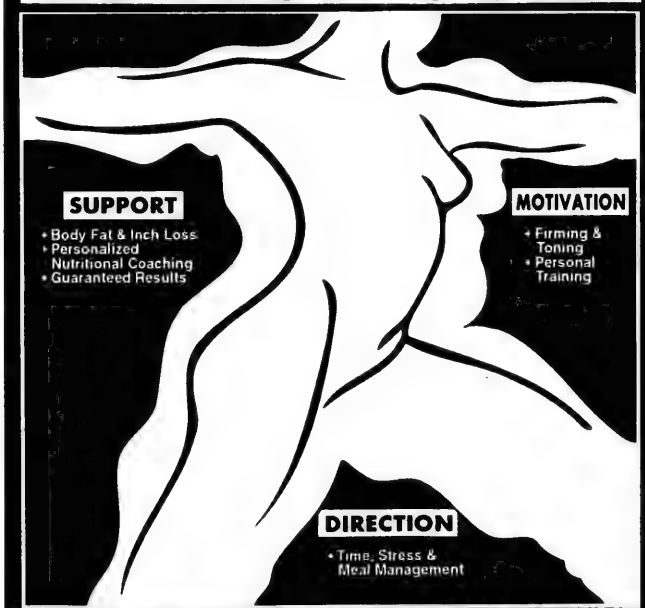

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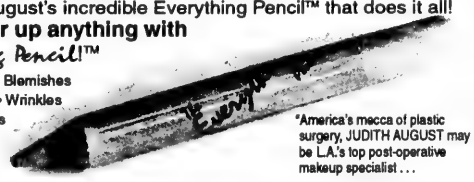

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"Celebrations are about eating well with family and friends, not about starving ourselves or depriving ourselves of food that we enjoy," says Dietitian and Nutritionist Alysse M. Fogel. "Never feel guilty when you have that piece of birthday cake. And don't fret if you tend to eat more on such occasions. It's the foods you eat on a regular basis, and over the long run, that determine if you're eating well."

The key to eating well - as set out in Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating - is not to give up the foods you love for the sake of your health. Instead, you should aim for variety and moderation by:

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- Achieving and maintaining a healthy body weight by enjoying regular physical activity and healthy eating.
- Limiting salt, alcohol and caffeine.

When we reach personal milestones such as birthdays and anniversaries, and when we gather with our family for holidays and Shabbat dinner each week, we tend to make festive meals - and rich desserts - the focal point of such occasions. According to Fogel, we should "relax and enjoy the special times, remembering to balance higher fat choices over the course of the week."

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Travel

Vacations in Texas let families mosey up to fun-filled pastimes

TEXAS — On your next family vacation, check into the many exciting attractions Texas offers.

No matter what holiday activities your children enjoy most — exploring museums, enjoying amusement parks, observing the animal kingdom, or hiking through natural park and wildlife reserves — you'll find the perfect family vacation in Texas.

To answer children's constant "Why?" take your family to Texas museums. Explore everything from the earth and the ocean to deep space. In Houston, the Children's Museum encourages visitors to learn about history, culture, science and the arts through interactive exhibits and activities, such as How Does It Work? The Science Behind the Automobile. At Insights — El Paso Science Centre, educational displays about science and technology provide an opportunity for entertaining, hands-on experience with solar power, space science, energy, and the human body.

At the Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi, children can pet a shark and get close to birds, rays and tropical fish that inhabit the waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

Youngsters who dream of landing a space shuttle, touching a moon rock, or meeting an astronaut can do just that at Space Centre Houston, located next to Johnson Space Centre. After this glimpse of the future, travel to the past at the Depot Museum and Children's Discovery Centre in Henderson. The restored 1901 railroad depot has more than 200 exhibits with century-old memorabilia, a log cabin, and a restored caboose for train lovers.

In keeping with the current dinosaur craze, Texas offers several activities for future geologists. Children can become amateur paleontologists and dig for dinosaur bones at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History's Dino-Dig exhibit. DinoDig includes a large outdoor discovery area with three dig sites, as well as life-sized representations of dinosaurs. For a look at actual dinosaur tracks, travel to Dinosaur Valley State Park in Glen Rose, just south of Dallas, where the first sauropod tracks ever discovered lie just under the clear waters of the Paluxy River. Exhibits and interpretive maps speculate about the life of these early Texas inhabitants. Those visiting downtown San Antonio can meet with a life-like Tyrannosaurus Rex in the new animatronic lobby of Ripley's Believe It or Not! The attraction also features a new Dinosaur Expedition gallery.

Texans are famous for their fun-loving nature, so it's no surprise that amusement parks are found in almost every region of the state. Six Flags Over Texas, in Arlington near Dallas, has rides such as the Shock Wave, a steel double loop roller, and the Texas Chute Out, a free-fall parachute drop.

The Rattler

In San Antonio, the party never stops at Fiesta Texas. Each of the park's areas reflects an aspect of Texas culture and history and provides the setting for eight daily live musical productions. After the shows, visitors can take a hair-raising ride on The Rattler, one of the world's tallest, fastest wooden roller coasters. San Antonio is also the home of Sea World of Texas, famous for Shamu, the killer whale, and such attractions as waterskiing shows, giant aquariums, and a dolphin petting tank.

AstroWorld/WaterWorld in Houston is a combination theme park and water park. AstroWorld has the world's first stand-up roller coaster and WaterWorld showcases water slides, surfing, and a water play area. Another waterpark not to be missed is Schlitterbahn Resorts and Waterpark. Located in New Braunfels, Schlitterbahn remains one of the largest water theme parks in the country, with 17 waterslides, nine major tubes chutes, and three areas designed specifically for younger patrons. If you're in the Texas Panhandle, stop in Amarillo to enjoy Wonderland Park, Texas' third largest amusement park — more than 21 rides, miniature golf, arcades, bumper cars, a haunted house, and concession stands galore.

Texas zoos house animal species from around the world. The Gladys Porter Zoo in Brownsville, one of the top 10 zoos in the United States in size and diversity of exhibits, has eliminated the bars and cages of traditional zoos and created moats and waterways to define the animals' living areas. At the Discovery Centre in the Abilene Zoo birds and mammals from Texas and Africa are seen in simulated natural habitats of water, grassland, forest, desert, and woodland. How can you combine a trip to Texas with a tour of Africa? Board the monorail through the Dallas Zoo's Wilds of Africa rain forest area. Also in this region is Fossil Rim Wildlife Centre, which protects more than 1,000 endangered species. These animals roam freely on 3,000 acres of prairie with a nine-mile automobile route guiding visitors. Not to be left out, Lubbock's Mackenzie Park claims fame for Prairie Dog Town, one of the few remaining colonies of prairie dogs in the United States.

Texas also offers an astounding array of natural wonders. Wonder World in San Marcos boasts a 30-million-year-old cavern and an anti-gravity house. Palestine's Texas State Railroad and State Historical Park offer a train ride through the longest and narrowest park in Texas. From another train ride — around the bottom of a 1,100 foot deep canyon at Palo Duro Canyon State Park — children can view the ancient chiseled rock faces that tower above them.

To plan your Texas vacation, call 1-800-888-8TEX for a 272 page book on Texas attractions.

TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

Haliburton's PineStone Resort: It's always good to see holiday resorts do everything in their power to cater to Jewish visitors. Sometimes, however, even the best laid plans go awry. Staff at PineStone Resort and Conference Centre in Haliburton had done tremendous research to meet the strict rabbinical requirements of kashruth in preparation for a group last Passover.

"Unfortunately, at the last moment, we were notified by Ambassador Tours that they were choosing to cancel the whole week, which left people with no plans for Passover," Anne Axler Larcade, director of hotel operations, informed us recently by letter.

She continued: "PineStone Resort would like to thank all of those individuals, couples and families that expressed an interest in spending Passover with us, and we regret any inconvenience that has been caused. PineStone was in no way involved in the decision to cancel this week. As a member of the Jewish community, I am sensitive to the role Passover plays, particularly the seders, in Jewish family life. We look forward to hosting the Jewish community, especially *CJN* readers, in the future."

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Magical Mystery Tour: This summer marks the 25th anniversary of The Beatles' *Abbey Road* album, and the crossing where the famous cover photograph was taken is an important stop on two Beatle Walks of London. Beatles fan-club president Richard Porter leads four walks each week.

The Magical Mystery Tour includes the Apple offices where they last played live, and the site of the gallery where John Lennon met Yoko Ono. The Beatles London Town Walk includes the registry office where Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr were married to their respective spouses. Each walk starts at an Underground station, lasts about two hours, and costs about $8. Contact London Walks, 071-624-3978.

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Singapore Sling: Despite the Michael Fay caning incident, you're probably safer in Singapore than in most foreign destinations (unless, of course, you like to spray-paint cars).

According to the 1993 World Competitiveness Report, which is based on survey of 37 developed and newly industrialized countries, Singapore ranks at the top in safety, security and stability.

The report identifies Singapore as the country where people have the highest level of confidence in the justice system and the greatest public support for government policies. Singapore tied for first place with Japan in the 'work attitude' category, based on its lack of alcohol and drug problems in the workplace.

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Tall Ships in Toronto: It is nothing less than "the most formidable gathering of sailing vessels ever held on the Great Lakes since at least the War of 1812." That's according to William Boyle, general manager of Harbourfront Centre, which is hosting Sail Toronto 1994 from June 29 to July 4.

Between those dates, some 25 majestic brigs, schooners and seaway-sized ships from as far away as Hawaii, England and Poland will sweep into Toronto harbour for a six-day festival celebrating the romantic age of sail. Boarding passes are available for $7. A Canada Day fireworks display, synchronized to Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, is planned. The grand finale is set for noon on July 4, when Toronto bids farewell to the fleet.

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Stirling Renaissance Festival: Roughly 75 minutes by car from Rochester or Syracuse, the Lake Ontario town of Stirling, N.Y., is hosting its 18th annual Renaissance Festival from July 2 through August 14.

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Mississippi Riverboat Gambling: Ontario's first gambling casino recently opened in Windsor, so now's a good time to mention the Queen of New Orleans, a 19th-century riverboat casino that plies the Mississippi River near the colourful Louisiana port of New Orleans. Besides slot machines, video poker and gaming tables, the paddlewheeler offers a unique scenic tour of the city, with an historical narration and live Dixieland Jazz.

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Religious artifacts in exhibit

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Yeshiva University Museum in New York, in co-operation with the Jewish community of Dubrovnik, is staging an exhibition of religious artifacts from that Croatian seaside town.

The exhibit includes a rare Torah scroll that dates back to the 13th century, as well as rimonim, Torah crowns and a variety of textiles used in the synagogue. The Torah, which was written in France, was brought to Dubrovnik by Sephardi Jews fleeing the Spanish Inquisition, said Danko Atias, vice-president of Dubrovnik's Jewish community.

Atias, who was in New York to open the exhibition, said Dubrovnik's Jewish community organized the display because "we want to show people we exist and we survive." He said the medieval Dubrovnik synagogue, which houses the artifacts, was badly damaged by an earthquake and by shelling in the warfare that broke out soon after Croatia declared its independence. Since then, the conflict has moved to Bosnia and Dubrovnik has been at peace, Atias said.

Michael Papo, president of the community, said he hopes to stage the exhibit in other Jewish centres, including Toronto, Chicago and Los Angeles, after it concludes its run at Yeshiva University at the end of the year.

The display can be seen at the Yeshiva University Museum, 2520 Amsterdam Ave., New York;

B.C. hotel kitchen goes kosher

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — The staid old Empress Hotel, one of the last bastions of what Victorians claim is "a little bit of England," will open a kosher kitchen at the end of May or early in June, food and beverage director Marc Saunier told *The CJN*.

Saunier said he hopes to be able to provide facilities for simchahs for up to 300 people. The Empress is a CP hotel.

At present, the only Victoria facilities available for kosher events are the synagogue and the Jewish Community Centre, but both have limited seating.

Saunier said he has been negotiating with kashruth authorities in Vancouver and expects to get certification soon.

Although the hotel is an old building, the interior was completely renovated in 1988 at a cost of $40 million and now has couple of unused kitchens which can easily be kashered.

Saunier has worked in hotel kitchens in New York and Montreal. He said he will bring in a mashgiach from Vancouver to supervise. Food supplies will be purchased in Vancouver, Seattle and probably Winnipeg.

Saunier declined to give details of menus, stating these would be discussed first with the rabbis.

The hotel will concentrate on the Vancouver Island market first but hopes to expand to package tours.

Also being considered is the possibility of providing kosher meals to short-term visitors, but Saunier wants to see how the big simchah plan works first.

Saunier was sold on the idea by Stephanie Gilbert after she staged a successful Hadassah-WIZO Chocolate Sunday at the hotel. She's convinced there's plenty of kashruth business available for the hotel and says an October wedding is already being planned. "The Empress will be seeing a lot more of the Jewish community in the future," she predicted.

Meanwhile, Vancouver will get another kosher kitchen in the new Wall Centre Garden, now under construction. It will have a "dedicated" kitchen which won't have to be kashered every time there's a kosher event. The only other hotels offering kosher service in Vancouver are the Four Seasons and the Hyatt Regency. The Hyatt has joined with a Richmond synagogue to hold monthly kosher public dinners which have proved very successful, *The CJN* was told.

Young pianist set to hit Toronto stage

By PAULA CITRON
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — May 30 will be a special evening for Thornhill resident Ori Friedman at North York Recital Hall.

Just 11 years old, the young pianist will play Beethoven's *Emperor Concerto* with the National Chamber Orchestra of Canada conducted by Dr. Alexander Weinstangel. The concert marks his orchestral debut.

Ori, a Grade 6 student, starting studying the piano seriously two years ago. He likes to ride his bike, watch TV, read books, skate, fish and play with his friends, but wears gloves to protect his hands.

Ori and his younger sister, Natalie, are the children of Gabriel and Ilana Friedman who immigrated from Israel 3½ years ago. Gabriel Friedman is a violinist and professional music teacher.

"It's amazing how he can sight read music and remember it, like a professional musician," said his father and teacher. "After just one year of study, he could play a complete Mozart concerto.

Ori Friedman

Friedman senior said it was difficult allowing his son to pursue a career as a pianist because the music business is hard, "but Ori loves it. I've never had a student like him — his musicality, his artistic expression, the theory he has mastered in such a short time, the fact that he sees pictures when he plays. Maybe we've made a mistake; it would have been easier for him to become an engineer or a doctor."

His mother says she sometimes feels Ori is not her child, "especially when I see him perform."

Ori himself says he was always fascinated with music and instruments. "In kindergarten, an accordionist came to play and sing for us, and I wanted an accordion."

Then on a class trip to Toronto's Casa Loma he became entranced with the big pipe organ. His father suggested he learn to play the piano. "At first it was a little keyboard with 49 keys, but when he saw how fast I learned, I moved to bigger electric pianos. Now that we live in a house instead of a condominium, we can have a real grand piano."

Not only did the youngster earn his Royal Conservatory of Music Grade 8 piano with first class honors after absorbing the theory in only three months, he has competed in Kiwanis Festivals against older pianists and walked off with the prizes.

When asked how he approaches a piece of music, Ori articulates clearly how he makes piano playing a very personal experience.

'Give feeling to a piece'

"First I learn the notes; then I give feeling to a piece by seeing images or moods. For example, in the *Emperor*, there's one part that I see as one hand chasing the other, or in the second movement, it's very emotional — not passionate — but a slow and calm emotion. No one tells me what to do with a piece; I take their advice into consideration, but I play the music the way I want to interpret it."

Among his favorite pianists are Brendel, Ashkenazy and Rubenstein. As for composers, Ori admits he is a romantic and so is drawn to Chopin, Beethoven, Lizst and Grieg.

Conductor Weinstengel learned about Ori from the boy's ballet teacher. "Ori has a heaven-given talent that happens once in a century, if that often. The strength and suppleness of his technique and the maturity of musicianship are astonishing."

Weinstengel is just one of a number of people who have rallied around Ori and his talent. Actress Kitty Carlisle Hart saw a video of his performance and may be arranging a full scholarship to the Julliard School.

"I see a life of hard work ahead for me, but I'm willing to do the hours of practising because I love to perform," Ori says.

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Spies by Ernest Volkman Wiley $32.50

Spying has been called the world's second oldest profession. More than 5,000 years ago an Egyptian king hit upon the idea of concealing men inside flour sacks to spy on the besieged city of Jaffa. Hebrew scriptures record that Moses as well as Joshua despatched spies to bring back reports about the promised land.

In the 20th century — a time marked by almost continual war — armies of spies have been deployed and activated to serve the needs of antagonistic or suspicious nations. At the height of the Cold War it is estimated that the Soviet Union employed 200,000 spies; only a slightly smaller number were used by the United States.

Espionage, a former director of the CIA once remarked, "is not a game for Archbishops." But it is a widely played game and its participants have been alternately reviled and honored, rewarded and ignored, praised and disowned. It is ironic that the spies who receive the most publicity and whose efforts are lauded are those who are caught; the more successful spies remain unheralded and unsung.

Ernest Volkman has been a journalist for more than 35 years and a longtime student of espionage — a subject on which he has written hundreds of articles and several books. "Spies" describes the activities of forty-five or so moles, defectors, traitors and spymasters, all of them practitioners of the "Black Art," whose feats of espionage — for better or worse — have irrevocably altered the fate of empires, nations — and perhaps history itself.

These concise sketches are informative, well written, and often exciting. We learn about such diverse characters as Eric Ericson, an American businessman, who, posing as a Swedish Nazi, helped to block the flow of oil to Hitler's war machine; Richard Sorge, whose intelligence gathering operation in Japan balked Germany's attempt to seize Moscow; Amy Thorpe, the beautiful American debutante, who was transformed into a super spy; Karl Fuchs, the man who stole the atomic bomb; Giovanni Montini, who as Pope Paul VI, performed many valuable services for American intelligence, and Whittaker Chambers who is described as "the man with two faces."

Canadians will recall the case of Igor Gouzenko, who was assigned to the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa and whose defection in 1945 resounded like a thunderclap across the Western world.

Readers of the *CJN* will be especially interested in the depictions of Israel Beer, Wolfgang Lotz and Eliyahu Cohen.

Beer, a close friend of David Ben Gurion, occupied a high position in Israel's military and intelligence establishment. He was in charge of keeping Ben Gurion's personal diary, which exposed him to an astonishing range of secrets. In 1959 through a variety of clues and revelations, Beer was unmasked as a Russian agent. Subsequent investigation revealed that the real Beer — whoever he was — was long dead and that his namesake in Israel had adroitly assumed his identity.

Wolfgang Lotz was the intrepid Israeli spy who posed as a wealthy German rancher in Egypt and skilfully managed to send detailed information back home about German rocket scientists in Egypt and the country's military installations and intelligence. Israel's lightning victory in the Six Day War was to a large degree the result of this valuable data. Eventually discovered by the Egyptians, Lotz was exchanged in 1967 for 500 Egyptian soldiers.

Cohen, assuming the identity of a wealthy Syrian businessman, went to Damascus where he soon made a number of influential friends. In time, he was able to provide Israeli intelligence with full information about the defences of the Golan Heights and even the names of all the pilots in the Syrian Air Force. When his true identity came to light in 1945 the infuriated Syrians had him publicly hanged.

This wide-ranging, informative survey of modern espionage is of unfailing interest.

Cassette disappoints

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

I may be jaundiced, but when I think of wedding music, words like "joyful" and "zesty" come to mind.

Slow, spiritual music seems misplaced on such a happy occasion.

But that's exactly what's offered on *The Jewish Wedding Album*, a new cassette issued by Intersound of Toronto.

The problem is not so much in the choice of music as in the style in which it is rendered.

Nancy Enslin's harp, while melodic and lofty, is a tad too ethereal for a wedding feast. Perhaps it is more appropriate for the ceremony itself.

Occasionally accompanied by soprano Deborah Benardot, Enslin plays 24 compositions, ranging from *Jerusalem of Gold* and *Bashana Haba-A* to *Endless Love* and *Simon Tov*.

It's fine, soothing, relaxing music, but it lacks punch and joie de vivre.

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Arts

Jordan hits high notes with concert, recording

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Joanna Jordan, who performed at Harbourfront's du Maurier Theatre this week, sold her co-op apartment in Toronto's Forest Hill neighborhood in order to afford what she considered an absolute necessity of her craft: a new Lyon Healy electric harp, costing $23,000.

"I wound up buying a cheaper place in Mississauga. I literally had to sell my home in order to buy my harp," says the accomplished musician, who used to join the orchestra in the Royal York's Imperial Room on occasion to play for the likes of Ella Fitzgerald and Tony Bennett.

Jordan's Harbourfront performance — "my first really big concert" — coincided with the release of her debut recording, a CD called *Clazzic*. It features a dozen musical selections ranging from classical to jazz, which Jordan plays on her new electric harp, accompanied by the bass, guitar and drums of the Clazz Trio.

Jordan agrees that those instruments are more typically found in a jazz-blues combo. "I'm replacing the piano player," she says. The harp, she says, has come a long way since originating eons ago as a simple bow and arrow, to which additional strings were added to make a lyre.

"At the time of Bach and baroque music, the harp almost became extinct until the romantic era because it

Joanna Jordan

couldn't keep up with the very chromatic music of the time. They began renovating the harp into instruments like the harpsichord, clavichord, piano and organ, which enabled musicians to play the chromatic music that was being written back then."

According to Jordan, the pedal harp was an innovation of the romantic era, and permitted harpists to change keys easily to expand their range. An innovation of our electronic-technological age, the electric harp allows harpists to perform in the recording studio without the clatter of noisy pedals, she says.

In her 20 years of playing the harp, Jordan has acquired a wide repertoire that includes Jewish music, folk, jazz, rock, pop and classical.

Her concert included a musical trip around the world, featuring sounds associated with such places as the American deep South, Russia, Spain, Tunisia and other spots.

"One day I'll probably do something in the genre of beautiful New Age relaxation music with a Jewish root behind it," she says.

In her own way, Jordan pays homage to two of the world's most famous harpists, both of whom were Jewish. Part of her concert involved a routine in which she dressed like the musical screen star Harpo Marx and performed his spoof of Liszt's *Hungarian Rhapsody Number 2* from *A Night in Casablanca*.

And on a chain around her neck is a Star of David with a harp in the center. "Everyone asks if I had it specially made, and I say, 'No, King David was a harpist.' He played the music to soothe the soul of Saul. There are many references to his harp in the Bible."

As a performer, Jordan seems as diverse as her instrument. Capable of giving Prokofiev and Faure the respect they deserve, she can also swing with the likes of Charlie Parker and Thelonious Monk, and demonstrates keen humor with her upbeat rendition of Stephen Foster's *Swannee River*.

"I can play serious classical music but I also like to have fun," she explains. "I sort of go the whole rainbow."

Past, present merged in film

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

The title of Henry Raymon's absorbing documentary, *They were Neighbors*, succinctly says it all.

Raymon's 45-minute film — which was recently screened at the Art Gallery of Ontario under the auspices of the Goethe Institute and the Holocaust Remembrance Committee — is about the merging of the past with the present.

Two German students, pointedly the only ones in their history class, accompany a contemporary on a journey of discovery.

The students are Martin and Susanne. Their guide is Peter Schwiertz, a Jew born and raised in Germany.

They visit sites of Jewish interest in Franconia and speak to an assortment of people there, including Peter's parents.

By doing so, Martin and Susanne delve into vanished and revived Jewish communities about which they know very little.

Peter, in turn, learns that some Germans appreciate the Jewish presence in Germany.

In Wurzburg, they're taken to a 15th century mikvah in the basement of St. Mary's church, built on the site of a destroyed synagogue.

Peter's parents report they have no "problems" with their German neighbors. His mother, a German convert to Judaism, says they live "normally."

But, as Peter's father intimates, things can never be the same again after the Third Reich and the Holocaust.

He perceives himself as a "Jew in Germany" rather than as a German Jew. He doesn't consider Germany "his land," and looks to Israel as the "ultimate place of security."

After a conversation with Martin's parents, they attend a synagogue service, during which Peter explains the rituals.

Martin takes Peter to a cathedral decorated with a menorah, and the pastor expounds on Christianity's spiritual debt to Judaism.

With the tour over, Peter observes, "We now know a little more about each other."

Yes, but only the surface has been scratched.

Chutzpadik comic takes aim at politics

By GERRY MORRIS
Special to The CJN

NEW YORK — Jackie Mason is a short, wistful looking comic with a sallow complexion and thinning ginger hair touched with gray. His bulging eyes have tired pouches, showing the strain of 30 years in the firing line of comedy.

This resilient comic, who writes all of his own material, can currently be found strutting and mugging his stuff in an all new one-man Broadway show, *Jackie Mason: Politically Incorrect*.

For more than two hours his punchlines and staccato delivery focus on one of his central passions — politics.

Setting himself up as a defender of free speech (before a backdrop of an abstract Stars and Stripes), he satirizes U.S. President Bill Clinton, Jews, blacks, gays, reverse discrimination, the Bobbitt trial, the Menendez brothers and the women's lib movement in his no-holds barred style. When audience reception thins out, he laughs at himself. "Who am I talking to?" is a much used line for dead spots.

I must confess there was a time when I was dismayed by Mason's brand of humor, but I have learned to admire his ability to handle controversial and tricky issues, especially in the light of the growing volume of scatological, tasteless material now polluting the marketplace. Mason spills his truths like a Jewish Mark Twain, with sharpness, pungency and brilliant timing.

Jackie Mason

On employer difficulty in firing an ethnic employee: "If you hire a female black homosexual, you might as well close your doors right away."

On women in the Clinton administration, focusing on Attorney General Janet Reno: "They don't look like women."

He yearns for the days when a woman would let you call her Sweetheart and gays didn't demand to march in your parade.

As great a stand-up comedian as he is, he has one salient weakness: he has trouble reading and performing dialogue not written by himself. This was evidenced in recent years by failed feature movies and TV sitcoms.

But Brooklyn-born Mason touches a special chord with New York audiences, who clearly adore his chutzpadik style. The box office at the Golden Theatre can be expected to continue to hum for months to come.

Appearing at the Golden Theatre, 252 West 45th Street. For tickets call TeleCharge Today: (212) 239-6200.

Touches special chord

On politicians: "They have a dangerous job — they never know when they'll get caught."

On Clinton and his smoking marijuana without inhaling: "Would you put a pastrami sandwich in your mouth if you weren't going to swallow it?"

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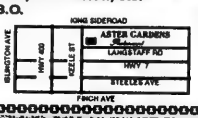

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Sylvia Bielak and Jeff Schochet display some of the meats and new products of Lazar Yitzchock. The KAJ sticker is the kashruth certification of K'Hal Adas Yeshurun-Breuer's. [Alron photo]

Firm announces new kosher products

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Take a young, aggressive, family-oriented Toronto company that is totally committed to the highest standards of kashruth, quality control, and cleanliness.

Put them together with an American meat supplier with the same standards and qualities.

What you get is Lazar Yitzchock, a glatt kosher wholesale food service that has recently appeared on the Toronto scene.

The Bielak family has been involved in the meat packing business for over 50 years. Now the current generation, Robert, Marilyn, Sylvia, Anita and Faigie, with the support and advice of their mother Marsha, has taken over and is establishing what they call the Kosher Experience.

Agri Food Processors of Postville, Iowa, which is under the supervision of K'Hal Adas Jeshurun-Breuer's, is also a family operated business, owned by the Rubashkin family. A grandson, Jeff Schochet, is the general manager of Lazar Yitzchok.

Lazar Yitzchok is also under the supervision of the Kashruth Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. All the meat is glatt kosher, and is soaked and salted.

Sylvia Bielak, who is responsible for sales, new product development and marketing research, acts as spokesman for the company.

She said that she saw a need for a company to put out first-rate kosher meat products, while still adhering to the highest standards of quality and cleanliness.

Schochet explained that Agri Processors is the only kosher slaughterhouse that performs schechitah according to the strictest rules of the Shulchan Aruch, the Code of Jewish Law, *schechitah munachas*.

"The animal walks right into a box, which is then gently turned upside down. The schochet can use a downward motion to kill the animal, which causes it less pain and exerts no physical pressure which can cause bruising and render it non-kosher."

Cuts of beef, lamb and veal are shipped from Agri to Lazar Yitzchock's new, state of the art meat packing facility in North York, where they are ground or cut into roasts, chops, strips or whatever is required, vacuum packed and labelled, and shipped to customers.

Because the standards of cleanliness are so high, Sylvia Bielak explained, the shelf life of the packaged meat is longer.

The family is not content merely to provide Toronto with what Sylvia calls "excellent, beautiful kosher meat."

She is planning a whole line of new kosher products, beginning with Aaron's (named after Aaron Rubashkin) hot dogs, pastrami, corn beef, salami, and beef sticks, which will be sold in supermarkets in the kosher refrigerated section.

They will be distributing Mon Cuisine — frozen, microwavable entrees from Meal Mart in New York, including such selections as radiatore bolognese, salisbury steak in sherry wine sauce, linguine and oriental chicken.

Masha's Gourmet food products (named for mother Marsha) will be a line of prepared foods, such as cabbage rolls, carrot tzimmes, knishes, salads and kugels.

At the moment, their meat is sold through Miracle Food Mart stores and certain caterers, but Sylvia Bielak is anxious to expand.

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Business Briefs

Retail Growth Survey

JERUSALEM — Despite several recent reports on slower economic activity in the first quarter of the year, the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce published a survey showing continued growth in the retail and service sectors.

According to the survey that included 50 companies, economic activity measured in sales volume rose 8 per cent in real terms during the first quarter. The federation reported that based on the findings, the stock market's downturn and the closure of the territories have yet to have an impact on economic activity.

Recently, the Bank of Israel's quarterly company survey indicated that retail activity slowed down in the first quarter, despite Pesach purchases and the growth in credit purchases.

By contrast, the federation survey reports that economic activity picked up, due to seasonal factors and population growth.

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Teva Buys Stake In French Firm

ISRAEL — Teva Pharmaceutical Industries has purchased a 34 per cent stake in the French-based Prographarm International for $6.9 million.

Prographarm, which is engaged in sustained released pharmaceuticals and coding technology, completed the financial year ending March 31, 1994 with $17.5 million in total sales.

Teva told the stock exchange it is already co-operating with Prographarm to develop sustained released pharmaceuticals.

The co-operation has already led to the sale of Diltiazem, which Lemmon Company - Teva's U.S. subsidiary - began marketing at the end of last year, the announcement said.

Teva CEO Eli Hurvitz said the company intends to increase its presence in Western Europe. The company's potential partners are also working with the firm to open up networks in Eastern Europe, said Hurvitz.

Teva completed the year with a rise in net profit to $57.5 million from $31.7 million. Total sales rose to $502 million from $395 million.

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Hungarian Firm Signs Deal With Bezek

ISRAEL — Bezek officials signed an agreement recently with the Hungarian national communications company to build infrastructure for providing 100,000 phone lines.

The project, which will be carried out by a company set up by the two partners, will cost $70 million. Bezek will invest the $10 million, will raise with the help of partners co-opted for the deal; the rest will come from the Hungarian government and the World Bank.

Bezek and the Hungarian company, Matav, won an international tender issued by the Hungarian government. Bezek managing director Yitzhak Kaul said at the signing ceremony in Budapest that the project would be the largest ever carried out by Hungary and Israel.

Tips From Pros

By LORNE WOLFSON
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The United Nations has declared 1994 as the International Year of the Family. Throughout this year, governments and professionals around the world will be focusing greater attention on the family and its role in society in the coming decade. In Canada, the law affecting families has already undergone substantial evolution in recent years. In this article, I will highlight some of the more significant legal changes that have either occurred or are expected in the near future.

What Is A Family?

Traditionally, Canadian law only recognized legally married spouses and their children to constitute a family. In Ontario, for example, the property equalization provisions of the Family Law Act only apply to a man and woman who are married to each other. For support purposes, however, the statute expands the definition of spouse to include a man and woman who are not married to each other and have cohabited either continuously for a period of not less than three years or in a relationship of some permanence, if they are the natural or adoptive parents of a child.

Effective January 1, 1993, the Income Tax Act was amended to include within the definition of spouse a person of the opposite sex with whom a taxpayer has either cohabited for a period of at least one year or with whom the parties are parents of a child. This change eliminates for tax purposes any distinction between parties who are legally married and those who live in common-law relationships.

In November 1993, the Ontario Law Reform Commission issued a report recommending that the definition of spouse in the Family Law Act be broadened to include heterosexual couples who have cohabited for at least three years or have cohabited in a relationship of some permanence where they are the parents of a child. This change would ensure that common-law spouses would have the same rights and responsibilities as married spouses throughout the entire Family Law Act.

The Law Reform Commission also recommended that certain provisions under the Family Law Act be extended to same-sex couples, including the right to enter into a domestic contract. The commission recommended that any two persons should be permitted to sign a document establishing a registered domestic partnership which would provide to the partners all of the rights and obligations available under the Act.

Obligations Between Family Members

Recent legislation and case law have redefined and generally increased the obligations owed by family members to one another. Examples include the following:

• The Federal Department of Justice has recommended the adoption of child support guidelines in both the Divorce Act and provincial legislation. Those guidelines would establish minimum levels of child support based on the income of the parties and the cost of living in particular areas of the country.

• The Supreme Court of Canada decision in Moge v. Moge has redefined the objectives underlying spousal support in Canadian law. The court acknowledged that parsimonious spousal support awards have contributed to the reality that most husbands are financially better off after a divorce while most wives are significantly worse off. According to the Supreme Court, the objective of spousal support should be to provide compensation for sacrifices made to one's career potential or, alternatively, contributions made to the advancement of the other spouse's career potential.

• Recent amendments to the federal pension benefits legislation and proposed amendments to the Ontario pension legislation will allow pension plan administrators to divide pension plan credits at source and to provide the non-employee spouse with his or her own pension entitlement separate and apart from that of the employee spouse.

• The Family Support Plan Act (enacted in March 1992) provides a scheme whereby support payments are automatically deducted by a payer's employer at source and paid to the Office of the Family Support Plan who, in turn, then pays the funds to the spouse entitled to payment under the court order. Although the Family Support Plan has to date been plagued with administrative difficulties resulting in huge backlogs and delays in enforcement and payment out to recipients, the system does have the promise of eventually restoring needed integrity to the court system.

• Recent case law has redefined the rights of custodial parents. While at one time, a parent who had sole custody could move the child's residence wherever he or she saw fit, a court will now restrict such a move unless the custodial parent can establish that the proposed change is in the child's best interest. Similarly, while it was once thought that a custodial parent had the right to absolutely determine the child's education and religious upbringing, recent case law has acknowledged the right of the non-custodial parent to have input into these decisions and the right to educate the child as to alternative forms of religious belief.

Looking Ahead

The Canadian family has not only survived but has been regenerated in new and varied forms, including those led by common-law spouses, same-sex couples, or single parents. Continued evolution in the fields of property equalization, spousal and child support, and custody and access have served to redefine and generally heighten the obligations owed by family members to one another. It is hoped that the International Year of the Family will focus the attention of both professionals who deal with families and the public at large on the evolution that has occurred to date and the changes that are expected in coming years.

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Anti-boycott violations result in more fines

By STEVEN WEISS
Special to The CJN

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration has fined another U.S. business for allegedly assisting in the Arab economic boycott against Israel.

Arab American Bank, a New York-based consortium of 22 Arab, European and U.S. banks, was fined $35,000 by the Commerce Department's Bureau of Export Administration for alleged violations of U.S. anti-boycott laws.

The fine, announced April 21, came a week after the Commerce Department announced penalties against four other companies. The department also recently issued a disturbing report showing boycott activity during the first three months of this year remained steady compared to the same period last year.

The report came as a disappointment to Jewish groups, which had expected a decrease in boycott activity as the result of renewed prospects for peace in the Middle East.

Several Arab countries have led a so-called "primary" boycott of Israeli goods since before the creation of Israel in 1948. The boycott also includes "secondary" and "tertiary" aspects, which place companies doing business with Israel on a blacklist along with companies doing business with blacklisted firms.

President Clinton has frequently used diplomatic channels in pressuring the Arab world to discontinue the secondary and tertiary aspects of the boycott, which seriously hamper several U.S. corporations.

Congress has also acted with several bills designed to thwart boycott activity.

A statement on the report released recently by the Commerce Department's Office of Antiboycott Compliance said the Clinton administration would continue pressing for an end to the boycott, acknowledging progress on that front has been "disappointingly slow."

In its announcement of the latest fine, the Commerce Department alleged that the Arab American Bank furnished Syria, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates with information on other companies' business relationships with Israel and other blacklisted entities.

While agreeing to pay the fine, the Arab American Bank neither admitted nor denied the alleged violations of anti-boycott laws, which prohibit the release of information about any person's business relationships with or in a boycotted country.

Other fines assessed recently include $31,200 against Arab Bank PLC of New York; $10,000 against Boaleeco, a Massachusetts manufacturer of educational equipment; and $2,000 against each of two Honeywell Inc. subsidiaries.

More than $6.8 million in penalties were imposed in fiscal year 1993 for alleged boycott activity.

Skills training program in B.C.

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — A new skills training program "to give students, workers and the unemployed real skills for the real world," has been announced by Premier Mike Harcourt.

The premier said the government's plan, called Skills Now, will invest $200 million over the next two years in creating or expanding more than 30 practical, innovative skills training and support programs.

"Our goal," he said, "is to ensure British Columbians have the skills needed for the new jobs in B.C.'s changing economy. With new industries and technologies emerging in B.C., our job is to make sure skills training keeps pace. Skills Now is a plan that will give access to the skills people need for our new and expanding job markets."

Harcourt said that the new plan will link high schools to the workplace and increase access to college and university, "so more young men and women keep ahead in our changing world. It will provide workers with the new skills they need for new jobs. And it will build on the strengths and abilities of the unemployed to help get them back into the workforce."

Skills Now is the result of a partnership between government, business, labor, educators and communities, he added.

For high school students, Skills Now will include work experience and apprenticeship preparation, graduation credits for skills learned outside the classroom, expanded stay-in-school programs, mandatory career planning and modernized vocational and technical training.

As a result of the program, there will be 8,100 new student spaces — three times the current number — in colleges and universities. It will provide degree-granting status to six colleges and institutions and create at least six new advanced technology programs in growing fields such as film animation and environmental management.

Workers will be retrained closer to home in 10 community skills centres to be established across B.C. and linked by computers and telecommunications, to provide training to 10,000 people, create 300 apprenticeships in new and growing job fields, and develop 70 small businesses in sectoral training and partnerships.

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Forum brings businessmen together

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It's Israel's turn.

This was the prevailing theme at the economic forum entitled Israel: Opportunities for Canadian Business held recently at the Inn on the Park in Toronto.

Premier Bob Rae called it "establishing economic alliances."

Giora Meyuhaus, Israel's economic minister for North America, told the gathering that "the glue for peace is the economic development of the region."

Benjamin Noy, trade commissioner of the Israel Economic Mission, said that the joint economic agreement between Israel and Ontario would "act as a catalyst."

At the reception that attracted 450 CEOs, presidents, investors, and entrepreneurs, many commented that political stablilty will be accompanied by increased foreign investment in the Middle East.

According to Meyuhaus, this forecast is correct. The peace process will accelerate the economic development of the region, he said.

He also noted that beside the "outstanding incentive packages Israel offers investors" which includes, for example, a 10-year tax holiday, the country offers investors other advantages.

Meyuhaus pointed to the free trade pacts Israel has with the United States and the European Economic Community (EEC) that will allow Canadian investors access to many markets.

Other factors to consider include the high percentage of qualified, creative workers; and the government's commitment to the privatization and foreign currency process.

These factors, combined with a signed trade pact between Ontario and Israel, will give an edge to those Canadian business leaders who are looking to invest in Israel.

"It is nuts to ask Canadians to compete in the Israeli market when they have a free trade agreement with the United States," Rae said, adding that its not possible to get Canadian goods at par.

"Any reluctance in respect to free trade is in the federal government. My argument is that we cannot talk of expanding on a major basis unless an agreement is in place."

Rae said past problems have blinded some to the potential of, not just the Israeli market, but looking to the long term, the economy of the Middle East.

He stressed that the peace agreement will mean access to broader markets. Ultimately, it will present opportunities for Canadian companies and Israeli firms.

Larry Keith, senior vice-president of Newbridge Networks Inc., spoke from a manufacturer's perspective on Israel.

Founded in 1986, this telecommunications firm concentrates on public networks and distribution and direct sales to private companies. Based in Kanata, Ottawa, the firm has over $500 million in sales and is No. 1 in the worldwide market share with 28 per cent.

Newbridge began doing business with the Israeli company Tadiran in 1989 and this multidimensional relationship today amounts to $15 million in sales to Israel.

Mark Smith, CEO of Claridge Israel Inc., said that in 1989, there were several positive forces at work in Israel that created an opportunity for large scale projects.

In Claridge's assessment, they included prospects for GNP growth; the existence of young, underdeveloped companies; the trend towards peace in the short and medium term; and the absence of aggressive private capital.

As Smith said, "In 1989, no one was going to Israel."

During the 18 months that followed, Claridge invested $100 million (U.S.), examined 30 businesses and completed four deals. The result — the original capital was recouped — a profit of $450 million, and all investments are liquid.

Both Keith and Smith agreed that in the past it was risky to invest in Israel. This, they say, is not true today. Those who took a gamble and invested in Israel five years ago are now reaping the benefits.

The forum was sponsored by the Israel Economic Mission to Canada, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto/UJA, and the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Seniors' meeting targets finances

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Mrs. A had little experience managing money. Her husband had always taken care of everything — from investing their savings to managing the day-to-day expenses. They had save a nest egg for what they thought would be a modest, but comfortable retirement.

Unfortunately Mr. A died shortly after he retired. Interest rates had just started to decline. Suddenly Mrs. A had to manage her own money at a time when she was getting diminshed returns on her investments.

She discovered that the income from the interest on her savings was not enough to live on. She sold the family home and moved into subsidized housing. But she is still struggling to make ends meet.

Mrs. A is not alone. Goldie Leibman, coordinator of the Association of Jewish Seniors, said the drop in interest rates has effected many seniors.

In response, the association recently organized Focus on Senior Finances- increase your income safely — a financial seminar to help seniors look at investment options. "They need help to protect and maximize what they have," Leibman said, "to live the way they planned."

The seminar, which took place at the Holy Blossom Synagogue, was sponsored by CIBC bank branches at Bathurst and Lawrence, Eglinton and Glenarden and 462 Spadina Rd. About 200 people came out to hear the three guest panellists from the CIBC.

Lee Corasaniti, a regional sales rep, explained the various investment options — from stocks, and mutual funds to bonds and cash — and the risks associated with them. The CIBC has 14 mutual funds worth a total of $3.75 billion.

There are no front or back load fees — commission charged with the purchase or redemption of these funds, but yearly management fees range from half a per cent for premium treasury bill funds to 2.5 per cent for international funds.

With the fluctuating interest rates people would have a better chance of taking advantage of rate increases if they staggered the maturity dates of their GICs, Corasaniti said. She also advised them to diversify their investment portfolios.

Luke O'Brien, a retirement specialist, spoke on different financial options — such as RRIFs and annuities — for conversion of RRSPs. He advised people to prolong accessing RRSPs because this money is not taxed. But they must convert the funds by the age of 71, he said.

O'Brien discussed the differences between annuities and RRIFs. The advantage to annuities is that they are simple: people receive guaranteed incomes after passing their money to a company, he said. He pointed out the disadvantages: there are penalties if the funds are liquidated, the annuities are not indexed to inflation and some are only life plans. In the event of death there is a loss to the estate with a life plan, he said.

O'Brien advised against locking into a long term fixed annuity today because the interest rates are low.

He said RRIFs are more flexible: money can be withdrawn at any time without penalty, there are more investment options and inflation protection and any left over can be passed on to the estate.

Don Fraser, a CIBC trust business development manager, talked about wills and estate planning. The goal of estate planning for seniors, is to minimize taxes when assets are distributed, he said. "Money spent on creating a good will saves money."

The executor of a will interprets it, deals with financial and tax issues and distributes the estate, Fraser said. He recommended that executors be financially responsible and act for all beneficiaries.

He does not advise executors to be beneficiaries. As well, financial compensation to an executor is taxable, but money left to a beneficiary is not taxed.

Fraser explained that trusts can be set up to hold property and money that can be passed on from one generation to the next, or a peson can create a trust, live off the interest and will it to a beneficiary.

Leibman said she was pleased with the large turnout and the positive response of the people who attended the seminar. Many people told her the information was very informative, she said.

Joe Carter, (not the baseball player) commenting on the seminar, said he and his wife were not aware of the disadvantages of annuities. "It [the seminar] opened our eyes to a lot of things."

Ralph Kochberg, another person who attended, said the panellists gave too much information, but he found the advice on wills very helpful. He intends to follow up on Fraser's recommendation of appointing a contingent executor in case the executor of his will can't perform the duties.

Martin Lewis, a volunteer at the seminar, said he's lucky because he gets a lot of advice from his son. "But the widows are under distress. If they can find a way to maximize their earnings it would be wonderful."

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By RUTH SCHWEITZER

TORONTO — With people living longer, money saved for retirement may run out before they die, according to Darryl Ura, a financial planner with the **Financial Concept Group.**

Inflation, he said, is still one of the factors that could contribute to a shortfall during retirement years in spite of the record low inflation rates of the past few years.

Ura stressed that the official inflation index, based on government and private sector inflation, is misleading. In 1992 and 1993 government inflation, which goes up when taxes increase, was 10 per cent, but the inflation for the two sectors combined worked out to 2 per cent, the official rate.

While $10,000 invested in GICs five years ago at 5 per cent interest is worth about $13,000 today, at best the investor has kept up with inflation. "[But] over the long run you're going to fall back," Ura noted.

A financial planner, he said, can make changes to a portfolio that ensure yearly income from investments will continue throughout retirement.

Ura finds some people over 50 are overwhelmed by the many investment options currently available and continue to invest in gauranteed investment certificates, when they could get a higher rate of interest from a government bond. Both GICs and government bonds are guaranteed by the government, he pointed out.

On their own, investors sometimes fail to achieve the maximum possible return on their investments, or on the other hand, take excessive risks.

Financial planners outline investment options, make recommendations and implement the plan. They look for the best interest rates, said Ura, adding that interest rates vary depending on the risk the client is comfortable with. Planners monitor portfolios and make periodic recommendations for adjustments or improvements.

Financial planners focus on long-term rather than short-term financial goals, which involves educating their clients about investments.

Clients have to understand that equities — real estate or stocks — go up and down in value, Ura emphasized. In the long run, however, equities always outperform debt instruments like bonds.

Investment strategy is developed according to a client's needs, whether it is retirement, estate or tax planning. There are no carved-in-stone investment strategies for a particular age group, such as people in their 20s, those 30 to 50, or those over 50, as other factors like income level come into play. Each client is different, said Ura.

He called diversity the key to investing as it reduces overall risk while still allowing maximum returns. He recommends a combination of mutual funds, Canadian and foreign equities, and RRSPs for any portfolio. People over 50, he said, generally own fewer equities and more income producing investments like government bonds.

Ura advises people to look for an independent financial planner without any ties to a particular product or industry. A salesperson or banker sells only the institution's often limited range of products. An independent financial planner offers the consumer a choice of hundreds of different financial products.

Ura, who has a background in real estate investment, has been with the Financial Concept Group since 1992. The company has more than a hundred financial planners in 25 offices in Ontario and the Northwest Territories and is one of the largest independent investment dealers in Canada.

When Ura is not at work, he volunteers for the Baycrest Hospital and Israeli Bonds. The bonds, Ura noted, are now RRSP eligible.

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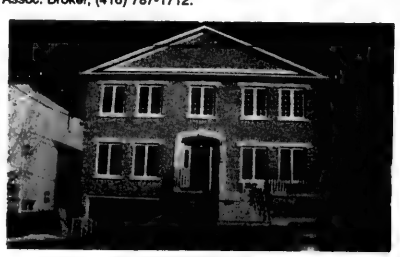

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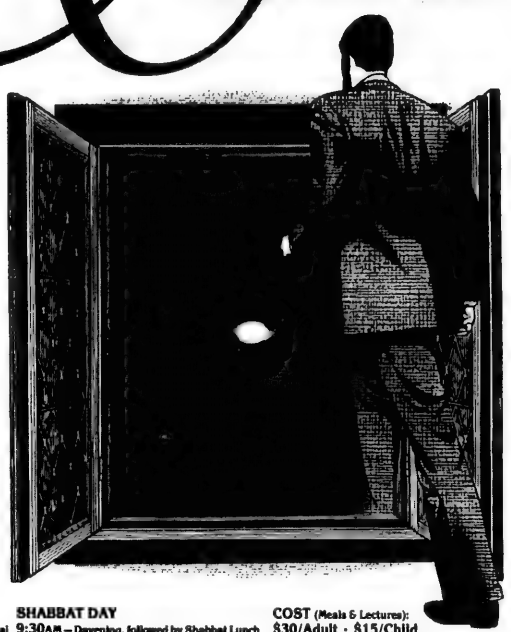

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A smiling Palestinian police officer (centre) is flanked by two Israeli guards at the border checkpoint of the newly-autonomous Jericho region. The Palestinian force now in charge of Gaza and Jericho is equipped with Norwegian uniforms, British riot gear, American trucks and Greek communications equipment. [IPPA Photo]

Ottawa prepares to get tough on hate crimes

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — Judges might be handing out harsher sentences for hate crimes after changes to the Criminal Code proposed by Minister of Justice Allan Rock.

Rock, speaking in Ottawa at a human rights and justice conference organized by Canadian Jewish Congress, said hate should be recognized as an influence in any offence, from vandalism to violence, and be reflected in sentencing.

"What I'm proposing," he told reporters after his address at the conference, "is the possibility of amending the Criminal Code [so that in sentencing] the court must take into account, as an aggravating factor, the fact that someone was motivated in committing the crime by hate."

He said the tougher sentences would apply to crimes against anyone targeted because of bias, including homosexuals, religious and racial groups.

He expects to propose the amendment in the House of Commons by mid-June.

Irving Abella, president of Canadian Jewish Congress, welcomed the proposed amendment to the Criminal Code, saying it would bolster Canada's hate laws.

"It would increase the sentencing and it might act as a deterrent [to hate crimes], we don't know, but it will send out a very strong message."

David Matas, honorary senior council for B'nai Brith Canada, says he was disappointed with Rock's proposal because it deals with hate crimes after the damage has been done.

"[The proposed amendments] deal with the problem much too late ... It's much better to deal with the hate itself."

For instance, he says, Holocaust denial should become a criminal offence. And hate-mongers should not be able to use the "defence of truth", which allows them to try and prove in court for instance, that the Holocaust never happened or that some races are inferior.

Allan Rock

But Bernie Farber, national director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, says Canada has effective hate laws. Changing them would probably make them unconstitutional and leave the country without any hate legislation at all.

"You change one comma of that law, you remove one word from that law, and that law can once again go before the Supreme Court of Canada," he said. "If the law goes before the Supreme Court, we may throw out the baby with the bath water."

Farber applauded Rock's proposal. He said victims of hate crimes will feel there is justice in longer sentences for crimes motivated by hate.

"I think it's a strong message to hate-mongers out there that this government is taking hate crimes seriously," Farber said.

Canada seeks clarification over Arafat's statements

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Worried by the implications of recent statements by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, the Canadian government on May 20 asked a senior official at the Canadian embassy in Tunis to press for clarification from the PLO, which is headquartered in Tunis.

The Canadian government move was officially described as a "demarche," a diplomatic initiative, to present the government's concerns that Arafat's recent statements impair the Declaration of Principles and the peace process, said Stuart Hughes, of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

On May 10 Arafat called in a speech in a Johannesburg mosque for a jihad (holy war) for Jerusalem and alluded to an account in the Koran of the Prophet Mohammed's abrogation of a treaty.

The PLO officials told the Canadian embassy official that Arafat's remarks in the mosque were in a religious connotation and meant a peaceful struggle.

"We have to take them at their word on this," said Hughes. "We're interested in keeping the peace process going."

On the reference to abrogation of a treaty, Hughes said the PLO explanation was that it was an arrangement between the founder of Islam and some ruling families which the families subsequently broke. Therefore, it was not a case of walking away from the agreement.

There is a growing sense of discomfort within the Canadian Jewish community and in Israel over Arafat's statements, Donald Carr, vice-chairman, Canada-Israel Committee, told a meeting at Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto May 26.

Growing uncertainty about the PLO's ability to carry out the Declaration of Principles is one of the reasons only a "scant portion" of the $2.4 billion pledged by 43 countries or non-governmental agencies to aid the PLO has been paid, said David Goldberg, research director, Foundation for Middle East Studies.

The recent statements by Arafat have "exacerbated" the situation, Goldberg said. "Many are worried that the PLO has no infrastructure in place and that Arafat is slow in appointing professional people such as economists to supervise the funds. No one wants to send money if they are not sure where it's going. There are big bucks involved."

On this point, the CIC has expressed concern to the Canadian government about the $55 million promised by Canada for Palestinian infrastructure.

The CIC has proposed several options, including the withholding of Canadian funds, until the PLO demonstrates a consistent commitment to agreements already in place, active involvement in eliminating terrorist and violent incidents in Gaza (which have escalated considerably since the IDF withdrawal last week) and a clear demonstration that the PLO enjoys the support of the indigenous Palestinian population.

Joint fund launched for high-tech ventures

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It was three years in the making, but Canada and Israel last week unveiled a $6-million research fund for high technology joint ventures.

The Canada Israel Industrial Research and Development Foundation (CIIRDF), a non-profit organization, is funded by Industry Canada and the Israeli Ministry of Industry. Each government has pledged $1 million in R&D funding for each of the next three years.

"The amount of money is very modest, but the foundation represents a breakthrough," said Benjamin Noy, the Toronto-based Israeli government trade commissioner who helped broker the deal.

The arrangement is a first-ever for Canada. Israel has similar agreements with the United States, Holland, Germany and France.

Dr. Henri Rothschild

Dr. Henri Rothschild, currently chief scientist for Industry Canada, will head the foundation.

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New beth din prepares to sit in Toronto

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —The Jewish community of Toronto will take another major step on June 9, Rosh Chodesh Tammuz, with the first session of a beth din kavuah, a permanently sitting rabbinic court, under the auspices of the Vaad Harabonim of Greater Toronto.

Rabbi Moshe Stern, president of the Vaad, announced that the new beth din will sit on Thursdays, from noon until 1 p.m., at Clanton Park Synagogue, 11 Lowesmoor Ave., in North York. It will be staffed by a rotating roster of Vaad members.

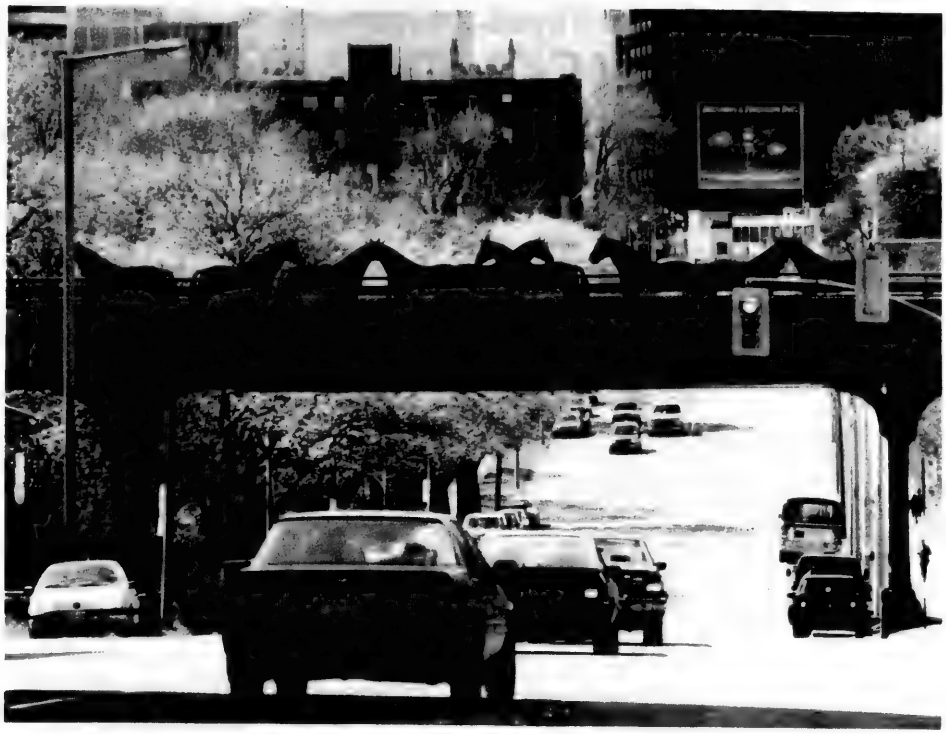
"The Vaad felt that it is necessary that there be a permanent beth din, sitting regularly at a specific time and location, so that people can bring issues and problems they feel might need a rabbinic, Torah solution," Rabbi Stern explained.

Such matters might include adoption, conversions, business disputes, or any other problem that the community might feel needs rabbinic input.

The beth din kavuah will not be only for the Orthodox community, Rabbi Stern said, but will be available to serve the needs of the entire Jewish community.

He stressed that matters will not be resolved at the beth din kavuah; rather, it will act principally as a consulting body, to explain procedures and to determine whether — and what — further action need be taken on any particular issue.

The fact that the Vaad has organized this new structure from which the community can seek advice and consultation, Rabbi Stern said, is 'a further indication of how much progress the Jewish community has made."



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Toronto transit has not taken a step into the past. These dozen horses, seen in silhouette, are the work of sculptor Robert Sprachman of Toronto. The Iron Horse is located on an old railroad bridge spanning Yonge Street below Davisville Avenue. See story page 32 [Donna Griffith photo]

Women & Violence: *Jews speak out*

Sexual assault myths debunked by panel

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Sexual assault has nothing to do with passion or sickness and everything to do with asserting power and control, a forum sponsored by Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS) was told last week.

Men who sexually assault — and 99 per cent of these crimes are committed by men — don't do it because they are starved for sex or are mentally ill, but because they need to assert power over women they view as vulnerable, the sparse evening audience heard.

Sexual assault is defined as any unwanted act of a sexual nature and is shrouded in many myths, JF&CS therapist Gail Solish said.

For one, the problem exists in the Jewish community, despite efforts to downplay or deny it. It cuts across all religious boundaries and the shame victims associate with it may be one reason why it's under-reported, Solish explained.

Among the many myths surrounding sexual assault are:

- It's not a common problem. In fact, surveys show that half of all Canadian women have experienced at least one incident of sexual and physical abuse, with 60 per cent of those reporting more than one incident. And one in seven men report having been sexually assaulted.
- Women "ask for it" by the way they dress or act. Women, Solish countered, cannot be blamed for being assaulted, no matter how they dress or act. And men don't assault because they are sexually aroused; they do it for power.
- Sexual assault is committed by strangers. Of women who are assaulted, 69 per cent know their attackers, whether friends, relatives, dates, neighbors or work associates.
- Women cannot be assaulted by their husbands. Sexual assault within relationship has been a crime since 1983, and 38 per cent of victims were assaulted by husbands, boyfriends or common-law partners.
- It's only sexual assault if physical violence or a weapon is used. In fact, Solish said, the Criminal Code's definition of the act ranges from unwanted sexual touching to sexual violence resulting in wounding, maiming and even death.

An unfortunate statistic, Solish noted, is that only six per cent of sexual assaults are reported to police, making it among the most under-reported crimes.

Women, she said, don't report the crime mainly out of fear and shame and the belief that police are powerless to stop it.

Another alarming number comes from a recent survey showing 60 per cent of college-age students saying they would commit sexual assault if assured they would get away with it.

Laura Silver, a Crown attorney specializing in sexual abuse cases, took the audience through the complex legal maze that exists for both victims and perpetrators.

It's up to police to lay charges, based on a complainant's credibility, Silver said.

Generally, if the complaint is of a severe nature, the accused will be detained, she added.

And the victim's identity is usually protected because courts tend to grant such bans, Silver said.

Metro Police Staff Sgt. Diane MacInnes said sexual assault "has nothing to do with passion or hormones. It all centres on vulnerability."

Often, MacInnes said, a woman's body language or overall demeanor can signal vulnerability to an attacker.

She advised women to adopt more "masculine," business-like conduct.

JF&CS is scheduled to begin regular sessions for sexual assault victims this month if there's sufficient interest. Call (416) 638-7800 for details.

Abusive relationships found throughout community

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Violence against women in the Jewish community not only exists, it is in proportion to the size of the community, members of a recent panel agreed.

The panel, sponsored by the Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood, included Mary Lou Fassel, director of legal services, Barbara Schlifer Commemorative Clinic; Lilith, writer and activist; Paula Klein, social worker and board member, Criminal Injuries Compensation Board; Ronnie Jaeger, social worker, Jewish Family & Child Service. Moderator was Lynn Cohen, counsellor/advocate, Barbara Schlifer Commemorative Clinic.

Jaeger said that it is difficult to get statistics on violence in the Jewish community because not all women come forward. "We can only count those that have come to JF&CS but 20 per cent of the cases we do see involve violence against women."

She said that from data the agency has gathered in the past two years, it has determined that: Jewish women tend to stay in abusive relationships longer than women in the general community; Jewish immigrant women are more reluctant to seek help than their Canadian counterparts; Jewish women and their spouses generally have the same level of education; and members of all professions have been abused.

"A fact we found interesting," she said, "is that a much smaller percentage of abusive men come from abusive homes than in the general community. Coupled with that, there is less alcohol, drug and criminal involvement. . .

"What is less proven, but many women claim to be true, is that abusive Jewish men are more careful not to leave visible marks. One woman said that after her husband gave her a black eye, he took the children to and from school so she would not be seen and everyone at school told her what a good husband she had."

Klein said that too many people in the Jewish community deny that domestic violence exists. "Shalom bayit assumes that the family is a safe place. If we are not safe in our family, then we have no safety, so we deny abuse exists. Within our community we have batterers, rapists, child abusers and those who abuse elderly parents. If we impose silence and denial then we are perpetuating shame."

She said that for Jews to acknowledge that they are no different than the general society is seen as a betrayal of all Jews. "We have designed a self-perception that does not perpetuate reality. If we cannot talk about all our problems then we are in danger."

Jaeger said that women in the Orthodox community are speaking out more about abuse and that rabbis have been responsive to JF&CS, but they "tend to see it as which side is right. There is a judgment connected, often at the expense of the women or the workers' safety. Some rabbis have also been intimidated by wealthy donors."

Lilith said that large donations to a religious institution should not disclaim investigation into alleged domestic violence.

Jaeger admitted that JF&CS is failing women because there is a much greater need for service than there are resources. "The community has to know that we are facing a crisis in terms of service but when someone comes to us about violence we do make an immediate assessment for safety. If required, we have a kosher shelter or we can refer them to another shelter and we also have groups for battered women and incest survivors. Shame

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Quebec harbored French collaborators, researchers find

By DAVID LAZARUS
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MONTREAL — Spokesmen for local Jewish groups weighed their words carefully in assessing the impact of recent revelations that Jacques Duge and other French collaborators came to Quebec after World War II with the help of some of the province's most prominent nationalist figures.

In the May 20 issue of the French-language daily *Le Devoir*, researchers Jean-Francois Nadeau and Gonzalo Arriaga, both graduate students at Montreal universities, meticulously reviewed the personal papers and detailed the efforts of the late Quebec historian Robert Rumilly in building a network of right-wing lobbyists.

The object of the lobby efforts was to bring Duge, Klaus Barbie's right-hand man, and other French collaborators and Nazis, whom they thought of as "French political refugees," to the province after the war.

Besides Duge, known also as "Count Jacques de Bernonville," the list of Vichy regime collaborators or war criminals who came to Quebec from 1946 on included Count Viktor Kayserling, a German SS officer who ended up working for the British United Press in Montreal before eventually fleeing to Haiti; and Dr. Georges-Benoit Montel, a Nazi collaborator from Lyon, where Barbie, known as the "Butcher of Lyon," served as Gestapo chief.

The list of "refugees" also included, among others, Dr. Michel-Lucien Seigneur, a veteran of the French SS; and Julien Labedan, leader of the Vichy militia.

In 1947, while he was in Quebec, Duge was sentenced in absentia to death by a French court. But in 1951, as Canada was preparing to deport him back to France despite the efforts of Rumilly's lobby network, he fled to Brazil to avoid French extradition. He was found murdered there in 1972.

Locally, the names of prominent French-Canadians who supported the "refugees" coming to Quebec read like a virtual who's who of nationalist figures of the era.

Jewish groups react cautiously

According to the Rumilly papers, the researchers found, they included Catholic church leaders; Montreal Mayor Camilien Houde; Rene Chaloult, who designed the Quebec flag; and right-wing historian Father Lionel Groulx, who of late has become somewhat more notoriously known for his anti-Semitism.

The researchers also mentioned some Quebec personalities of today whose names appeared 40 years ago on petitions supporting the so-called French "refugees."

Among them were Andre Payette, a well-known Quebec journalist; Parti-Quebcois MNA Denis Lazure; Jean-Marc Leger, director of the Fondation Lionel Groulx; and Dr. Camille Laurin, best known as the author of Quebec's language law, Bill 101, who is running in the coming provincial election.

It is this aspect of the story which prompted Jewish groups to react cautiously.

Max Bernard, chair of Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region's (CJC-Q) community relations committee, strongly deplored the fact that such activities took place 45 years ago.

But as pointed out by historians like Esther Delisle, the help the collaborators received was not out of keeping with the widespread influence fascist ideology, anti-Semitism, and Catholic reactionary forces continued to wield over the intellectual sensibility of the province, even after the Holocaust, he said.

Petition asked for leniency

What appeared much less certain, Bernard stressed, is whether individuals like Laurin or Lazure even knew who Duge really was when, as idealistic university students at the Universite de Montreal (U of M), their names were attached to a telegram beseeching Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent to help the "count of Bernonville" stay in Canada.

When asked about this in the *Le Devoir* article, Lazure, who during this period served as president of the U of M's student body, only vaguely recalled the count's name, "nothing more."

Laurin's type-written name also appeared among 142 others on the 1950 petition.

But he, as well, only "vaguely" remembered the name. He told *Le Devoir* he had no recollection of the petition or of trying to help Duge remain in Canada.

Payette, for his part, remembers meeting Rumilly on one occasion and being taken in by his argument that the count was a "great man" being victimized by Ottawa because he was French.

But when Payette found out who "the count" really was, he said, he took a position against Rumilly.

Leger, who once was an editorial writer for *Le Devoir*, said it was not until the 1950s that he learned the "count" was actually Duge.

It is for this reason, Bernard said, that CJC was being "very cautious" about turning the latest revelations into a "political" issue, particularly when there is "no evidence" that people like Laurin or Lazure were involved.

For Stephen Scheinberg, national chair for B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights, it is also entirely plausible that people like Laurin and Lazure signed petitions because they naively thought they were helping a "poor Frenchman," not a notorious Nazi.

"You can't translate a signature asking for leniency as commitment to fascism," he said. "I would be careful with that."

By the same token, the latest revelations disturb Scheinberg.

"One would have hoped," he said, "that Quebecers who were followers of Groulx [during the 1930s] would have been shocked to their senses by the events of World War II.

"But evidently it did not change them at all.

"They were still more concerned with protecting 'good Catholics' and 'good conservatives'."

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Ida Nudel charms Toronto audience

Former Soviet prisoner

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For a while, it looked like a scene from the late 1970s or early '80s: prominent Soviet Jewry activists, clergy and politicians packed into a room, perusing printed handouts, waiting for a speaker.

Only this time, the speaker was Ida Nudel, who immigrated to Israel nearly seven years ago after having suffered as the old Soviet Union's only female Prisoner of Conscience.

And many of those present at last week's private reception here for Nudel were teary-eyed, for they were finally seeing the woman for whom they had fought and lobbied so hard.

Nudel, a diminutive 63-year-old who radiates energy, returned the sentiment. "You cannot know what it means," she said in a confident English, "that someone is looking at you, keeping you alive. If you had not taken a stand, many of us would not have survived. Every one of you saved lives."

On hand to toast Nudel on her first visit to Toronto were past recipients of the Ida Nudel Humanitarian Award: activists June Callwood and Sister Mary Jo Leddy, and former federal cabinet minister Barbara McDougall. Nudel presented each in turn with a copy of her autobiography, *A Hand in the Darkness*.

Also attending was a veritable who's who of one-time front-line fighters for Soviet Jews: Marsha Slavens, Jeanette Goldman, Joyce Eklove and the last national chair of Canadian Jewish Congress's (CJC) Soviet Jewry committee, Wendy Eisen.

They joined CJC national president Irving Abella and such community figures as Rabbi Gunther Plaut, Kurt Rothschild, Judge Rosalie Abella, Arlene Perly Rae, David Rotenberg, Ontario MPP Don Cousens and Rev. John Erb in welcoming Nudel.

"Tonight we celebrate your speech and words," said Sister Leddy, and, paraphrasing Russian poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko, said Nudel's tears during her hellish years fell on the cheeks of her far-off supporters "as if snowflakes."

An economist by training, Nudel first applied to leave the U.S.S.R. for Israel in 1971. She was refused on grounds of "state interests."

She then began a lobbying campaign on behalf of other Refuseniks, earning her the moniker "Angel of Mercy." Her sole relative, her sister Elana Fridman, was granted permission to leave for Israel in 1972.

In 1978, Nudel hung a banner from her Moscow apartment reading, "KGB, Give Me My Visa!" She was placed under house arrest and later charged with "malicious hooliganism."

Later that year, she was sentenced to four years in Siberia, where she was the sole woman in a prison for hardened criminals.

Ida Nudel [front] joined [from left] activists June Callwood, Sister Mary Jo Leddy and former cabinet minister Barbara McDougall at a private Toronto reception last week. [Ron Csillag photo]

Nudel faced ill health and constant danger, and slept with a knife under her pillow.

Following the prison term, Nudel lived in internal exile in Bendery, now in Moldova.

Canada's involvement in her plight goes back to 1979, when then external affairs minister Flora MacDonald made several representations on Nudel's behalf.

During a visit to Ottawa in late 1985 by then Soviet foreign minister Eduard Shevardnadze, both Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and External Affairs Minister Joe Clark reportedly raised Nudel's case.

Nudel was released in late 1987 and came to Israel aboard U.S. industrialist Armand Hammer's private Boeing 727 to a tumultuous welcome, finally joining the sister she had not seen in 16 years.

U.S. actress Jane Fonda was among Nudel's staunchest supporters.

It was activists such as those in Toronto who brought about her release, Nudel said.

"Your activity made the KGB feel responsible. Often, it was very difficult to go on, but almost all of us who came out of prison [are] healthy and sane. Many others are dead or crippled," she said.

"We won," she added, "because we are determined."

Nudel made a pitch for Hallel, a non-profit organization in Israel that provides newcomers with integration services.

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Community mobilizes over continuity issue

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "We are losing our people to assimilation, indifference and desertion of our religion and culture. . . We are in jeopardy of losing our Jewish identity."

Those troubling words are part of a message from Stanley Plotnick, chair of the national commission on Jewish identity and continuity of the Council of Jewish Federations of Canada (CJF).

His words were included in the commission's first newsletter and formed the basis of a meeting last weekend of community activists and religious leaders attempting to tackle the thorny problem of continuity.

Twenty-five people gathered at a Toronto airport hotel in a brainstorming session to exchange information and ideas about community reaction to continuity.

They discussed youth retention programs, leadership development initiatives, how to attract unaffiliated Jews and how to increase cooperation between religious and secular leaders.

The participants included representatives of federation continuity committees in Calgary, Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, students, and four rabbis representing Orthodox, Conservative and Reform congregations.

Invitations were issued to the unfederated communities in Saskatchewan and the Maritimes as well as to smaller communities in Ontario.

The goal of the meeting was to kick-start various communities across Canada into taking action against the worrying trend of assimilation and intermarriage, said Sheldon Maerov, executive-director of CJF Canada.

CJF will bring together local community groups for discussion and help distribute information, Maerov said.

"We're focusing from the bottom up, from the community up, to help communities develop strategies, to see what works and what information is needed," he said.

Maerov and Plotnick cite several disturbing statistics, based on data from the 1991 Canadian Census, that prompted creation of the continuity committees.

In Canada, approximately 50,000 people identify themselves as Jews by ethnicity alone and not by religion. The intermarriage rate among Jews nationwide is 16.2 per cent, with the rate reaching 35.4 per cent in Vancouver and 22.8 per cent in Ottawa.

"We know that if we continue to do what we're doing, we'll lose the basis of those who identify as Jews," Maerov said.

Penni Kolb, a spokesman for ProMontreal, a youth retention initiative of Montreal's Federation CJA, said the two-year-old program has achieved good results on a number of fronts. It has compiled a list of 1,500 young people who have had help finding jobs; it has a 3,000-name list of young people who participate in social and cultural events; and publishes a glossy magazine, *In Montreal*, that many young Montrealers read.

Rabbi Jeffrey Gale of Temple Shalom in Winnipeg told the meeting that "the underlying concern is a spiritual malaise."

He said synagogues must serve as a modern "counter-culture" to the prevailing ethos in society which trumpets "the values of the marketplace."

Synagogues must also reach out to Jews who don't fit the "Ozzie and Harriet [family] model." Single mothers, interfaith couples and families with dual breadwinners must also be the subject of synagogue outreach, he said.

Rabbi Reuben Poupko of the Beth Israel Beth Aaron Synagogue in Montreal called for a cooperative atmosphere between synagogues and federations and a recognition of the importance that houses of worship play in Jewish life.

He also called on federation lay leaders to increase their participation in religious life and serve as role models to the rest of the community.

Rabbi Michael Skobac, director of the Jewish Students' Union at the University of Toronto, opened the meeting with a d'var Torah.

Jerome Shore, proprietor of the Coaching Clinic, served as facilitator in a brainstorming session.

Golan residents seek funds to help publicize their cause

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

Yoash Tsiddon-Chatto (left) and Chaim Saperia were in Canada recently to drum up support for settlers on the Golan Heights. [Paul Lungen photo]

TORONTO — Israelis opposed to the policy of exchanging the Golan Heights for a peace treaty with Syria are asking Canadian Jews for financial support to help publicize their campaign against the proposed move.

Giving up the Heights would endanger the fundamental security of the State of Israel, contend Chaim Saperia and Yoash Tsiddon-Chatto.

"We are here to try to convey the message of the vital existential importance of the Golan Heights to Israel's defence," said Tsiddon-Chatto, a colonel in the air force reserve. "Settling the Golan was like taking an oath that this is where we will stay. It's become part of the body of Israel."

Saperia, a spokesman for the three-year-old Golan Settlement Committee, said the organization was "founded for the purpose of the struggle against any movement of Israel from the Golan Heights. Not even one centimetre."

The movement includes "all sides of the Israeli political spectrum," from left to right, as well as both observant and secular Jews. It also represents the majority of the Golan's 13,000 Jews, he said.

A resident of Alonei Habashan, the easternmost of the Golan's 32 settlements, Saperia said he, his wife and daughter joined the community six years ago, moving from Jerusalem. He joined a group of fellow students from the Hapoel Hamizrachi movement that settled in Alonei Habashan after then defence minister Ariel Sharon "tried to convince us to establish the yishuv (settlement) at the place of Syrian penetration" during the Yom Kippur War of 1973.

Tsiddon-Chatto, a member of the Knesset for the right-wing Tsomet Party from 1988-92, resides in the Tel Aviv area but believes the future of the Golan Heights affects all Israelis. The Golan Heights provides Israel with an important strategic card to play against Syria, he said. Israel's presence deters Syrian agression and it gives Israel "control of the plain up to Damascus." If Israel were to give up the Heights in exchange for a treaty with Syrian dictator Hafez al-Assad, it will lead to war, he contended.

From 1949-67 when Syria controlled the heights, Syria violated more than 400 ceasefires, he said. But after a 1977 ceasefire agreement, "not one shot" has been fired on the Heights.

Why change that situation, give up the key high ground and take a chance that Assad or a subsequent leader will change their mind and open hostilities with Israel? he asked.

Both Assad and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat still maintain the goal of eradicating Israel, he added.

Turning his attention to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Tsiddon-Chatto said the prime minister has reversed his own pre-election assurances given the Golan settlers that Israel would not withdraw from the Heights.

Rabin has been outmaneuvered by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin and the left wing of the Labor Party, he suggested.

"My feeling is that this government is in a flat spin," the former Spitfire and Skyhawk pilot said. "They are themselves at a loss to stop this fall into the abyss."

Saperia said that with talk of relinquishing the Heights, the mood among the area's 13,000 settlers has sunk to one of depression. "It's hard to find anyone smiling today," he said. The future of the communities is all anyone talks about.

A minority have stated they will leave their homes if they are offered suitable compensation, he added.

Saperia and Tsiddon-Chatto were guests in Canada of the Canadian Friends of Ramat Hagolan (CFRH), an ad hoc collection of people that also includes some supporters of Yesha, the settlers movement in Judea, Samaria and Gaza. They addressed two small gatherings in Toronto and the national convention of B'nai Brith Canada, held in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Henry Zieleniec, a spokesman for CFRH, said the organization has almost 500 supporters in Toronto, to whom it turns for help in financing settlers' efforts to publicize their concerns abroad and in Israel. He said CFRH hopes to establish similar groups in Montreal and in other Canadian centres.

Non-Jewish immigration sparks controversy in Israel

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Twenty-nine per cent of all immigrants to Israel this past year were not Jewish, the Interior Ministry revealed last week.

The figure surfaced in a meeting of the Knesset's Immigration and Absorption Committee, and prompted calls from the fervently Orthodox to repeal the Law of Return, which grants immigration and citizenship rights to Jews and their families.

But Yair Tsaban, minister of immigrant absorption from the liberal Meretz party, defended the status quo, saying the non-Jewish immigrants were generally spouses of Jews, and their immigration was a move against assimilation and loss.

The Law of Return is seen as symbolizing the Jewish character of the State of Israel.

It has also served as a lightning rod for the Orthodox parties in their effort to implement their vision of a Jewish state. For years, there were efforts to amend the law's definition of who is a Jew, to exclude non-Orthodox conversions.

Now, with the continuing mass immigration from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia, attention has been focused on the clauses permitting anyone who is the grandchild of a Jew to be recognized as a Jew for the purposes of immigration and citizenship and extending those privileges to non-Jewish spouses.

In one case, a member of the Falash Mora group — Ethiopians whose ancestors converted from Judaism to Christianity — recently converted to Judaism and then immigrated with dozens of his family.

For Rabbi Avraham Ravitz of the Orthodox Degel HaTorah party, the figures point to a need to repeal or radically reformulate the Law of Return.

"It is clearly being used to help those it was not intended for," said Rabbi Ravitz, "thousands, hundreds of thousands of non-Jews. They are exploiting us, and this is the only country the Jews have."

He pointed to what he termed "wholesale fraud" by immigrants passing themselves off as Jewish.

In his opinion, the number of non-Jewish immigrants is far higher than 29 per cent.

Rabbi Ravitz said these immigrants do not yearn to be in Israel but are intent on leaving their own country, and Israel is virtually the only country open to them.

Some, he said, are downright anti-Semitic. Others — not just individuals but entire communities — continue to observe Christian festivals, he charged.

But Tsaban has countered that Rabbi Ravitz was again attempting to insert into the Law of Return the concept of "conversion according to Halachah" in the section that seeks to define Jews who were not born of Jewish mothers.

By letting the Jewish spouse or partner immigrate with the entire family, said Tsaban, the Law of Return enables them all to become part of the Jewish state.

"But above all," said Tsaban, "we have to remember the immense contribution to the life of our country that immigration makes. And we can't treat this immigration differently from the way we treated others."

In all, he said, more than 600,000 people have immigrated to Israel in the past four years.

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JERUSALEM — The spirit of ancient Rome could be felt in Jerusalem last month, as images of the catacombs of Rome went on display, and toga-clad models showed off Roman-inspired couture.

These were just a few of the events organized by Jerusalem's Bible Lands Museum to mark its second anniversary.

The museum — the only one in the world devoted to the peoples and lands described in the Bible — was founded in 1991 by Dr. Elie and Batya Borowski. The former Torontonians, who now live in Jerusalem, donated their extensive personal collection of antiquities to establish the museum. It includes artifacts from a dozen civilizations spanning over 6,000 years.

The museum kicked off its second anniversary celebrations with the opening of a new photo documentary exhibition, Vaults of Memory: Jewish and Christian Imagery in the Catacombs of Rome.

The exhibition — on loan from the International Catacomb Society of Boston, Mass. — provides glimpses of the Jewish, Christian and pagan cemeteries found in the labyrinth of burial tunnels encircling Rome. It illustrates how Judaism, early Christianity and paganism existed side-by-side, often influencing each other and using similar motifs and images.

In a lighter vein, the spirit of Rome inspired a unique fashion show at the museum: a display of designer togas created and modelled by local high school students from the Goldstein Youth Village.

The show was the culmination of a year-long project, in which the fashion design students received gift memberships, enabling them to visit the museum regularly to study its collections.

To create their Roman fashions, the students drew on the ancient motifs displayed at the museum, as well as using modern techniques of textile design, including computer generated graphics.

The fashion show was one of the highlights of a gala anniversary dinner in honor of two of the museum's dedicated supporters: Lily and Nathan Silver, also former Torontonians now living in Jerusalem.

The Silvers' role in supporting the museum was praised by Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, one of several distinguished guests at the dinner, which was chaired by Member of Knesset Eliahu Ben Elissar, and attended by Canadian Ambassador to Israel Norman Spector, member of Knesset Benny Begin, State Comptroller Miriam Ben Porat, acting director of the museum Batya Borowski, and many museum supporters.

Toronto Reunion: Bible Lands Museum director Batya Borowski (left), formerly of Toronto, and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert (second from right) joined Lily and Nathan Silver, also former Torontonians, for a recent bash marking the museum's second anniversary. The event also paid tribute to the Silvers for their patronage of the museum. [Israel Photo]

The Silvers, who immigrated to Israel from Toronto in 1973, have contributed to many projects throughout Jerusalem.

Their support for the museum permitted the establishment of a unique program that uses the most modern communications techniques to shed light on some of the most ancient ones. Called the multimedia seal program, it enables visitors to explore the museum's impressive collection of ancient seals through an interactive computer program. Seals were used by people of the Near East as amulets and official stamps.

The computer program — designed by Icons Ltd., a Jerusalem software company — allows the visitor to select any seal, view it close up on the computer screen, print or roll out its motif, and explore its cultural, historical, religious, geographical and biblical significance.

The project, initiated several months ago, is the first stage of a planned network of multimedia stations to be installed throughout the museum.

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„שינדלער'ס ליסטע"

פון אלענק סילווער

עס איז שוין נישט קיין ניעס — כ'מיין דער פילם „שינדלער'ס ליסטע". ער גייט שוין איבער א האלב יאר. ס'האבן אים שוין געזען הונדערטער טויזנטער, אדער מיליאנען מענטשן. ס'איז שוין היינט אויך נישט קיין ניעס די טעמע פון דעם פילם: דער „האלאקאוסט". מיר ווייסן שוין ווען דעם איבער 50 יאר און טייל פון אונדז האבן דאס אליין איבערגעלעבט.

לעצטן וויינטער זיינען מיר, מיין פרוי און איך, צו-זאמען מיט פיל הונדערטער מענטשן, געגאנגען זען דעם פילם „שינדלער'ס ליסטע". איך בין נישט קיין פילם-קריטיקער און דאס וועט נישט זיין קיין אפהאנדלונג ווען די מעלות און חסרונות פון דעם פילם. איך לאז דאס איבער צו מער באַרופענע ספעציאליסטן. איך ווייל דא בלויז פארצייכענען מיינע געפילן און אויספרין ווען דעם פילם.

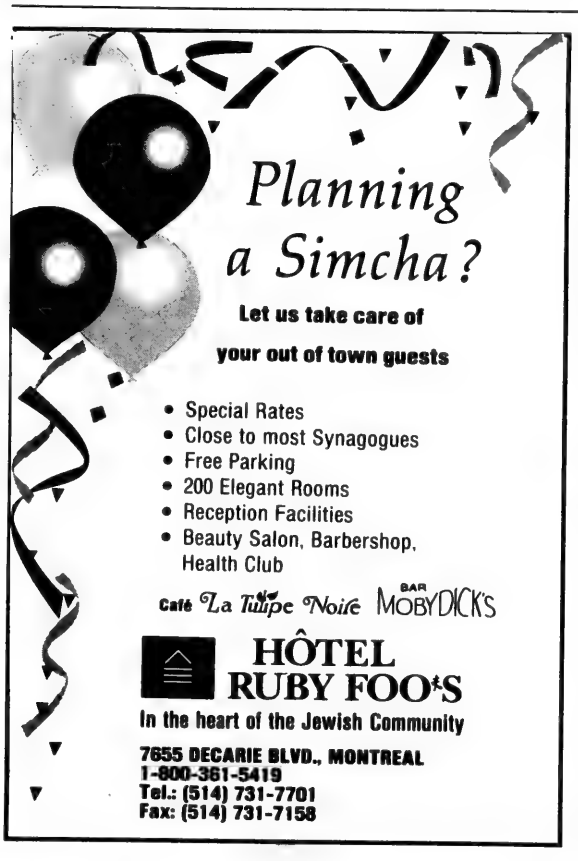
זיצנדיק אין האלב-טונקעלן סטאטער-זאל און וואַרטנדיק אויפן אנהויב, האב איך גוט געוואוסט, וואס איך קען דא דערוואַרטן. זייענדיק אליין א „סדורוויואר" (ווי מיר, פֿל-פּי-נס לעבן-געבליבענע ווערן איצט אנגערופן), האב איך פיזיש דורכגע-מאכט און געזען מיט מיינע אייגענע אויגן די גרוילין פון דער שואה. איך האב געליינט ביכער, ארטיק-לען און קאמענטאַרן ווען חורבן, געהערט רעד-נערס, דיסקוסיעס, און געזען אלעוליי דאקומענ-טארע פילמען. צי דען וועט „שינדלער'ס ליסטע" זיך אן אביעריזזורוג פון דעם אלעם? צי וועט מען ווידער אמאל באווייזן די מעדערשע מעשים פון די דייטשע נאצים און זייערע אריסיהעלפערס? דאַרפן מיר נאך האבן מער באווייזן? אדער וועט דאס אפשר זיין נאך אן ארגומענט אין דער פאלע-מיק מיט די, וואס פאַרלייקענען איבאַנזן דעם ידישן חורבן אין איידאַפּע?

בשעת דעם לויף פון פילם האב מען געקענט הערן אין זאל א שפּאַטשען צווישן צושויער. דאס האב אודאי אייגער באַוואקט א צווייטן. מען האט געהערט א שמילן און הוכן געווײַן. מיין פרוי האט געוויינט, און איך שעם זיך נישט מודה צו זיין, אז כ'האב אויך געווישט טערען פון די אויגן. פון צייט צו צייט האט מען אויך געהערט אן אייגע-האלטענעם געלעכטער. יאָ, געלעכטער! נישט וויט פון אונדז איז געזעסן א גרופּע יונגע מענטשן. כ'קען נישט זאגן מיט זיכערקייט צי זיי זיינען ge-ווען ידישע אדער נישט. כ'גלויב אבער, אז זייער געלעכטער איז מיט געווען קיין צו-להכעיס'דיקער. פארקערס, ס'איז אודאי געווען א פארמאסקירונג פון די פיינלעכע און שאנד-געפילן, וואס האבן זיי באהערשט. כ'גלויב, אז צוואמען מיטן געלעכטער האבן זיי זיכער געהאט טערען אין די אויגן.

נאך דרײַ אן א פערטל שעה בין איך אריסגע-קומען פון טונקעלן זאל מיט געמישטע געפילן. זיכער איז דער פילם נויטיק וויידער אמאל, און מיט נאך מער קראפט, צו זיינן דער וועלט, וואס אזוי ווי אזוי די דייטשע מערדערס האבן בעטאן צו אונדזער פאלק. זיכער איז דער פילם נויטיק צו ווייזן אונדז, אז אין מיטן פון דעם נאַציזם משוגעים-הויז האבן זיך געפונען דעוקנדיקע מענטשן מיט געוויסן, וועלכע האבן געראַסקעוועט יידן, איינשטעלונג זיי-ערע לעבנס. זיכער איז דער פילם נויטיק צו לאזן דאקומענטירטע פאקטן וועגן חורבן, כדי אונדזערע קינדער און אייניקלעך, אפילו אייניקלעך פון די אי-נקלעך, זאלן קענען זען, באווייזן און דערמאנען דעם אומקום פון זעקס מיליאן יידן.

פון דער צווייטער זייט — איז איין פילם אזוי-כער גענוג? צענדליקער אזעלכע פילמען וועלן מיט קענען וויין די סאַמאלע קאַטאַסטראָפע, וואס איז באַמאל אונדזער פאלק אין די יאַרן 1939-1945. און נישט בלויז די אומגעבראַכטע זעקס מיליאן, צווישן זיי אַנדערטהאלבן מיליאן קינדער, וואס איז וועגן די קייטמאל נישט-געבוירענע דורות? וואס איז וועגן דער יידישער קולטור און ליטעראַטור, וואס איז אזוינ אין פייער און רויך און איז פארלוירן אויף אייביק? וואס איז מכות דעם געוויסן פון דער מענטשהייט, וועלכע איז געשטאַנען גלייכגילטיק און פארשטומט, וועג דאס אלץ איז פארגעקומען? צי קען דער פילם, אדער *צענדליקער* פילמען דאס אריסברענגען?

למען האמת מוז איך זאגן: איך האב נישט די ענטפערס און כ'וויס נישט אויב עמעצער אנדערש האט זיי יא. כ'מוז צוגעבן, אז „שינדלער'ס ליסטע" איז א גוטער אנהויב. אפשר איז נאך א פוסיק יאר אַרום, וועג מיר, די עדות, וועלן שוין דאַ מער נישט זיין, וועג די קומענדיקע דורות, יידישע און נישט-יידישע, וועלן שטיין אזוי-צו-זאגן „סנדרוויטנס", וועלן זיי אפשר קענען קומען צו מער ראציאנאלע אויספיר בנוגע דעם שוידערלעכן חורבן פאַרן יידישן פאלק און פאר דער וועלט אין אלגעמיין. דעמאלט וועלן זיי פארזיכערן, אז אזעלכעס זאל מער נישט געשען. איך גלויב נישט, אז מיר, אין דער היינטיקער וועלט, קענען דאס פארזיכערן.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There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

TROJMAN

Nina Coleman, of Scarborough, has been wondering for half a century about the origin of her mother's maiden name which was Trojman or Tordjman. It appears the name got a little mangled which makes it tougher to track down.

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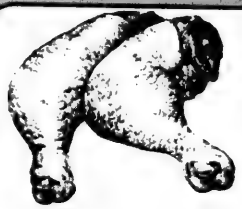

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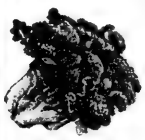

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Pollard, Zeitz tie the knot

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It's a bittersweet mazel tov.

And it's no usual wedding announcement, although it sounds ordinary enough.

"Jonathan and I wish to announce our marriage," Elaine Zeitz of Toronto coolly informed *The CJN* last week, referring to her recent nuptials to convicted spy for Israel, Jonathan Pollard.

Zeitz, Pollard's fiancee for at least the last three years and his most ardent advocate, married the world's most famous Jewish prisoner in a private ceremony behind bars, at the Federal Correctional Institute in Butner, N.C., where Pollard is serving a life sentence for passing classified documents to Israel.

Because of the extraordinary security net that surrounds Pollard, there's little more his new bride can say.

She can only add that the ceremony took place during one of her recent visits to Butner. She can't divulge who performed the service or who attended.

The sole details she reveals are that the ceremony was "informal," but in accordance with Halachah, and that there were no wedding pictures taken, since Jonathan is prohibited from being photographed.

Jonathan Pollard

"You can't imagine what it was like to leave him there," Zeitz, 39, allows in a rare moment of emotion.

"I wish with all my heart I could tell you more. I wish I could detail the abuse he goes through. If people knew, there would be outrage."

Outrage was in no small supply earlier this spring, when U.S. President Bill Clinton decided against commuting Pollard's sentence to time already served, even after a personal plea from Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Jewish groups demanded a review and called for Pollard's release, arguing he had already served twice as much jail time as anyone convicted of a similar offence.

According to some reports, Pollard is eligible for parole next year. But both he and Zeitz see no hope for parole at all, partly because of Clinton's decision but also because the U.S. intelligence community still seems to consider Pollard a major security threat.

"Our original intention was that it was a private matter between the two of us," Zeitz said of the marriage. "But circumstances compel us to share our secret with the world."

As Zeitz sees it, her campaign for Pollard will carry more weight now that she's his wife.

Or as Pollard himself put it to Zeitz after the couple's decision to announce their marriage: "No one can question the legitimacy of a man's wife speaking out urgently on his behalf. It's time for the world to know that you are my wife."

A former U.S. Navy civilian intelligence analyst, Pollard was arrested in 1985 after Israel's embassy in Washington would not protect him. He was later charged with one count of spying for an ally but never with treason or harming U.S. interests.

Elaine Zeitz

In return for leniency for himself and his first wife and co-accused, Anne, he agreed to forgo a public trial.

But then-U.S. secretary of defence Caspar Weinberger wrote a scathing report saying Pollard's action had resulted in irreparable harm to national security, and calling Pollard a "traitor."

At an in-camera hearing in 1987, Pollard received a life term and has since been in some of the toughest jails in the United States, mostly in solitary confinement.

Anne Pollard served nearly four years. Now divorced from Jonathan, she lives in Israel.

A year ago, Pollard was transferred to Butner, where he works 12 hours a day at a textile plant and is reported in ill health.

"He is the most monitored, most abused, most harassed prisoner in America today," contends Zeitz, who won't discuss her relationship with Pollard prior to 1990. "He is subject to rules and regulations no other prisoner faces. I know. I saw it with my own eyes. Even when I was with him, I saw how he was singled out. I saw the signs of abuse.

"For some time now, Jonathan and I have been swimming upstream, trying to do what needs to be done to secure his immediate release, and finding ourselves blocked, delayed or interfered with every step of the way" she says. "We can no longer go on this way. That's why we have decided to go public."

Foundation orchestrates Canada-Israel ventures

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"We'd like Israelis to think of Canada as more than just the northern part of North America," Rothschild told *The CJN* from Ottawa, where the foundation will be based.

Like BIRD, the $130-million Bi-Lateral Research and Development foundation established by Israel and the U.S., CIIRDF will fund 50 per cent of research in areas like telecommunications, microelectronics, software, biotechnology and aviation. Two per cent of sales will go towards repaying the grant if the new product is successful.

Noy said he expects the foundation will fund between five and six projects each year, with maximum funding reaching $300,000 per project. Rothschild said he sees CIIRDF funding between 30 and 50 projects, many of them $20,000 or $30,000 feasibility studies.

Both parties see the foundation as a leap forward. By orchestrating joint ventures between Canadian and Israeli companies, they say, CIIRDF reduces R&D risks and costs and allows small and mid-sized companies to put their products on the marketplace more quickly while sharing expertise.

"There is an interest here in Israeli high technology," Noy said. "Now Canadians will be able to take advantage of technologies that exist in Israel, and vice versa."

Noy wants the provincial governments to join the foundation, and said Israel is prepared to put up matching funds to that end.

According to 1993 figures, Canada and Israel conduct $309 million a year in trade. There are no figures for Canadian-Israeli joint ventures, but Noy estimated only "a handful" are in the high technology fields.

For further information, contact the Israel Economic Mission at (416) 961-1242.

Vatican downplays document accepting guilt for Holocaust

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

ROME — The Vatican is playing down reports from Jerusalem about a groundbreaking new document that reportedly will place unprecedented "co-responsibility" and "guilt" for the Holocaust on the Roman Catholic Church.

"It is a draft," Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro Valls stressed last week, referring to the document so enthusiastically received only days before. "No Church authority has approved it yet and it does not reflect an official position of the Church at this stage."

He noted, however, that the Church had "clearly expressed" its condemnation of anti-Semitism on numerous occasions, including in statements by Pope John Paul II and in the new Universal Catechism.

Italian newspapers last Thursday headlined reports of the new document, as carried by Israel Radio and heralded as "mind-boggling" and "unparalleled" by Rabbi David Rosen, director of interfaith relations and Vatican liaison for the Anti-Defamation League in Jerusalem.

The draft document surfaced in Jerusalem at a conference of the International Liaison Committee for Relations between Jews and the Vatican.

The acceptance of guilt stated in the document stunned Jewish participants at the conference and was hailed by Jewish interfaith experts in Jerusalem and the United States as a massive advance in Jewish-Christian relations.

The draft spoke of "shame and repentance" and called on God for forgiveness. It went far beyond any previous official Catholic pronouncement on Christian religious roots of anti-Semitism and the failure of the Church to speak out during the Holocaust.

It examined the anti-Semitism that spurred the expulsion from Spain in 1492 and viewed that as first link in the chain of events leading to the Holocaust.

The document acknowledged that "the Church as a whole offered no effective resistance to the Nazi persecution and extermination."

Italian newspapers called the draft a "mea culpa" — self-accusation of guilt — for the Holocaust by the Church.

But media reports in Italy described Vatican officials as "irritated" by what the newspaper *La Repubblica* said is "the tendency by the Israeli side to take as given — and to launch as scoops on the international scene — matters that are still under consideration."

A cautionary note about expecting too much from the final Vatican document was also sounded in Amsterdam by the secretary of the Dutch Roman Catholic Council for the Church and Israel, Marcel Poorthuis.

He said in a radio interview last week that the authors of the draft were not members of an official commission.

Poorthuis noted that many Roman Catholics would be unable to understand a confession of guilt by the Vatican, since according to Church doctrine, the Holy See is infallible.

Because a large number of Church members are not yet ready for such a declaration, he said, the Vatican will have to take account of them when it issues the final document.

Support dropping for talks with PLO

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Public support for further negotiations with the PLO has dropped sharply, a national poll revealed on Friday.

The poll, published in the mass Hebrew daily *Yediot Aharonot*, said 63 percent of the public is opposed to further self-rule negotiations with the PLO, and that more than a quarter of those who supported the Israel-PLO accord now oppose it.

The survey was taken last Tuesday and Wednesday, shortly after two IDF soldiers were killed in Gaza, and after PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's controversial remarks were publicized.

In his comments, Arafat called for Muslims to wage a "jihad" (holy war) to liberate Jerusalem.

According to the poll, only 35 per cent of Israelis want to continue negotiations, while two per cent did not respond.

The survey further indicated that 27 per cent of respondents said they have shifted from support of the accord to outright opposition, while another 13 per cent said their support is waning.

The poll surveyed 506 people and has a margin of error of four percentage points.

Until recently, the government has maintained at least a plurality in support of the negotiations with the PLO — usually hovering around 48 per cent.

At the time of the signing of the Declaration of Principles last September, 62 per cent supported the accord.

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War criminals made Italy their home: report

Nazis lived with impunity

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

ROME — Nine Nazi war criminals currently live or have lived with impunity in Italy since World War II, according to a report published in the Milan newspaper *Corriere della Sera.*

The war criminals are "nine mysteries to which Italy also has to respond," wrote the author of the article, Riccardo Orizio.

He quoted former SS officer Erich Priebke, discovered in Argentina earlier last month and wanted in Italy on war crimes charges, as telling an Italian interviewer:

"Why come all the way to Argentina just to find me? Many of my comrades are still in Italy; we have written to each other for years. If I am guilty, so are they. And they live there at your place."

Orizio's article, which provided details about the nine war criminals without giving the sources of his information, was published two days after Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal reiterated his charge that Italy had for decades ignored Nazi criminals living on its soil.

Wiesenthal told Italy's ANSA news agency that in 1967 he provided Italian authorities with a list of 66 residents of the Tirolean Alps suspected of war crimes, adding that he had asked the Italians for witnesses and documentation. The Tirolean region includes parts of Italy and Austria.

"Our letter never had an answer, and in the 1970s research (on these people) was suspended," he told ANSA.

Federico Steinhaus, president of the Jewish Community in Merano, in the South Tirol, and an expert on Nazi activities in that part of northern Italy, was quoted as saying that as far as he knew, these 66 people were all Austrian citizens.

He said, however, that a number of senior Nazis were known to live in northern Italy, although none had been convicted of any war crime.

The list published by *Corriere della Sera* included:

• Erich Raja (or Rajakowitsch), an Austrian who was involved with the deportation of Jews from Holland and Czechoslovakia. He was also involved with ghettos and concentration camps in Poland and Italy.

The newspaper said he lived until 1963 in Milan, where he carried on an import-export business. He died in Austria in 1964.

• Anton Malloth, former SS officer condemned to death in Czechoslovakia for war crimes in the concentration camp at Litomerice. *Corriere della Sera* said he lived for years in Merano.

• Conrad Geng, an SS officer who operated in Italy in 1943-1944 and specialized in killing handicapped people and invalids. *Corriere della Sera* said that after the war he settled in Milan, where he worked for the German consulate until the mid-1970s. He was transferred to France, but on his retirement, the newspaper said, he returned to Italy, where he died in 1980.

• Anton Burger, a deputy of Adolf Hitler's chief aide, Adolf Eichmann. *Corriere della Sera* said he was believed to have bought a vacation house in northern Italy. This was never investigated, the newspaper reported. Burger died a few months ago.

• Josip Susanski, Jan Griska, Alexander Mihalic and Misha Komalsky were Ukrainians who were guards at the Treblinka death camp. They were transferred in 1944 to the Risiera concentration camp near Trieste to help kill about 4,000 Jews, partisans and handicapped people.

Corriere della Sera quoted an unidentified Trieste magistrate as saying the four lived "tranquilly" in Trieste after the war. Mihalic died in 1985 and the others left the city. But, the newspaper said, it was believed that other Ukrainian guards from Risiera still lived in Trieste.

• Heinrich Kac, whom the newspaper described as a Yugoslav Nazi who fled to Argentina on a Red Cross passport — as Priebke had done. But the newspaper report stated that Kac returned to Italy in 1960 and asked for Italian citizenship.

"It is not clear if he obtained it," the report said, "but he has remained in our country and managed to have all traces of himself lost."

Australia declines to investigate deportee

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

SYDNEY — Despite calls by the Australian Jewish community for a complete investigation, authorities have announced they will not pursue the case against an alleged Nazi war criminal recently deported here from the United States.

When Konrad Kalejs, 80, arrived in mid-April, the Executive Council of Australian Jewry wrote to the Australian government arguing that "there is a compelling case" to "consider all remedies available" if grounds are found to prosecute Kalejs in this country.

But last week, the Australian Federal Police declared that his case will not be pursued.

After the dissolution last year of a special unit that had been established to prosecute alleged Nazi war criminals, the federal police became the only Australian institution with the authority to investigate such allegations.

In a brief statement issued in Canberra, federal police announced they had "made an assessment and took the decision not to mount an investigation."

In 1988, Australian war crimes legislation was amended to allow trials of individuals living in Australia against whom there was evidence of involvement in crimes against humanity during the Nazi occupation of Europe.

The amendments were modeled partly on Canada's laws, which were changed a few years earlier to permit trials of those suspected of war crimes committed outside Canada but which would have been crimes had they been committed inside Canada's borders.

In Australia, past federal police investigations into Nazi war criminals have been shelved due to inadequate resources.

Kalejs immigrated to Australia from Germany after World War II and became a naturalized Australian citizen in the 1950s.

He immigrated to the United States in 1959 and omitted any reference to his wartime membership in the Arajs Kommando, a mobile killing unit in Nazi-occupied Latvia.

Isi Leibler, president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, described last week's decision by the federal police not to pursue the case as "a bitter pill to swallow.

"This final episode of Australian government action concerning Nazi war criminals alleged to have enjoyed many years in free, democratic Australia, reinforces the fact that investigations should have taken place 40 years ago, when the outcome would have been decidedly different," he said.

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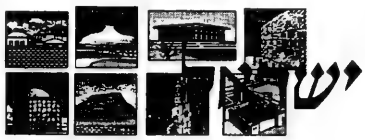

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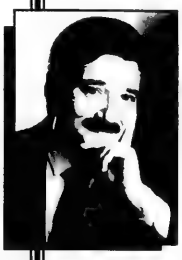

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The News in Brief

Jewish Lawyers Gird for Rome

TORONTO — Jewish lawyers are preparing for the World Council Meeting of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, to be held in Rome June 26-29.

Hundreds of lawyers, judges and legalists from 35 nations, including Canada, are expected to attend.

Scheduled speakers include Tullia Zeevi, president of the Jewish Communities of Italy; Avi Pazner, Israel's ambassador to Italy; Justice Moshe Landau, former president of Israel's Supreme Court; Israel's envoy to the Vatican, Shmuel Hadas; and Italy's Chief Rabbi.

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Case Challenges IDF on Jericho

JERUSALEM — The Israel Defence Force (IDF) has no right to keep Israelis out of Jericho, since it has given up control over the city, a petition to Israel's Supreme Court charged last week.

In his petition, Itamar Ben-Gvir said that since the signing of the Gaza/Jericho Accord, he has twice been refused entry into Jericho by the Army, on the grounds that Jericho was a closed military area.

"The approach whereby on the one hand, [the army] no longer controls Jericho, but on the other, it behaves like a sovereign power, is unacceptable," Ben-Gvir wrote in his petition. "From the moment the IDF transferred its military and civilian authorities to the Arabs, it can no longer determine who may or may not enter the city."

Last week, the court also considered a petition from a Jewish settler who asked for the return of his army-issue weapon, which was confiscated after the Hebron massacre.

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Award for Arafat Killer?

JERUSALEM — Deputy Mayor Shmuel Meir was making a "private statement" when he called for the Distinguished Citizen of Jerusalem Award to go to whoever assassinates PLO leader Yasser Arafat, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert said last week.

Olmert declined to condemn Meir or comment further on the matter, according to a City Hall statement.

Meir, an outspoken right-wing leader in the city council, called for the prestigious award to go to the person who killed Arafat the Hebrew daily *Ha'aretz* reported.

Olmert has vowed to help organize a massive demonstration if the government gives the go-ahead for the PLO chairman to visit the city. Such a visit, however, is not expected soon, according to both Israeli and PLO officials.

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Radical Group Jams Radio Signals

JERUSALEM — The radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command is jamming Israel Radio's Arabic broadcasts in the Galilee, Syria and Lebanon, according to Israel Broadcasting Authority officials.

The PFLP-GC's station in southern Syria broadcasts inflammatory anti-Israel propaganda every night for a half-hour, following which it jams Israel Radio's Arab language signals, officials said.

Israel Radio said the interference was apparently aimed at destroying the influence its broadcasts have. A recent survey showed that more than 70 per cent of Israeli Arabs listen to Israel Radio's Arabic-language broadcasts.

Another survey of Arabs in the territories found that 90 per cent listen to the station, while estimates show that nearly 50 per cent of Syrians listen intermittently to the Israeli station.

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Germany Toughens Hate Laws

BONN — The lower house of the German parliament has approved legislation that would toughen penalties for violence perpetrated by right-wing extremists.

The legislation, adopted last month by the Bundestag, increases the maximum penalty for racially-motivated assaults from three to five years.

It also would punish Holocaust deniers with sentences of up to three years in prison.

The new legislation must still be ratified by the Bundesrat, the upper house, representing Germany's 16 federal states.

On the same day the crime bill was approved, it was discovered that neo-Nazis had desecrated a Jewish cemetery in the Bavarian city of Hoechberg.

Thirteen tombstones were found overturned and vandalized.

And earlier last month, police detained two high school students suspected of desecrating a Jewish cemetery in the resort town of Bad Kissingen.

Leaders Lukewarm on New President

BERLIN — Jewish community leaders were noncommittal on last week's election of conservative Judge Roman Herzog to succeed Richard von Weizsacker as Germany's seventh president.

Comments from both Jerzy Kanal, head of Berlin's Jewish community and Ignatz Bubis, chair of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, showed that Herzog was not their first choice.

"I don't take it as a tragedy," Kanal said.

Herzog was strongly backed by Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

The role of president in Germany is largely ceremonial. But during the past decade, von Weizsacker won over Jewish groups by reminding Germans time and again not to forget their wartime past and to warn against a resurgence of xenophobia in the country.

Bubis called Herzog's election "a good choice, but it would have been equally good for me if [Social Democratic leader Johannes] Rau or (Free Democratic Party candidate) Hildegard Hamm-Bruecher had been elected."

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Marker for Touvier's Victims Destroyed

PARIS — A month after war-time French militia leader Paul Touvier was sentenced to life imprisonment for ordering the execution of seven Jews in 1944, a plaque memorializing the victims has been destroyed.

The marble plaque was torn from the wall where the Jews were shot at the cemetery in Rillieux-la-Pape, near Lyon in southeastern France. Pieces of the plaque were found scattered in a nearby field.

Marcel Andre, mayor of Rillieux-la-Pape, promised that a new plaque would be unveiled as soon as possible.

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French Vets Protest SS Soldiers

PARIS — French veteran groups reacted with outrage recently after former German SS soldiers laid wreaths at two cemeteries on the Normandy coast where their fallen comrades are buried.

In a ceremony late last month, some 15 former members of two SS Panzer divisions left wreaths at the cemeteries, as the mayors of nearby villages looked on.

The former SS soldiers even signed the official visitors' book at one of the nearby villages.

One of the mayors explained that he did not know who the soldiers were, saying, "It is not written on their foreheads that they are former SS soldiers."

He said he only realized who the soldiers were after reading the inscription on one of the wreaths: "From veterans of the Waffen SS in memory of the dead of 1944."

A group of French war veterans termed the incident "a catastrophe.

"If they (the SS soldiers) led the mayors on, then they were acting as they did in the old days. Otherwise, the mayors should resign since they should have canceled the ceremonies," the group said.

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Japanese Throng to Holocaust Exhibit

TOKYO — In its first week on display at Tokyo's City Hall, *The Courage to Remember*, the Simon Wiesenthal Centre's acclaimed exhibit on the Holocaust, attracted over 50,000 viewers, the centre said recently.

The expanded Japanese-language version of the exhibit includes never before seen, original letters written by Anne Frank and her sister Margot in 1940, as well as a special panel about the heroic exploits of Sempo Sugihara, the Japanese diplomat who help rescue thousands of Jews during World War II.

Over 2,500 people viewed the exhibit on its first day last month, including Sugihara's widow, who toured the presentation with U.S. ambassador to Japan, Walter Mondale. Also on hand were Israel's charge d'affaires, Mordechai Amichai, and Tokyo's deputy governor.

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Steinsaltz Unveils Russian Talmud

MOSCOW — Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, the world-renowned scholar and educator who translated the Talmud into everyday language, was in Russia last month to mark the publication of the first volume of a new Russian edition of the Talmud.

The volume is the first Russian Talmud produced since 1917, and was created with the sponsorship of the Russian Academy of Sciences and financial support from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

The initial print run is 6,000 copies. The Russian Talmud is expected eventually to run to at least 10 volumes.

Front Line

It's important to go through life like a mentsh

Long-time CJN *columnist J. B. Salsberg — and his Uncle Eliezer — made a rare appearance in the pages of* The CJN *in the issue of May 19. Fittingly, in light of their devotion to mameloshen, it was in the bi-weekly column Yiddishe Winkel.*

Their thoughts on mentshlechkeit deserve wide circulation, and we are delighted to offer them to you, dear readers, in a translation by Gerry Kane, chair of the Committee for Yiddish of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

By J. B. SALSBERG

My uncle Eliezer, in one of his famous disquisitions, made the point to me that not every one of G-d's creations who walks around on two feet is a mentsh.

He himself, he said, is acquainted with many who could be described as mules, or pigs, or simply as animals. And, he further assures me that he also knows some who circulate amongst the common folk who could best be described as sly foxes or skunks.

As always, when I stop to consider my Uncle Eliezer's comments, I must admit he is right. To be a mentsh is no small accomplishment. To become a mentsh means achieving a high level in the tree of evolution — if not the highest level.

J.B. Salsberg

The question arises — in what context did this discussion with my uncle ensue? The answer is that it came out of several visits he made to Yiddish "Senior Citizens" clubs to whom he was invited to speak. These visits prompted him to come talk to me about the growing phenomena called Senior Citizens Clubs. As you well know, you can't hurry my Uncle Eliezer, so it was only after a few glasses of tea and lemon and some idle conversation, which took about two hours, that he was sufficiently ready to get into the meat of the subject that was truly on his mind.

First, he said, it must be admitted, that although not everything is rosy for older people, life today, in comparison to what it was, is a lot better — especially in wealthy countries like Canada.

A senior citizen today gets a pension — even though it would be better if it were higher. There's universal health care. And, here in Toronto, we have the marvellous Baycrest Centre, the Wagman Centre and the Bernard Betel Centre, which serve the older population with a dedicated corps of professionals and volunteers, and we are also witnessing the growth of senior citizens clubs amongst the synagogues, the National Council of Jewish Women and various secular community organizations.

All this activity truly means that we haven't abandoned the elderly. The opposite is true. There is a recognition that those who spent their years raising families and devoting themselves to the community and its institutions have properly earned the respect that is shown them in their senior years.

Secondly, we came to the conclusion, my Uncle Eliezer and I, that it is absolutely necessary, to remind everyone, again and again, how important it is to establish the conditions which allow one to live his or her life out like a mentsh.

What does this mean? It means that the elderly person must not allow himself to feel like a square peg in a round hole or someone who has nothing to contribute to the community. A person whose health is still viable must continue to be part of the vital, creative community which he helped build and to which he still has something to contribute. So that when his time comes — and let us not fool ourselves, the time does come — he will know that through his interest in life and his efforts to improve the human condition, he (or she) has left the world a bit better place than when he first came into it.

That's what it means to live like a mentsh. It means wanting to know and wanting to contribute and wanting to influence the course of life as long as you've got a breath to breathe. That's what should be the focus of every elderly person. To give up, to allow yourself to passively wait out the end of your days, is to give up on your humanity, on your mentshlechkeit. It is that kind of existence against which everyone must struggle.

People with potential we were born and people with potential we will live out our lives.

Can Arafat lead his people to a peaceful future?

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

In Gaza and in Jericho, local Palestinian commanders are now struggling with the challenges of their recently acquired new status. In Gaza they face their own unruly and utterly frustrated constituency and in Jericho they face the daily efforts of a handful of Israeli hotheads to disrupt the fragile arrangements. The Israeli army is very controlled and the impression is that, on the practical and local levels, down-to-earth realism is stronger than rhetoric. But the uphill road gets steeper and implementation has only just started.

Disruptive rhetoric is polluting the air, which is also full of other dangers. Compared with these, Yasser Arafat's absurd bombshells launched from a Johannesburg mosque tell more about his own state of mind than they are relevant to the pacification process itself. The PLO leader has severe adjustment problems. He is now being called upon to abandon his glamorous self-appointment as the "president" of a country in the making and expected to assume the pedestrian, if temporary role of administrator of the two chunks of partial autonomy — and he is not ready for it. All his life he thrived on manipulation in the twilight world of imaginary statesmanship. Then, when his career had reached one of its lowest points, he astonished the world scene with the notorious handshake in Washington, only to relapse shortly afterward into his old, self-destructive style.

The negotiations over the implementation of the first instalment of autonomy were hard and the continuation may prove to be even harder. But Arafat is personally responsible for the chaotic unpreparedness of his followers in the territories to assume their duties once agreement was reached. He is also to blame for the financial difficulties which the autonomy faces now that the PLO coffers are empty. He has still not regained the support of the wealthy Arab countries which he antagonized when he sided with Saddam Hussein during the Gulf War. And he has failed to impose the hegemony of his Tunis-based group on his representatives in the territories. The contest with Hamas is not his only problem. Many of his most devoted followers were gradually estranged by his endless personal manipulations. He, who had managed to remain for decades the undisputed symbol of Palestinian nationhood, is close to becoming a liability to his cause. In a very pungent editorial, the *New York Times* urged him "to soon resolve his lingering identity crisis and decide who he really is: globe-trotting guerrilla leader or chief-administrator of Palestinian self-rule." Otherwise, says the editorial, "he will torpedo his most important achievement — negotiated autonomy and an end to Israeli military rule." The odds are that Arafat will not decide and may even sooner or later be outmaneuvered by his own erratic manipulations.

Yeshayahu Anug

Still, Arafat's threats to wage a holy war — jihad — for Jerusalem and his reminder that in Muslim tradition peace agreements with enemies can be broken — both statements anchored in Islamic theological double-talk and thus open to different interpretations — have not helped Rabin to keep alive the confidence of the Israeli public in the viability of the peace accord with the PLO. But the official reaction in Israel to Arafat's outbursts was, on the whole, contained. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, asked for his comment on the issue of Jerusalem, replied simply that while the political aspect was a closed subject, the religious aspects were open to negotiation.

Rabin is utterly disgusted with Arafat's behavior, but not discouraged by the ups and downs of the peace process itself. He is at the same time more straightforward than before in the handling of Jewish extremists. This group which has recently adopted new pathetic methods of action threatens to impose its own tactics on the official opposition, whose leadership is by definition more cautious and controlled. But the temptation to make the best use of the growing public disenchantment with Arafat's PLO for the purpose of discrediting and eventually toppling the government which deals with him is too difficult to resist. In a tone of "we told you so" the Likud reminded the public of its own steady refusal to deal with Arafat. But this reaction was as predictable as Arafat's legendary dishonesty and one can hardly imagine that the Likud would support the government's peace policy if Arafat were as honest as Mother Theresa. Nobody here knows exactly where the Israeli public stands vis-a-vis the chances of the peace plan. The general impression is that the process will somehow move ahead slowly on its own steam, regardless of existing and future impediments.

Rabin himself is not at his best these days and while his actions and tactics have not lost their pragmatic effectiveness, his language now reflects impatience and stress. The conduct of the peace process is not the only headache on his internal agenda. His government is barely surviving its frequent non-confidence tests. He must also handle the crisis in his party which is not ready to adjust to the poor showing of its official candidate in the recent Histadrut elections, but is at the same time still reluctant to return to the fold his victorious rival in the same elections, Chaim Ramon, who was one of the party's most promising young leaders and who had no intention of leaving the party. Ramon's public following is more solid than that of the defeated Histadrut bosses and this is perhaps the reason for the deadlock. A grave financial crisis in the Histadrut-affiliated medicare organization, which cares for 65 per cent of Israel's population, is now threatening its very survival and aggravating the situation of the government.

It is possible that parallel to the autonomy process with the Palestinians, which will somehow go on, the Israeli-Syrian sector will at last surface from its protracted anonymity. This could well happen during the next visit of Secretary of State Warren Christopher who is scheduled to come on June 12. But even if left with the Palestinians as the only partners to a settlement, the Israeli side will have to resolve one of the most striking paradoxes of the whole enterprise: It needs a strong Palestinian counterpart and this is a serious consideration which makes it tactically counter-productive to totally discredit the PLO. However, by acting on this premise only, Israel is in effect strengthening Arafat's position regardless of his unpredictable behavior.

But this is not only Israel's dilemma. Arafat's politics have recently become a source of increasing Palestinian frustration too. In the end it will be for them to decide whether, under the circumstances, Arafat will be the man who will lead them into a more decent future in parts of the disputed land.

When a jihad is not really a jihad

By RABBI ROBERT L. WOLKOFF

The recent flap concerning Yasser Arafat's call for a "jihad" to liberate Jerusalem is a study of double-entendre that would have driven even Freud into analysis.

On the face of it, the statement, "You have to come and to fight and to start a jihad to liberate Jerusalem, your third [holiest] shrine . . . The jihad will continue. Jerusalem is for all the Muslim nation . . . our main battle is Jerusalem," hardly seems ridden with ambiguity. But in the bizarre rhetoric of the Middle East — particularly the Middle East as seen with Western eyes — nothing is as simple as it seems.

Or is it?

To the Western media, Arafat denied that he "advocated violence," when he called for "jihad" in a South African mosque. He was, once again, "misinterpreted." He told a news conference he could use the word "jihad" as a peaceful religious term as in the phrases: "I will continue my jihad for peace," or "I will continue my jihad for Christians and Muslims and Jews to pray together in Jerusalem."

Arafat explained he was speaking in an "Islamic religious way." In that he was absolutely right. The problem, of course, is that in much of the Muslim world, there is nothing more "religious" than killing infidel opponents.

There is a (small) kernel of truth in the assertion by Arafat that "jihad" means "inward spiritual struggle." At various times and places in Muslim history that has indeed been the word's primary meaning. However, the number of people today, in the area stretching from Morocco to Afghanistan, who believe that is what Arafat meant would fit into the back seat of Arafat's limousine with room to spare.

In the West, on the other hand, there is a dangerous gullibility in regard to "jihad." During the buildup to the war in the Persian Gulf, I participated in a European "peace seminar." As usual for such gatherings, emphasis was placed on "fascistoid America's imperialistic schemes," rather than on any fault, real or imagined, of Third World dictators. A speaker on Arab Political Rhetoric attempted to downplay Saddam Hussein's repeated calls for "jihad." He asserted confidently to the audience that they surely were unaware of the "true meaning" of "jihad."

Unbeknownst to him, all the previous speakers had made the same point. His surprise was therefore tangible when, in response to his challenge, the entire "herd of independent minds" (as Harold Rosenberg would say) thundered "inner spiritual struggle!"

The remarkably artificial verbal sleight of hand on the part of the "clarifiers" serves to underscore the significance of the Israeli reaction. Shimon Peres called Arafat's statement "astonishing and unacceptable . . . A call to 'jihad' stands purely against all of what we have agreed upon." Yitzhak Rabin pointed out that less than a week before his "jihad" call, Arafat had signed a document agreeing not to use violence or terror in the struggle for Jerusalem.

Had there been the slightest interest by the Israeli leadership in abrogating the peace process, they could have done so. After all, the argument by Ehud Olmert that "a partner to negotiations for peace cannot at the same time declare a holy war against his partner," does seem apposite. That Olmert's view is a partisan one — he is, after all, an opposition leader, not to mention the mayor of Jerusalem, and thus directly in the path of the approaching "jihad" — does nothing to detract from the cogency of his remarks.

A certain absurdity in Israel's diplomatic scramble to sanitize Arafat's call for "jihad" was therefore inevitable. Consider, for example, the profound insight by Peres that "a 'holy war' could derail the entire peace process."

Well, yes, one might suppose it could.

The willingness to turn somersaults in order to accept Arafat's "clarifications" should hardly be taken to mean that the Israeli leadership has any illusions concerning what Arafat said — or meant — or, least of all, how his call for "jihad" was perceived in the Arab world. How then should Israel's policy be explained?

The Israeli leadership is counting on what, from the beginning, has been their "ace in the hole" — the insufferable burden of trying to govern the Palestinians. Now that Arafat has his feet firmly planted in the quicksand which is Gaza, it is reasoned, he's going to need all the "jihad" he can muster just to get the garbage collected. Jerusalem will just have to wait.

Perhaps this strategy will work, perhaps not. Nagging doubts should persist, however. In Oslo, Arafat said: "We promise you that we will continue this line (of peace) in spite of all the challenges we face."

What could that statement possibly mean? His biggest challenge is that the advocates of peace among the Arab leadership are light years ahead of the curve vis-a-vis the Arab masses, for whom "jihad" means nothing other than good old holy war.

To say the least, Arafat did nothing to narrow the gap.

Which puts the statement of Secretary of State Warren Christopher in an entirely new light. "It's important for him, as a significant leader on the world scene, to understand the consequences of remarks that he made," Christopher said.

The frightening possibility is quite simply that he does. Better than anyone.

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Superhighway on-ramp

Canada's information superhighway is rolling forward, and for those not connected with the techno-world of big business and corporate dealings, the concept is staggering.

The Stentor Alliance, a group made up of nine regional telephone companies led by Bell Canada, will spend $8 billion over the next 10 years to link Canadians coast to coast by telephone lines. Called the Beacon Initiative, this information highway will deliver videos-on-demand, provide electronic shopping and banking in the home, link computers in schools and hospitals and deliver videoconferencing and other services to businesses.

Canada has to seize a new national dream of a knowledge-based society — "A Mari usque ad Mare" — "From sea to sea" — and the information highway is a critical element in this dream. The proposed technology will not just attract software jockeys and chip designers; it will be used by all.

We must rely on a pan-Canadian spirit of cooperation; and partnership between industry and government is essential if Canada's potential is to be realized.

Experts in the field say that industry's role is to plan, design, implement and develop the networks, services and applications that will constitute the information highway.

Government's role is to create a more favorable policy, tax and regulatory environment; to promote policies that foster competition and open access; to provide funding for demonstration projects; and to support the information highway by using its services. Both will have to ensure that the highway is widely available and affordable.

Canada is standing at the gates of the global village; passing through those gates has the promise of transforming the economy and enhancing the quality of our lives.

Our trading partners, notably Israel, are moving quickly to install advanced information infrastructures. If Canada does not keep pace, Canadians will lose any hope of gaining a competitive edge in the international marketplace.

The signing, this week, of the Canada Israel Industrial Research and Development Foundation (CIIRDF), the first ever, offers Canadian firms a unique opportunity to develop information technology in cooperation with a country that has long been a leader in the field.

This is an area of great opportunity for Canadian-Israeli partnership.

We should be prepared to exploit it.

(Next week: More on CIIRDF)

Abduction was justified

Israel had no alternative but to abduct Mustafa Dirani, the leader of a Lebanese Shi'ite group, who has been implicated in the capture of Israeli navigator Ron Arad.

Dirani, plucked by Israeli commandos from his home in the Lebanese village of Kasr Naba on May 21, was in charge of security for the Amal militia in October 1986 when his men captured Arad after he had bailed out of his malfunctioning aircraft in southern Lebanon. According to Israeli reports, Dirani — who now heads an outfit called Faithful Resistance — sold Arad to Iranian forces in Lebanon. So it stands to reason that Dirani may be in a position to pinpoint Arad's whereabouts.

As Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin declared last week, Dirani will not be used as a bargaining chip like Sheik Abdel Karim Obeid — who was kidnapped by Israel in 1989 for a similar reason — but solely as a source of information.

The Israeli government believes that Arad, unlike five other soldiers missing in action in Lebanon, is alive. Arad, who has been variously reported in Lebanon, Iran and Syria, was last heard from in 1987, when his wife received his first — and so far only — letter via the Red Cross. Since then, his fate has remained a mystery, as well as a source of anguish for his family.

Unrelenting in its efforts to bring Arad back home, Israel seems to have exhausted every possible diplomatic avenue to gain his freedom. In 1992, much to Israel's bitter disappointment, all the Western hostages held in Lebanon, save the Israelis, were released. Subsequent attempts by the United Nations to right this injustice fizzled. Five months ago, President Hafez al-Assad promised U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher that Syria would investigate the matter. But Assad, too, has come up short. Recently, the Iranian foreign minister, Ali Akbar Velayati, claimed that Arad was not in Iran's hands.

Facing a dead-end in its search for Arad, Israel, therefore, had no choice but to resort to extraordinary means to obtain further information about him. It is to be hoped that Dirani will provide the clues. If he doesn't, which may well be the case, Israel will be justified if it continues doing whatever it can to free Arad from captivity.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

DON'T BREAK UP CANADA

Re your article of May 12 (Montreal edition) P.Q. nominates first Sephardi Jew for riding.

I could not help but wonder about the exact reason why people like Cohen, Elbaz and Guessous and their followers find this society in Canada so intolerable.

What degree of disenchantment caused them to direct their energies to break this country apart after choosing to live here? Were they subjected to educational restrictions? Harassed because of language choice? Perhaps belittled by the "Anglais." Could these people truly believe that Quebecers will enjoy a better lifestyle in a sovereign state? Is more freedom and prosperity evident elsewhere?

Suffice that too many of the "pur laine" are actively striving to bring a rupture and with it political mayhem and chaos to a civil and relatively stable society, must those who were given the opportunity to live and establish a future in a country which compares most favorably with the best in the world find "honor" as a Jew in being chosen to help tear it down?

As I do not wish to witness the dismemberment of this established and respected society I will cast my vote in favor of unity with the rest of Canada as will the great majority of Jews in Quebec. I will also offer my services to Gerald Tremblay in his bid to win the riding. I hope other people will be motivated to do the same.

Jack Korne
Montreal

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LIKED A SHAYNA MAIDEL

I take exception to the review of *A Shayna Maidel* by Ben Rose.

Firstly, I can only believe that Mr. Rose is a very young man and did not live in a Jewish community during the 1930s. The 70-year-old father Mordechai Weiss is totally believable. I myself knew several Jewish men exactly like him when I was a youngster. These men never allowed themselves to show much emotion — but Mordechai did care enough to look for his daughter. As for not borrowing money to bring his family to the United States — that was also typical of men of his ilk. He could not foresee what was to come and borrowing money was against his nature. Harvey Atkin was absolutely perfect in his portrayal of Mordechai.

As for Rose, why would she not be upset at having her lifestyle invaded upon — without her permission. She probably got out from under her father's thumb, set up her own life — not kosher and not observing Shabbat — with great difficulty. All of a sudden her independence is threatened. Shouldn't she be upset under these circumstances?

By the way, I felt the method of portraying Luisa's fantasies was very clear and totally understood by myself and all of my party — a group of 14 ladies all in their 60s! Obviously Mr. Rose did not live through the war years and before; if he had, he too would have understood this play.

Pauline Goodman
Toronto

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DISPELL THE LIES

I visited the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington and was there from 1 p.m. until closing time at 5 p.m. Because of its scope and comprehensiveness, I was unable to view the entire exhibit.

I have been haunted ever since that day by the museum and its contents. As a Yiddish teacher for many years in Montreal, I've had occasion to study the Holocaust and subsequently to teach it. As a Jew, I have visited several other Holocaust museums in various countries throughout the world. Why then did the museum in Washington have such a profound effect on me?

The answer came to me a few days ago. The Holocaust Memorial Museum, and the manner in which the theme and subject matter are shown, creates a powerful audiovisual, hands-on experience. How fortunate for the citizens of the United States to be able to claim it as their own.

I strongly recommend that *all* American students of high school or college age be taught the Holocaust as portrayed in the museum. The course should be mandatory, part of every high school curriculum throughout the United States. Where possible, a field trip to the museum should be included in the course. Such a course would be a significant step in dispelling the lies and propaganda of the historical revisionists.

As an educator of many years' experience, both in secular and Jewish studies, I know that this course must become a reality. Americans now have the resource — the Holocaust Memorial Museum. They also have the important beneficiaries — all future generations of American students.

Eleanor Moidel
Toronto

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LET'S DANCE

Why should every social, religious, political, ethnic, service, international, national, or regional organization schedule an annual Assisi Underground dinner-dance?

The Assisi Underground was made up of many brave Italians who shielded Italian Jews from the Nazis during World War II.

The annual Assisi Underground dinner-dances would properly honor the memory of these courageous people.

The dinner-dance proceeds, of course, would also better enable these organizations to continue their other good works.

Let's dance!

Martin J. O'Malley, Jr.
Passaic, New Jersey

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DINNER IS KEY TO HEART

It was interesting to have found two articles on heart disease, both on the same page, of your May 5 issue. But it's disturbing that health writers seldom go beyond reporting the latest bit of research on some promising new technique or procedure, because the principal cause of and the key to winning the battle against heart disease is as clear as our dinner plate.

But don't take my word for it. Look at what Dr. William Castelli, the director of the Framingham Heart Study — most extensive heart research project ever undertaken — has to say about how diet plays a vital role: "Vegetarians have the best diet. They have a fraction of our heart attack rate..." Also, look at what William Roberts, editor-in-chief of the *American Journal of Cardiology*, says about food and heart disease: "When we kill animals to eat them, they end up killing us because their flesh, which contains saturated fat and cholesterol, was never intended for human beings, who are natural herbivores."

Like a growing number of individuals, I've heard enough about all the effort that goes into *treating* heart disease. Let's see more about the power of effective preventative measures, such as a switch to vegetarian foods.

David Bronfman
Toronto

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Opinion

Butt out, please, you're too old

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Readers of this column and of the daily press may know that for some time I have been an advocate for certain revisions of Ontario's transport rules. The issue has to do with the public's perception of older people — in Ontario and elsewhere.

It all began when I became aware that at age 80 I had to be retested by the Ministry of Transport. They wanted to make sure that I hadn't lost my marbles and still knew how to use my car. I went to the testing place in blissful ignorance of what awaited me, only to find out that it was a degrading and depressing experience. I was treated like a child; my waiting for hours was immaterial to the officials; and altogether I felt that my dignity had been seriously tampered with. Subsequently I wrote in the Toronto *Globe & Mail* about it, and it brought in a flood of letters, including one from Mr. D. J. Janigan of Ottawa.

He is not anywhere near that magic age when he has to take his own test, but he was intrigued by the problem I presented, and he resolved to do something about it. Meanwhile he has widely written about it in the daily press, become involved the province's senior organizations, and has shown how a single person can begin to move the involved and cumbersome apparatus of the bureaucracy.

Rabbi Plaut

I am glad to say that, slowly but certainly, the wheels of progress are turning. When I took my test the year following, things were greatly improved, and I acknowledged it in an article in the *Toronto Star*.

Subsequently, I received a letter from the Hon. Gilles Pouliot, minister of transportation.

"I was pleased to read," he wrote, "that you noticed improvements in the service provided by the Ministry when you last took your annual driving test . . .

"I acknowledge your point that the practice of retesting based on a chronological age is not ideal. The Ministry faces a great challenge in balancing the individual's right for personal mobility with the need to insure the safety of all users of our roads. The annual retesting of senior drivers allows the Ministry to make an assessment of whether a driver's abilities have been visibly affected by aging factors.

"The subject of how best to detect the effect of aging on driving requires further study, and I am pleased to report that there are several long-term research initiatives related to older drivers underway in the Ministry. As we analyse results from these studies, we will consider making some policy changes with respect to licensing older drivers.

"The Ministry will be conducting a pilot study this year to assess the effectiveness of the current retest compared to a group re-education session. Over the longer term we will be looking at more comprehensive ways of screening and diagnosing older driver problems, and assessing additional retraining options."

Indeed, change seems to be in the wind. During my latest excursion to the testing place, I had nothing whatsoever to complain about, except that I was tested at all. Instead of surliness there was courtesy, and the reception I received was pleasant and encouraging rather than conveying the attitude that I should butt out, and the earlier the better. Others who have written or spoken to me on the subject also report a marked improvement in the attitude of the testers and related personnel.

As far as I am concerned, all people should be retested from time to time. As Mr. Janigan has pointed out, functional status of the individual is a better predictor of driving performance than the driver's age.

All of the above has to do, of course, with a much larger problem: the perception which people have of their elders. The mental image of "little old ladies in tennis shoes" is applied to men in the same fashion and stererotypes us older people as basically incompetent and slightly ludicrous. Economists, in addition, suggest that the earlier we butt out altogether, the better off the whole country will be. That is why they send us a seniors card from Ottawa which shows parliament at night, dark and with all but one light already out.

I got the message, but I am not complying if I can help it.

Lost Jewish 'tribes' may try to rejoin mainstream

By CARL ALPERT

Since American Jews seem in no hurry to immigrate to Israel, and the remaining Jews of the former Soviet Union are for the most part still hesitant, the only remaining source of large-scale aliyah would appear to be the descendants of the Ten Lost Tribes, those who were exiled from the country by King Sargon of Assyria 2,700 years ago.

While they have long been considered "lost," evidence in recent years has "discovered" these tribes in many parts of the world. If substantiated, their claims to the right of return are no less valid than those of us who are descendants of the Jews of the Kingdom of Judah who were exiled to Babylon 100 years later, some of whom returned under the leadership of Ezra and Nehemiah.

The immigration of the Jews of Ethiopia has lent credibility to the possibility of return by other exotic tribes. Rabbi Eliahu Avichail of Jerusalem, who has dedicated his life to seeking out the remnants of these lost Jews and bringing them home, has located a clan in the remote mountains between India and Burma, which he has traced back to the Biblical tribe of Menashe. The tribesmen bear names like Judah, Rebekah and Joel, which have been handed down for generations. Streets in their mountain villages have long been named for Jerusalem, Hebron and other sites in the Holy Land.

They never got along well with their Muslim neighbors, and now look forward to rejoining the mainstream of the Jewish people. More than 80 of them have already arrived in Israel and have undergone Jewish education and formal reconversion. Courses are also being given in Burma for hundreds of others, who will soon be en route. There are 750,000 members of the tribe.

It may be truly said that this clan are our blood brothers, for when a group of Arab terrorists attacked a Jewish settlement in Gaza about a month ago and stabbed 19-year-old Orli Menashe, they were shedding the blood of one of the members of this group.

Evidence points also to Pakistan, where the Pathan tribes speak a language which contains many Hebrew words. They observe rigid dietary laws and follow customs like circumcision on the eighth day, candle lighting before the Sabbath, and other rites. There are said to be 15 million Pathans, today mostly Muslims.

One case has already come before the Israeli courts. Tsima Oniyoli, 47, a member of the Ibo tribe in Africa (10 million strong) filed suit to be recognized as a genuine descendant of the lost Jews. He maintains that King Solomon brought his people to Jerusalem to build the Temple, and they all converted to Judaism, later returning to Africa as Jews.

In the Sichuan province of China, near the border with Tibet, are about 300,000 Chinese members of the Chiang tribe, who likewise follow many Jewish traditions. In southern Africa a British professor has discovered the Lemba tribes, scattered through South Africa, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Mozambique, who claim relationship to the Jews of Ethiopia.

The case for the American Indians was set forth as long ago as 1827 by American Jew Mordecai Manual Noah, who wrote a treatise entitled *The Evidences of the American Indians being the Descendants of the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel*. There are Cherokee Indians in America today who believe that theory, and seek contacts with Israel.

Some 10 years ago Joseph Eidelberg wrote *The Japanese and the Ten Lost Tribes*, adducing both historical and linguistic evidence. How many Japanese are there?

The late Dr. Haim Sheba believed Armenians were descended from one of the tribes, and conducted tests for possible genetic similarities. Reports are on record of Indians in Ecuador and Brazil (tribes of Reuben and Levi) praying in Hebrew.

In the 12th century CE, Benjamin of Tudela told of finding Jews in Kurdistan, Persia and Iraq who considered themselves descendants of the tribes of Gad, Reuben, Menashe, Zebulun, Asher and Naftali.

The Maoris of New Zealand, the gypsies of Europe, the ancient Mayan culture of Mexico have all at one time or another been singled out on the basis of "evidence."

All this is a fascinating historical game, but there are some who see in it serious political implications, based on the Ethiopian and Falash-Mura precedent. If the claims of these lost tribes are to be met in any sizeable numbers, they say, Israel should not surrender land areas in Judea and Samaria, which will be required to house the vast immigration expected.

Minister of Absorption Yair Tsaban takes the matter seriously. "If we open Israel's gates to mass conversions based on myths and legends," he says, "it will change our national, cultural and historical character and that of the state we have established here."

No less an authority than the late president, Itzhak Ben-Zvi, gave credence to the theory that the native Arabs of Israel were actually descended from Jews who stayed after the destruction of the Temple, and were later converted to Islam. Think of the complications that creates!

What we really need are more Jewish videos

By ALLAN GOULD

Let's face it, friends: the videotape has changed our lives. (Although the polio vaccine was pretty good, too — and the Jews can be thanked for that, at least.)

Remember a decade ago? We would hear from a good friend about a "fabulous movie" that might vanish, if we didn't rush to the Cineplex and catch it. So, even if I had a book-deadline to meet, and my wife Merle had 250 high school English papers to grade by the next day, we'd drop everything and zoom to the movies. We sure didn't want to lose it forever.

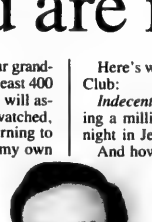
Ahh, but today, when we hear of a movie which is (supposed to be) superior, we just glance at each other, smile knowingly, and whisper confidently, and in unison, "We-can-always-wait-till-it's-out-on-video."

And we do, we do. Even better, we simply ignore it, when it first hits the video shelves, and wait another six months, until it's "free" — i.e., on pay-TV. Then we eagerly tape it, put it on a shelf, and then never watch it anyway — confident that, if we ever did find the free time (and we never do, and probably never will), it's there, in our possession, hovering on that shelf over our TV, if we ever wanted to view it. (And we won't, I can assure you with as much confidence as saying that Purim will come next Adar, and no sooner.)

What got me thinking about this was one of those ubiquitous ads for a major Video Club — much like a Book Club: **You can collect six movies for 29 cents each! (And get two more for up to 70 per cent off!)**

Now, that's a pretty good deal, you've got to admit — even if it means swearing on your grandzayde's grave that you'll *have* to buy at least 400 over the next 12 months — all of which will assuredly end up on your den shelves, unwatched, just like the 5,613 which are already turning to dust — while gathering the same — in my own library.

My question is: why own a videotape of a movie at all? Sure, my sweet teenaged daughter Elisheva has seen some movies a dozen times or more on our VCR — *Annie* (when she was a lot younger); *Heathers*; and some charming kid's film which I've never seen but she tells me is just right for her age group — it's called *Silence of the Lambs*, so I guess it's a movie about farm animals.



Allan Gould

Now, as the full-time author of over 20 books, I think that it's just wonderful that people buy books — and refer back to them, over the years. But what person in his/her right mind wants, or needs, to see *The Bodyguard* more than once? Heck, once was *three* times too many, as far as my wife and I were concerned. (Even if Whitney Houston will, truly, allllllwwaaaaaaayzzzzzzzlooooooo vvvvvve meeee-eeeee-eeeeee) (eeeeeeee-eeeeeeeee).

Look at libraries: When you take a book out, you have to read it within the three weeks that you possess it — or you feel like an idiot when you return it — gasp — *unread*. But a video? To own a video? That you'll probably never watch?

Ahh, but not if we had a Jewish Video Club — with movies which truly spoke to us, and to us alone! That's what we need: Jewish movies, worthy of being viewed in a Jewish home.

Here's what I'd like to read about in my Video Club:

Indecent Proposal: About Yasser Arafat paying a million dollars for the right to sleep one night in Jerusalem.

And how about a passionate movie about the struggle of a small Canadian community to organize a regular, daily minyan: *A Few Good Men*.

Then, there's *Sleepless in Kiryat Shmoneh*: An Israeli couple tries to get some shut-eye, but the Ketusha rockets keep shattering their dreams.

The Unforgiven: A synagogue board finally agrees to write a new contract with their rabbi, after much acrimonious debate.

The Neverending Story: A history of anti-Semitism, alas, alas.

White Men Can't Daven: — A scathing satire on Ashkenazi religious practice, filmed by an up-and-coming Sephardi director.

The Silence of the Lambchops: The tragedy of how it's practically impossible to get fresh kosher lamb in Toronto.

Edward Scissorhands: A Mohel's Story. Don't ask.

The Jew of the Nile: The True Story of Moshe Rabbenu.

Raiders of the Lost Ark: The Torah is stolen from the little minyan's synagogue. Who is responsible? A mystery.

The Longest Day: A documentary on Yom Kippur. Or maybe it's about the 24 hours leading up to the first seder of Passover; I'm not sure.

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Allan Gould is the author of too many books, some of which even sell. How about What Did They Think of the Jews?, *an anthology of 300 gentiles through history? Read a book already; forget the VCR!*

Propaganda demonized Jews

The art of propaganda lies in understanding the emotional ideas of the great masses and finding... the way to the attention and thence to the heart of the broad masses. — Adolf Hitler in *Mein Kampf.*

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Propaganda, no doubt, played an important part in mobilizing support among Germans for the Nazi party. Hitler regarded propaganda as "a vehicle of salesmanship in a mass market," writes British historian David Welch in *The Third Reich: Politics and Propaganda* (Routledge, Chapman & Hall, $43.95).

From the outset, the leaders of Nazi Germany sought to "re-educate" the German people. They harped on several themes: the evil of Jewry and Bolshevism, the injustice of the Treaty of Versailles and the weakness and corruption of the Weimar republic.

The day after the notorious Reichstag fire on Feb. 28, 1933, the new chancellor, Hitler, signed a decree placing restrictions on individual liberty. Less than a month later, the Jew-bating Josef Goebbels was appointed minister for popular enlightenment and propaganda. Given the Nazis' goals, it is not surprising that an entire ministry was given over to propaganda.

For Goebbels, propaganda would be an active force binding Germany together after the defeat of World War I and the chaos, economic and political, of the Weimar republic. He strongly believed that Germans needed to be mobilized on behalf of the new Germany. His ultimate aim was nothing less than the complete identification between the people and the National Socialist program of "national revolution."

Goebbels used the instruments of mass communication commonly associated with totalitarian states — radio, press and film.

Regarding radio as the "voice of the nation, Goebbels persuaded manufacturers to produce radios at affordable prices. By 1939, over 70 per cent of households owned wireless sets. Radio soon came to be regarded as the regime's principal medium for the dissemination of Nazi ideas and for the creation of a sympathetic pubic opinion. By 1935, Hitler's speeches reached an audience of some 56 million. No wonder radio was described as the "towering herald of National Socialism."

The Nazis gained control of the print media by gradually acquiring ownership of the vast majority of newspapers and magazines and by means of a state-controlled press agency. Goebbels was of the view that the press must not only inform, but also instruct.

According to Welch, the press was instrumental in the Nazis' virulent anti-Semitic campaigns. The gutter press, exemplified by *Der Sturmer* and *Volkischer Beobachter*, lashed out at Jews as subhumans. The "respectable" press was used to answer foreign criticism of Germany's racial policy and to heighten Germans' awareness of their Aryan origins and characteristics.

"Anti-Semitic propaganda became so omnipresent that in terms of everyday journalism few items or articles could be published without such a slant," writes Welch.

Film propaganda was of special interest to Goebbels, who believed that cinema would be particularly influential in swaying people's thoughts and beliefs. In 1936, the Nazi party began publishing an illustrated film magazine, *Der deutsche Film*, which hammered away at the theme that Jewish influence in film production should be eradicated for the good of the nation.

Far more significantly, the Nazis passed legislation forcing producers to submit treatments to Goebbels' ministry before shooting could begin. The next step was the nationalization of the film industry, which was achieved in 1942.

Unlike Hitler, Goebbels believed that propaganda was most effective when it was insidious, when its message was concealed within the framework of popular entertainment. As a result, only one-sixth of the 1,097 films made from 1933 to 1945 were overtly propagandistic with a direct political content.

The best-known films of this period were Leni Riefenstahl's *Triumph of the Will* and *Olympia*, which are recognized as masterpieces today. The most anti-Semitically repulsive movies were *Der ewige Jude (The Eternal Jew)* and *Jud Suss*.

The former likened Jews to rats and lice, and concluded that the killing of Jews was not a crime but a necessity. Not surprisingly, it was shown to concentration camp guards before a new batch of victims arrived to be exterminated. *Jud Suss* was more subtle, but the anti-Jewish message shone through with laser-like intensity.

Whether the medium was radio, print or film, the recurring themes in Nazi propaganda to the bitter end were four-fold: an appeal to national unity based on the principle that the community superseded the individual; the need for racial purity; a hatred of enemies, especially Jews and communists; and Hitler's charismatic leadership.

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The poster for the film *The Eternal Jew*, a classic in Nazi propaganda.

As Welch suggests, the Nazis were obsessed with the idea of racial purity. In *Mein Kampf*, Hitler had laid out his philosophy. "No boy or girl," he wrote, "must leave school without having attained a clear insight into the meaning of racial purity and the importance of maintaining the racial blood unadulterated."

Only a few months after coming to power, the Nazis approved a law which permitted the compulsory sterilization of people suffering from such ailments as imbecility, schizophrenia, hereditary deafness and epilepsy, manic depression, Huntington's chorea, chronic alcoholism and extreme physical malformation.

Tens of thousands were sterilized.

On Sept. 1, 1939, the day Germany invaded Poland, Hitler issued an order to kill all persons with incurable disases. Between December 1939 and August 1941, the infamous euthanasia program claimed the lives of 72,000 persons, who perished in such deceptively-named institutions as the Charitable Foundation for the Transportation of the Sick and the Charitable Foundation for Institutional Care.

Ultimately, however, Jews were Hitler's chief targets.

Welch hastens to add that Nazi propaganda exploited the "historical predisposition" of Germans to blame Jews for Germany's ills. "Although anti-Semitism was in principle unacceptable to the churches, latent anti-Semitic prejudices shared by clergy and parishioners... continued to undermine their defence of Jews," he observes.

The Nazis launched major anti-Semitic campaigns in 1933, 1935 and 1938. The propaganda that depicted the Jew as an evil, money-grubbing communist raised little opposition in the country. Nor were serious objections raised to the Nuremberg laws, which deprived Jews of most of their civic rights. Welch says that many Germans viewed the new laws as a stabilizing and necessary measure to limit Jewish influence and to curb intermarriage.

By the late 1930s, he notes, racial propaganda had convinced the population that a so-called Jewish Question existed. Interestingly enough, Kristallnacht evoked widespread disapproval, but for the wrong reason. Most citizens seemed to object to the unchecked vandalism and wanton destruction of property.

In the final years of the regime, Welch states, the majority of Germans were bored with, or indifferent to, the Jewish Question. And these attitudes proved fatal to Jews during the Holocaust.

In assessing the overall impact of propaganda on Germany, Welch says that one of Goebbels' greatest feats was endowing Hitler with "a halo of infallibility." This was crucial for the legitimacy of the regime. Germans who may have looked askance at the Nazi party after 1933 nevertheless maintained their confidence in Hitler.

Thanks to Goebbels' propaganda, Hitler could detach himself from day-to-day politics, so that he was never *personally* associated with the worst extremes of the government. (In this connection, it is worthwhile remembering that Hitler did not sign a single document pertaining to the Final Solution, leaving that gruesome task to his subordinates.)

Industrial workers supported Hitler because they welcomed the restoration of full employment and social welfare schemes for the poor, while the middle-class benefited from the rearmament boom, Welch writes,

The main themes of Nazi propaganda from 1939 to 1945 revolved around the war in the West, the Russian campaign, total war and the need for strengthening morale, and promises of retaliation in response to Allied bombing of German cities.

Welch says that Hitler's standing with the public reached its apogee with the signing of the armistice with France in June 1940. After that highwater mark, enthusiasm for the war was harder to sustain.

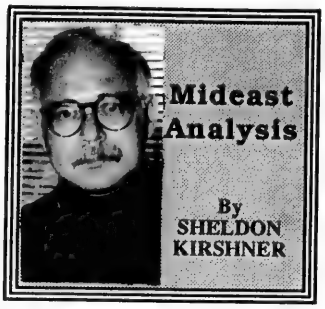
Anti-Bolshevik propaganda was ultimately unconvincing. Goebbels was unable to reconcile the regime's ideological position that the Soviet system was bankrupt with the failure of the Wehrmacht to defeat the Red Army.

During the final two years of the war, when Goebbels was Germany's principal spokesman, the effectiveness of his propaganda barrages rapidly declined. The press lost much of its credibility, while radio programs which had been popular were openly derided.

With increasing frequency, the civilian population turned to foreign broadcasts for information, despite the heavy penalties if discovered.

However, Goebbels — a fanatical Nazi — never lost his faith in propaganda.

Even as Allied armies closed in on Berlin in the spring of 1945, Goebbels diverted a huge sum of money, as well as 187,000 troops and 4,000 sailors, to make a lavish period film entitled *Kolberg*. By then, of course, all his exertions were an exercise in futility. Not even artful propaganda could save Nazi Germany from its miserable fate.



Dour, taciturn and soft-spoken, Haim Bar-Lev will best be remembered for his role during the War of Attrition and the Yom Kippur War.

Bar-Lev, who died in Tel Aviv on May 7, was the chief of staff from 1968 to 1971. During the War of Independence, he was a battalion commander in the Palmach. Later, he commanded the armored corps. During the Six Day War, he was Yitzhak Rabin's deputy.

Bar-Lev assumed command of the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) at a time when Israel was bogged down in an escalating military struggle with its Arab adversaries, particularly Egypt. Israel had decisively defeated Egypt in 1967, but the Egyptians, with the assistance of the Soviet Union, regrouped and struck back in pinprick attacks shortly after the the Six Day War. Egypt's ultimate objective was to reconquer the Sinai Peninsula. Its immediate goal was to bleed the Israelis.

The focus of the War of Attrition was along the Suez Canal, a waterway which had been closed to shipping during the Six Day War. The Egyptians took the initiative, shelling the Israelis in artillery bombardments that claimed an increasing number of soldiers. Israel hit back, temporarily silencing Egypt.

With pressure mounting to minimize casualties, Bar-Lev had to decide how to defend the Sinai. Basically, there were two options — a defence system grounded on mobility, or one based on fixed fortifications. Bar-Lev chose the latter, which came to be known as the Bar-Lev Line.

Consisting of underground fortresses, patrol roads, berms, and tank and artillery bases, the Bar-Lev Line was designed to repel an attempt by Egypt to cross the Suez Canal and establish a bridgehead in Sinai. It was also, of course, meant to save Israeli lives.

As Chaim Herzog explains in *The Arab-Israeli Wars*, the Bar-Lev Line required Israel to adapt to an unaccustomed strategy of static defence in place of tactics turning on speed and manoeuvrability.

Construction began early in 1969. Until then, it was the largest engineering project ever undertaken in Israel. Work was finished on March 15 of that year, soon after a massive artillery duel that signalled a dramatic escalation in the fighting. On May 1, President Gamal Abdul Nasser of Egypt exaggeratedly announced that 60 percent of the line had been destroyed, and that the Egyptian army was making preparations to capture it.

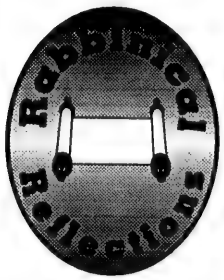
How effective was the Bar-Lev Line? There are no definitive answers. Israel's casualties rose, but they would have been far higher had the fortifications not been built. Israel kept Egypt at bay during the War of Attrition, which ended with a U.S.-sponsored ceasefire in October 1970. However, in the first days of the Yom Kippur War, Egypt breached the Bar-Lev Line and forced Israel to retreat deeper into the Sinai.

Trevor Dupuy, in *Elusive Victory*, writes that the line proved itself because it slowed Egypt's offensive, allowed Israel to call up reserves and enabled the IDF to stop the Egyptians' advance at the strategic Mitla Pass. A different view is expressed by Gunther Rothenburg in *The Anatomy of the Israeli Army*. "There seems to have been a feeling among Israeli armored commanders that it would have been far better to let the enemy cross the canal and then destroy him in a conventional enveloping attack..."

Bar-Lev's role during the 1973 war is less controversial. After leaving the IDF, he was appointed minister of trade and industry, the first of a series of cabinet posts he would hold. With the war going badly for Israel on the Golan and in Sinai, Prime Minister Golda Meir pressed him into service as a consultant.

Bar-Lev visited the Golan. By all accounts, he helped re-establish morale there, following initial victories by Syria. Next, he lent his expertise and experience to the Southern Command in the Sinai. He and others stabilized that front and then planned Israel's thrust across the canal into Egyptian territory in Africa, a move that altered the course of the war and set the stage for an eventual rapprochement between Israel and Egypt.

Bar-Lev spent his last two years as Israel's ambassador to Russia. He capped his tenure there by arranging Prime Minister Rabin's trip to Moscow last month.



By RABBI WAYNE ALLEN

Tim Ward is a Torontonian who spent a number of months in a Buddhist monestary in Thailand. He writes about his adventure in a recently published book entitled *What the Buddha Never Taught*. It is filled with descriptions of daily life in a jungle-based community made up almost entirely of Westerners who want to experience and live a life of meditation and introspection. Ward is not Jewish and neither are any characters in the book, as far as the reader can tell. Nonetheless, it is a very Jewish book because of the insights it provides.

Life in the monastery, as Ward describes it, is informed by a series of rules, many of which seem to be arbitrary. Everything is guided by the tradition of the order, irrespective of whether the rule is encoded in the sacred texts. Even how a person is to sit or walk or bow or beg (Buddhist monks must beg for their food each morning) is determined by these rules. While Ward writes how he grew increasingly uncomfortable with the arbitrariness of the rules, he decided to persevere and remain in the monastery for the time he had stipulated. His real problem was his own spiritual quest. And for succeeding in this quest, he was willing to sacrifice reason.

Ward sought a kind of spirituality that proved elusive. His efforts at real meditation were thwarted by the grind of daily life and by the temptations he had to overcome even in the sparse and spartan environment of a jungle retreat.

Ward finally comes to realize that is is not the place that effects spiritual elevation but the person. Reclusive life in a monastery is no guarantee of nirvana, any more than a busy life in the city is any guarantee of spiritual failure. The temptations he had to transcend in the jungles were different than those he had to overcome in the city but they were temptations nonetheless. In the monastery he found that he began to lust after certain foods, even though he was eating less — or perhaps because he was eating less. Ultimately he comes to the conclusion that a person can be a spiritual being anywhere, provided that a person lives by the right code of conduct. Doing good for others is the best manifestation of doing spiritual good for oneself. And the noblest kinds of teachings are not those that are selfishly hoarded by the initiates alone, but those shared with greatest number.

In effect, Ward becomes a promoter of Judaism, even though he neither articulates nor realizes that fact. Indeed, since the times of the Pharisees, Judaism has taught that holiness can only be achieved with others and through others. Judaism tells us that our own spiritual growth is inextricably connected to our service to others.

What Ward comes to understand on his own have been the principles upon which Judaism has stood. Ward demonstrates that sometimes we need the experience of others to remind us of just how perceptive and appealing the traditions of Judaism really are.

Chabad to evacuate 1,001st child

KFAR CHABAD — June 5 will be a day for rejoicing and celebration, when the thousand and first child to be evacuated from the nuclear disaster zone around Chernobyl lands at Israel's Ben Gurion Airport under the auspices of the Chabad Children of Chernobyl Project.

World acclaimed producer/director Steven Spielberg and other celebrities will be featured at the arrival ceremony, which will be broadcast via satellite around the world at 6:40 p.m. Israel time.

Although the Chernobyl reactor exploded eight years ago, the danger to children in the region persists. Living in contaminated areas, they continue to ingest radiation through their food and water. Medical care is either non-existent or substandard. The young survivors must be removed permanently from the region to receive proper nutrition and medical treatment. The need for evacuation is urgent.

As part of a project spearheaded by the Chabad Youth Organization of Israel and supported by generous Jews everywhere, a total of 10 flights and 950 Jewish children have already been brought to Israel from Ukraine and Belarus since 1990. The children come without their parents to Kfar Chabad where they are given medical treatment, room and board, and schooling.

Over 200 "Chernobyl children" gathered in Jerusalem recently to celebrate the airlift of the 1,001st child from Ukraine. [IPPA photo]

"The number of 1,001 is symbolic," said Yossie Raichik, director of the Chabad Children of Chernobyl Project. "It represents the achievement of having already saved 1,000 children from the ravages of Chernobyl. More important, it represents the first of the next thousand children we intend to bring here in the near future."

More than 2,000 children are on a waiting list for evacuation.

This relief effort is the world's largest and the only one to permanently remove Chernobyl victims from the deadly environment in which they now live.

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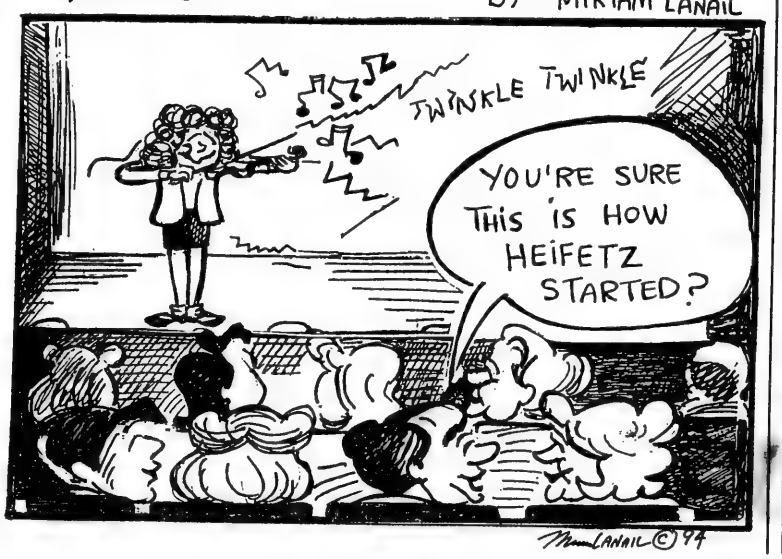

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Two high school students from Duisberg, Germany recently visited Toronto as guests of the Goethe Institute and the Holocaust Remembrance Committee. Here they met with Toronto Jewish students, toured the Toronto area and took part in a panel on German Jewish relations. Seen here is (from left) (front row) Ulrich Schroer, Jesse Gunderson, Shaunella Ramnauth and Sandra Thiel and (back row) Ryan Bayne and Matthew Friedman. [Michael Col photo]

Peel board delays school year

TORONTO — The Peel Board of Education last week voted overwhelmingly to delay the start of the next academic year in order to accommodate Rosh Hashanah.

The board voted 18-0, with one abstention, to delay the beginning of the 1994-95 school year to Sept. 8 so Jewish students and staff would not have to miss the key first two days of classes.

Rosh Hashanah will fall on Sept 6. and 7. The school year was to have begun on the sixth.

The Peel board listened to pleas from Canadian Jewish Congress, B'nai Brith Canada, as well as Rabbi Lawrence Englander and education director Arlene Botnick, both of Solel Congregation in Mississauga.

Also present was Rabbi Ed Lander of Har Tikva Congregation in Brampton.

Trustees also considered a report from staff, urging the board to delay the school year start.

The vote was the strongest support to date from a school board for the campaign to delay the coming school year start.

With one exception, all Metro Toronto-area school board have voted to begin the school year on Sept. 8 to accommodate Jewish students and staff. Only the Scarborough Board of Education has refused, and classes there will start Sept. 6.

Many urban school boards across Canada have also voted to begin classes Sept. 8.

Jewish groups have argued that the coincidence of the Jewish new year and the first days of classes is virtually a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence.

Lou Lenkinski of Canadian Jewish Congress's Ontario region praised the Peel decision as a progessive sign of how minorities are being treated in Canada.

Baycrest wins lifestyle award

TORONTO — Clients, staff and visitors from the community eat the better way at Baycrest Centre, which was recently presented with two Lifestyle Approved awards from the City of North York.

The awards are a recognition by the city's Public Health Department and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario of food facilities which support a healthy lifestyle. Restaurants and food services can play an important role in combatting the number one killer of Canadians — cardiovascular disease, which is preventable in many cases by a healthy diet.

The recipients of the awards were the Baycrest cafeteria (Food and Nutrition Services) and the WA Cafe, operated by the Baycrest Women's Auxiliary. To qualify as winners, they were expected to meet standards set in four areas: nutrition, sanitation, provision of non-smoking areas and signage, and accessibility for the disabled.

From left: Eduard Edelshteyn, Vic Lambert and Donna Gates from Baycrest Centre receive a City of North York Lifestyle Approved award from David Shiner, chairman of the North York Board of Health and Mayor Mel Lastman.

The City of North York expects that the Lifestyle Approved awards will become an annual event, with participants being evaluated on a yearly basis. As winners this year, Baycrest's cafeteria and WA cafe will be promoted within the community as a "Lifestyle Approved" facility.

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Dr. Ognjen Kraus, president of the Jewish community of Zagreb, Croatia, chats with Gerda Frieberg (left), chair of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region; and Joyce Eklove, co-chair of the region's World Jewry and International Affairs committee. Kraus told Congress that his organization not only tends to the needs of Jews in Zagreb, but also assists Jewish refugees fleeing from war zones.

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TORONTO — Ridding the community of so-called "entrepreneurial" rabbis — uncredentialed people who prey on the less-informed with "quickie" conversions and other services — is a priority for Rabbi Wayne Allen, newly-elected president of the Toronto Board of Rabbis (TBR).

Rabbi Allen succeeds Rabbi Dow Marmur as head of the TBR, the city's umbrella group for Reform, Reconstructionist and Conservative rabbis.

Rabbi Marmur has stepped down after a two-year term.

Rabbi Allen, spiritual leader of Beth Tikvah Synagogue in Willowdale, says he's hopeful that ways can be found to stamp out what he calls "entrepreneurial rabbis who prey on the ignorant members of the Jewish community.

"More and more complaints have been received from unaffiliated Jews who have paid large sums of money for dubious services provided poorly or not at all," Rabbi Allen says.

"One of the major tasks ahead is to find effective ways of alerting the public and encouraging them to consult only with properly credentialed rabbis."

Rabbi Allen, a 43-year-old graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary, served pulpits in Staten Island, N.Y., and Lakewood, Calif., before coming to Toronto seven years ago.

He received smichah (rabbinic ordination) in 1977.

He has served the TBR as recording secretary, treasurer and vice-president. He was responsible for drafting the group's current constitution and for introducing the practice of collecting money for Mazon Canada at every meeting at which food is served.

In 1992, Rabbi Allen resigned from the Rabbinical Assembly (RA), the umbrella for North American Conservative rabbis, and as chair of the RA's Ontario wing, because of his dissatisfaction with the movement's direction.

He's currently treasurer of the U.S.-based Union for Traditional Judaism,

Rabbi Wayne Allen

founded a decade ago to bring more tradition to non-Orthodox Judaism.

Continuing the work of his predecessor at the TBR won't be easy, he says, but he's up to the challenge.

"The TBR can be seen as a microcosm of what the Jewish community can be. Almost 40 rabbis from different backgrounds and with different viewpoints come together, putting their differences aside for the greater good of all Jews," he says.

Rabbi Allen's other plans include expanding cooperation with the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and other communal agencies.

He believes that "rabbis, because of their experience and training, have a valuable perspective that needs to be heard in the highest echelons of decision making."

Joining Rabbi Allen on the TBR's executive are Rabbi Michael Stroh, vice-president; Rabbi Sheldon Korn, recording secretary; Rabbi Yitzchak Witty, corresponding secretary; and Rabbi Philip Scheim, treasurer.

Hebrew school to open in Richmond Hill

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —As teacher Lillian Benlolo lit the Shabbat candles her first Friday night in her new home in the wilds of Richmond Hill, she felt as if she and her family were the only Jews around.

Then she looked outside her living room window — and saw that the neighbors across the street were also lighting Shabbat candles.

This was a sign, she says, that Jewish life can flourish outside of the main centres. And she plans to encourage this trend as much as she can.

Over the years, she taught at various Jewish afternoon schools, started Heritage programs for York Region, graduated from the Midrasha (Jewish Teachers' Seminary) and spent three months in Israel taking special courses from the Israel Ministry of Education in the latest educational methods.

And now she is ready for the next step — starting a non-denominational school in Richmond Hill, which will be called Beth Israel Hebrew Academy.

The private, for profit school will meet twice a week for two hours at a time, in the Yonge and Elgin Mills area.

Prayers, Hebrew language, holidays, love of Israel, Jewish history, music and dance will form a well-rounded curriculum, she plans, "in a joyful environment.

The school is not eligible to apply for BJE affiliation until it has been open for a year.

Videos, computers, trips, pen pal relationships with children in Israel will make the school experience even more enjoyable, Benlolo says.

She has developed a method of teaching the Hebrew alphabet that she says enables children to learn to read and write Hebrew much faster. Five consecutive booklets include reading drill, writing and short stories.

"The students are happy, because they finish each one quickly and go on to the next one. In a few months they will have learned to read and write Hebrew."

Each class will have a teacher and an assistant, and there will be different teachers for each subject.

Each student, Benlolo says, will have his or her own file, so that their progress can be followed efficiently and effectively until they graduate.

So far, she says, the response to the new school, which she hopes to open in September, has been excellent.

"I would like to have from 45 to 60 students in the school, so that I can get to know each child."

Benlolo, who has three children of her own, says she thinks a Hebrew school in Richmond Hill will bring the scattered community closer together.

"I want it to be like a Jewish centre, where Jewish kids can make friends."

While she says she recognizes that the afternoon school cannot compare to a day school, there are many reasons why parents do not send their children there, including, for Richmond Hill Jews, the distance.

"If I can save one soul, why not? There is too much assimilation — if I can put inside little hearts a love and respect for Judaism, Israel and for other Jews, I am accomplishing something important."

For more information, or to register for Beth Israel Hebrew Academy, call Benlolo, at (905)770-1082.

Interaction reaches out to young adults

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — After graduating last year as a biology major from the University of Waterloo, Melyssa Aronson returned to her hometown of Toronto, only to find herself feeling somewhat estranged from the Jewish community.

"I wanted to get involved, but I didn't know how," says the 23-year-old, who found a temporary job at the Jewish Community Centre. "It seemed that there was nothing in Toronto's Jewish community for someone my age to get involved with, except singles groups, which weren't for me because I was engaged."

Aronson's fiancee, Michael Goldenberg, also felt Toronto's Jewish community offered little for people in their 20s.

"People aren't comfortable with the singles 'meat-market' atmosphere," says the 26-year-old graduate of Ryerson's business program. "We felt it was important to get people together socially in a friendly way, not in a singles atmosphere that seems uncomfortable and contrived."

Goldenberg, Aronson and six friends have established an organization, Interaction, to fill that need. Interaction welcomes returning students to Toronto, sponsors social events for "twenty-somethings" whether single or married, provides advice on employment issues and, not incidentally, strengthens young peoples' Jewish identities.

"We want to reach out and welcome anyone in our age group, make sure they're set up for all the holidays, and just get them in touch with the Jewish community of Toronto," Aronson says.

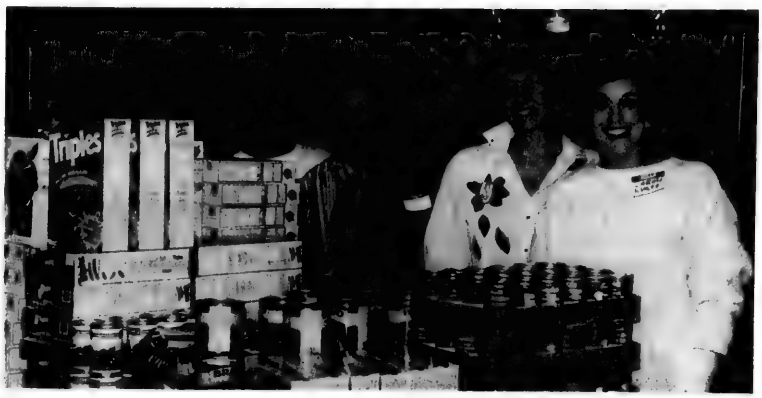
The group's first function was a pot-luck house party for about 35 people, mostly friends of the organization's eight board members. "It went pretty well," says Corey Goldman, who recently attained a degree in history from York University. "Everyone seemed pretty enthusiastic that we were starting this organization."

The board members polled attendees to determine what sort of organization could serve them best. "It's an organization started by people our age so we know what we need and we know what we want," Aronson says.

Interaction board members have sent letters to universities and synagogues across Canada. They installed a phone line which receives about 10 calls daily. They have also contacted various offices within the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto to ensure maximum community cooperation and avoid duplication of services.

Interaction plans to host a wine and cheese reception at the University Women's Club, St. George and Bloor streets, on Sunday June 19 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. As well, it is planning an "Israeli night" and a weekend getaway to Maple Lake in the fall.

For further information, call Interaction at (416) 754-5512.



Organizers extraordinaire (from left) Eileen Weisenberg, Gilda Goodman, Bev Krofchick, Dina Wolfish and Carole Wolfe display some of the goods at the Baycrest Spring Sale.

Baycrest's Spring Sale a success

TORONTO — Baycrest Centre's third annual Spring Sale was held on April 21 in the attractive atrium and main floor area of Baycrest Hospital. The event drew an estimated 6,000 eager shoppers and raised more than $100,000 for the centre, up 35 per cent from last year.

The sale, a major fundraiser for the Baycrest Women's Auxiliary, was entirely organized by WA volunteers, with much support from Baycrest staff.

This year the merchandise was presented somewhat differently, with shoppers able to browse through various "stores," including a Drug Mart, Collectibles, Fashion Centre, Food Mart and Silent Auction. All goods (except collectibles) were new and reduced in price by at least 50 per cent.

WA volunteers start months in advance to solicit individuals and businesses for contributions to the sale.

"We were extremely lucky this year to receive a very generous donation from Shoppers Drug Mart," says Women's Auxiliary President Tobie Bekhor. "They and their suppliers donated goods from their annual show, so that we had an excellent selection of drug products, candies and sundries."

The Silent Auction which raised $30,000 was a definite hit, particularly club seats to Blue Jays games which went at prices far above value.

Bekhor credits the increased attendance at the Spring Sale to the bargains available and to word-of-mouth promotion.

"We've doubled our sales over the first year, mainly due to community awareness and neighborhood support," she says.

Also instrumental to the day's success was the support of dozens of WA volunteers. Says Mimi Greenspoon, vice-president/coordinator of the event: "More than 260 people worked on the sale this year. They were supervised by a group of dedicated chairpersons

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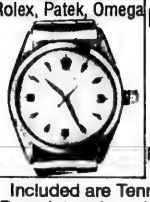
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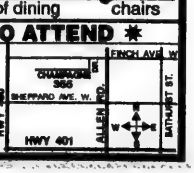

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Researcher traces early Jewish peddlers

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Not all the Jewish peddlers in Toronto who sold their wares between 1890 and 1910 went on to become rich merchant princes, and not all were rugged individualists.

These stereotypes are shattered in an article by Deena Nathanson in *Canadian Jewish Studies (CJS)*, a new journal, sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Historical Society.

Edited by Professor Richard Menkis of Vancouver, it has a striking photograph of a menorah at Yellowknife, sculpted from ice, on its cover, an Inuk standing by.

The *CJS* will be launched at special events in Calgary, Vancouver and Montreal, while the Toronto launch will coincide with the Jewish Book Awards, June 15, at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

The early peddlers of Toronto may have owed as much to the strong network of family relatives, landsmanschaften, synagogues and benevolent societies as they did to their own hard work, Nathanson, a PhD candidate in history at the University of Toronto, suggests.

She also found it surprising that some left peddling to take full-time jobs as travellers or in garment factories, thus losing the coveted social position of being in business for yourself.

She studied 72 peddlers, drawn from a larger group, whom she was able to trace form 1890 to 1930 through Might Directories, synagogue and society records.

Among those she mentioned were Joseph Greisman, Moses Brody, Chaim Bochner, Michael Stone, Julius Brown, Samuel Ginsberg, Chaim Wilder, Mendel Granatstein, Henry Greisman, one of the five most successful of the 72, Abraham and Max Cohen, Samuel Shapiro, Samuel Greenbaum, Morris Steinberg, Louis and Harry Rotenberg, Isaac and Barnett Cooper, Louis Levinsky and Solomon Rapp.

Some of the immigrants studied did not succeed as entrepreneurs, Nathanson writes, and so abandoned the trade for safer jobs. "None attained the folkloric dimensions of those North American heroes named Gimbel and Macy."

Nevertheless Granastein donated substantial sums to Goel Tzedek Congregation of which 27 of the 72 families studied were members. Greisman owned a number of properties on Chestnut Street and with Louis and Harry Rotenberg established the Empire Suspender Company.

Naim Kattan

Although some of the peddlers became active in the Farband Labor Zionist Organization or other organizations identified with the working class, Nathanson writes that the Toronto Hebrew Peddler's Protective Association had an aversion to the goals of organized labor.

CJS inherits the colorful tradition and solid academic achievments of the affiliated groups of the Canadian Jewish Historical Society. One need only glance at the program of its June 12-13 annual meeting at the University of Calgary to realize how relevant is the CJHS, now headed by famed Quebec writer Naim Kattan.

The first volume of CJS appears at an "exciting but fragile moment in the history of the Canadian Jewish experience," writes editor Menkis in a foreword.

The pages of volume one of the *CJS*, replete with references to books and articles by such stalwart chroniclers of the western Jewish scene as Abraham J. Arnold and Harry Gutkin and the Maritime historian, Marcia Koven, should inspire current university students to dig deeper into the rich history of Canadian Jews.

Members of the editorial board, along with Menkis, are Irving M. Abella, Pierre Anctil, Paula J. Draper and Kattan. For information, write to the editor, Department of Religious Studies, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, V6T 1Z1.

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That was then, this is now. The Lizzies' 1944 juvenile Dominion basketball champs are seen in their youth and again 50 years later, arranged in the same positions. Seen in this vintage photo are (from left, top row) Sam Linzon, Jack Cooper, Rube Kamen (deceased), Ken Miyasaki, Dave Sugar (manager), Ben Rader and Harvey Dale. Front row (from left) Nat Hennick, Bob Abate (deceased), Dave Greenberg, Bob Strom, 'Sy' Armstrong (playground head, deceased) and Ben Sherkin.

Lizzies' annual dinner to honor 1944 champs

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It was Passover 1944 and the Lizzies Red Devils had just dispatched the Montreal YMHA on their home turf to qualify for the Juvenile Dominion Basketball Championship.

With the title match in Saint John, N.B., the boys from the Elizabeth Playground loaded up with kosher food and boarded a train for the day-long ride.

Playing in championship matches was nothing new for Lizzies athletes, but this event was a little different. Following the win in Montreal, two members of the team pulled out of the championship so they could spend the holiday with their families.

The depleted contingent continued on to the Maritimes where they were greeted by members of the Saint John Jewish community who had been alerted to their arrival by Canadian Jewish Congress.

Instead of spending a lonely Passover on the road, they were billetted with local families and they enjoyed the home-cooked meals and haymische atmosphere offered by their hosts. Buoyed by their comfortable surroundings, the Lizzies came up big in the two-game total point national championship, winning the first game 54-27 and following that up with a 42-25 win for a combined 96-52 margin.

That championship team will be feted on Wednesday, June 8 at the Bob Abate Centre, 485 Montrose Ave. near Christie Pits. Nine out of the team's 10 players and one of the team's coaches will be on hand for the festivities, according to Mort Greenberg, a Lizzies alumnus who's publicizing the event.

Bob Abate, the team's head coach and inspirational leader, died in 1981 at age 87, but his memory is carried on in the recreational centre that bears his name.

A member of the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame who was inducted for his success as a coach of basketball, hardball and softball teams, Abate was the originator of the Lizzies. The team takes its name from its first home at the Elizabeth Street playground where the Hospital for Sick Children now stands.

When the playground disappeared, the team became the wandering Jews of the teenage sporting world. The mostly Jewish athletes played out of a variety of playgrounds and schools in the downtown core area, including Jarvis Collegiate, Central Commerce and College United Church.

Softball was played at Central Tech and hardball at Christie Pits, recalls Norm Cornack, a Lizzies alumnus.

The Lizzies had become so accomplished that on one occasion tournament organizers, jealous of their success, scheduled Ontario championship matches in softball and hardball on the same day in 1946 in different cities. Faced with that difficult situation, Abate divided the team into two squads and miraculously, the split teams both won championships. In fact, it was the third championship in three years — in both sports — for the Red Devils, Greenberg said.

Abate was "able to get the very best out of the players," Cornack recalls. "We would have walked on Lake Ontario or run through a brick wall for him."

Abate set a good example for the young men under his care, he continued. He didn't smoke, drink or cuss. He was unswervingly loyal, "sticking by his players."

Proceeds from the 50th anniversary dinner will benefit the Bob Abate Centre and a number of children's charities, including the Children's Wish Foundation, Special Olympics, Variety Village, Toronto Star Christmas Box Fund and the Kids' Foundation.

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Former students of Rabbi Price pay tribute to mentor's memory

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A brilliant, creative thinker, a scholar and successful businessman, totally committed to maintaining Halachah yet surprisingly open-minded, noted for being brusque, yet endlessly supportive of his students — this was the picture of Rabbi Abraham Price that emerged at a recent memorial service.

Rabbi Price died in Toronto during Pesach. The memorial service for his students was organized by Rabbi Erwin Schild, himself a former student, and was held at Adath Israel Congregation.

Rabbi Price, Rabbi Schild said, saw it as his duty "to continue on these shores the same traditions of piety" as had existed in Europe before Hitler.

Rabbi Schild remembered when, as a young student, interned as an enemy alien by an unsympathetic Canadian government, Rabbi Price, "still a young man, energetic, handsome," came to the internment camp to meet the yeshivah students who were there.

"He promised to do his best to take us out of the camp," Rabbi Schild said, adding that, with the help of Senator Arthur Roebuck, a friend, he got access to deputy immigration minister F.C. Blair (of "none is too many" infamy) and persuaded him it was his God-given duty to rebuild the scholarly community in Canada.

"He told Blair 'you can have my head if any of these boys is a Nazi spy' ".

At a time when the Jewish community was ambivalent about the internees, feeling insecure, Rabbi Schild said, about their own position in Canada, and seeing yeshivah students as being at the bottom of the economic ladder, Rabbi Price appeared at a meeting of Canadian Jewish Congress and persuaded them to assist the students financially — sending then-president Sam Bronfman into inarticulate rage in the process.

"He was authoritarian," said Rabbi Schild, never willing to abide by the decisions of others, and as a result was never a political success in the community, even the Orthodox.

"But he was like a father to us — he looked after our welfare, food, clothing, and gave us the opportunity to make a living in whatever field we chose."

While he tolerated no short cuts in religious observance, "he wanted to make observance possible — he didn't look for chumrahs (technical stringencies). He believed in keeping Torah in the proper way, but without exaggeration or ostentatious piety."

Rabbi Erwin Schild

Larry Sonenberg, president of Adath Israel, noted that Rabbi Price had taught the first rabbi of Adath Israel, Rabbi Avraham Kelman, as well as Rabbi Schild, now rabbi emeritus, and the late Rabbi Albert Pappenheim of Beth David Synagogue. "Fifty years of rabbinate in Toronto is due to Rabbi Price."

Rabbi Steven Saltzman, spiritual leader of Adath Israel, said that Rabbi Price's gift was to be able to "hear the inner voices of the Torah, and transmit them to his students and to the present day."

Rabbi Joseph Kelman, spiritual leader of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation, also a former student, called him "a creator of institutions. He believed that Toronto too could be a place of Torah," and he worked to ensure that it was.

Rabbi Schild led more than 20 former students of Rabbi Price in the Kaddish.

Ben Kayfetz, former executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, Central region, described Toronto when Rabbi Price arrived in the late 1930s as a place in the grip of the Great Depression, but full of hope and good intentions.

It was an immigrant community, where the observant were outnumbered by the indifferent, where kashruth was observed, but Shabbat was not, where yeshivot were thought to be possible only in New York, where ethnic divisions held sway.

It was a world of fierce union activity and philosophical sectarianism, of the *Yiddishe Journale*, and of landsmanschaften.

In his closing remarks, Rabbi Philip Scheim of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, said that the greatest praise of a teacher is that he had praiseworthy students, a legacy Rabbi Price had indeed created.

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Change in program

TORONTO — Daphna Golan, a leading civil and women's rights advocate in Israel, will replace Meretz MK Naomi Chazan in Sisters and Strangers: A Jewish-Arab Women's Dialogue, due to changes in Chazan's schedule.

The speaking tour, sponsored by the New Israel Fund, also features Mariam Mari'i, founder and president of the Acre Arab Women's Association. The two women will be in Toronto on June 12 for an afternoon lecture at OISE moderated by writer Michele Landsberg as well as an evening lecture at Temple Sinai moderated by lawyer Linda Silver-Dranoff and introduced by Ontario premier Bob Rae. The afternoon lecture will focus on women's issues, and the evening lecture will encompass peace, co-existence and women's rights.

Golan works with women in East and West Jerusalem in her role as director of Bat Shalom, the Jerusalem Centre for Women's Action. She is also a member of the directing committee of the Human Rights Centre at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where she lectures in African Studies.

For further information about the lectures or to reserve tickets, call the New Israel Fund of Canada office at 340-0507.

Support for abused

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can only be lifted by placing it where it belongs — on the abuser, and for this we need a lot of community support."

Fassel said that slowly, as a result of lobbying, the law is acknowledging the right of women to seek redress for assault by anyone, including husbands, doctors, clergy or parents. "The government introduced legislation which has become law, that describes protocol for health professionals. Under Bill 100, Ontario residents can now bring action against those who abuse them."

She admitted, however, that what happens to women in a sexual assault trial is "inexcusable. The cruelty and abuse has been construed as a penalty for women who dare to speak out."

Hampson set to talk at breast cancer forum

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

Sharon Hampson

TORONTO — Sharon Hampson wants people to know that there *is* life after breast cancer. For the past six years, her own life has proved the point.

"I'm well. I'm happy. I'm effective. I work," noted the popular children's entertainer in a recent phone interview. Hampson, 51, best known as one-third of Sharon, Lois and Bram, was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1988 and underwent a lumpectomy. A recurrence in February 1993 necessitated a second lumpectomy, a course of radiation and treatment with tamoxifen pills.

Hampson will be the keynote speaker at Breast Cancer — The Up Side, an information evening co-sponsored by Toronto Hadassah-WIZO and the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. The program will be held on June 9 at Beth Sholom Synagogue.

Other panelists will be radiation oncologist Dr. Roy Clark, plastic reconstructive surgeon Dr. John Semple, and research dietician Mary Cousins. A question-and-answer period will follow each speaker.

Hampson first went public with her story last November, when she addressed the National Forum on Breast Cancer in Montreal at the invitation of Clark, who was her radiation oncologist.

"I couldn't imagine why telling my story would be an important thing to do," Hampson says. "There's nothing particularly remarkable about it. There are women who've been through far worse."

Yet her speech last November touched a deep chord in her audience. One doctor told her, "I will teach differently because of you," she recalls.

"If telling my story helps some doctors have more empathy for the patients, then I understand I have done something good," she says. "If my experience reflects the feelings of other women, then there's some value in speaking publicly about them."

Hampson's experience as a breast cancer survivor has also led to her involvement on a number of committees working to meet the needs of women who have breast cancer.

Hampson feels that it's important for such committees to include breast cancer survivors. She explains that the perspective offered by women who have been patients complements the clinical expertise offered by medical professionals.

Women need better ways of accessing information about breast cancer, Hampson noted. One of the ways she is addressing that issue is by working with others on a proposal for a Toronto-based Ontario support and resource centre, a project sponsored by Burlington Breast Cancer Support Services.

Although breast cancer is the leading killer of women between the ages of 35 and 55, according to statistics from the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, it has one of the best survival rates compared to other types of cancer.

"Take care of yourself," Hampson advises other women. "It's possible to have breast cancer and have a life after, but not if you find a lump and don't go to a doctor. Then you really undermine your own future.

"What worked for me was learning as much as I could about the treatment options and being a participant in decisions."

For further information about the panel discussion or to purchase tickets in advance, call Toronto Hadassah-WIZO at 789-4373.

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Organizations and People

What's New

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, June 2, is deadline for June 16 issue, and Thursday, June 9, is deadline for June 23. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Friday, June 3

ONEG SHABBAT

The Oneg Shabbat to welcome new members at Lodzer Congregation, 12 Heaton St., 8 p.m. will include a report by young people who participated in the March of the Living in Poland and Israel. Evening is hosted by the congregation's Hatikvah committee. For information, 636-6665.

HAPPY MUSICAL AFTERNOON

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** presents a wide selection of popular, Hebrew and Jewish music, 2-3 p.m., Lincoln Place, 429 Walmer Rd.

D-DAY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Adults of all ages are invited to the weekly Tea and Entertainment seniors program 2-4 p.m., Central Library, 5120 Yonge St.,to see the National Film Board film program commemorating the 50th anniversary of D-Day. Free. For information, 395-5573.

Sunday, June 5

BEN-GURION BIOGRAPHER TO SPEAK

Prof. Michael Bar-Zohar, author of the three-volume official biography of **David Ben-Gurion**, will speak on From Ben-Gurion to Rabin and Beyond: The Prospects for Peace, 8 p.m., Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Bar-Zohar, visiting professor at Emory University and author of numerous books, is a former Labor Party member of the Knesset. Evening sponsored by Israel affairs committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, and the Labor Zionist Movement. Admission free. For information, 635-2883, ext. 147, or 630-9444.

HOT BONDS...COOL JAZZ

The New Leadership Division of State of Israel Bonds presents Hot Bonds...Cool Jazz, 8 p.m., The Wellington, 424 Wellington St. W. (west of Spadina). Special guest performers are **Wendy Lands, Rick Lazar** and Montuno Police. Couvert $20 and purchase of Israel Bond, $55 for non-Bond purchasers and $65 at the door. Dress is "creative black tie" (formal, funky or fun—your choice!). For tickets, **Marcia Cohen**, 789-3351.

INDOOR SIDEWALK SALE

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood is holding an Indoor Sidewalk Sale 9 a.m. to noon, at the synagogue. A fine selection of almost new children's, men's and ladies' clothing, housewares, books and records will be available.

GOLAN GROUP AUCTION

The Golan Group's 26th annual auction takes place at the Thornhill Community Centre (Bayview and John St.). Preview 1 p.m., auction 2 p.m. Door prize is an original **Joy Orzy** water color (winner must be present). All proceeds go to Ben Yehuda School in Jerusalem for children with learning disabilities and physical handicaps.

DOWNTOWN SINGLE PARENTS

Downtown single parents (custodial or non-custodial) looking for others in the same situation to socialize with, talk to, share outings with or without kids, and go to social events, who would like to explore the possibilities of such a group, are invited to the meeting 10 a.m., Room 204, Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. Babysitting and childcare available. For information, 924-6211.

GARAGE SALE

There'll be bargains galore at Chabad Lubavitch of Markham's garage sale, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., 107 Holm Cres., Thornhill.

UNDERSTANDING STEREOTYPES

Come with an open mind and be prepared to speak your mind at the workshop for adults and teenagers on Understanding Stereotypes and Prejudice—A Guide for Parents and Adolescents with **Bernie Farber**, national director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, 7:30 p.m. Shaar Shalom Synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill.

JEWISH STORYTELLING

Jewish storytelling for adults is open to all who wish to tell or listen to Jewish stories, 7:30 p.m., Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. (Bathurst-Glencairn). For information, 699-8914.

GIANT GARAGE SALE

Associated Hebrew School Parents' Association is holding a giant garage sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Neptune playground, 3630 Bathurst St.

Monday, June 6

ALIYAH—THE BIG QUESTION

Two renowned speakers will deal with Aliyah—The Big Question: Can One be a Zionist Without Making Aliyah?, 8 p.m. Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am. **Alexander Bligh**, visiting professor of history and political science at York University, and past advisor on Arab affairs to former prime minister**Yitzhak Shamir**, and **Martin Lockshin**, associate professor of humanities, Hebrew and religious studies and coordinator of Hebrew programs at York University, will speak on the second of four programs on Israel. Series is sponsored by the synagogue's continuing education committee, the Israel affairs committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, and Mercaz-Canada. For information, 633-5500.

THE POSITIVE PERSONALITY

The Positive Personality—Expanding Horizons of Self featuring **Dr. Michael Kirzner** explores the Jewish view of self-esteem, pain and empowerment, 8 p.m., Aish HaTorah Thornhill, Suite 303, The Promenade. $5 for the class. For information, 636-7530.

THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Study series, Judaism and Contemporary Medical Ethics, continues with Do We Have the License to Sign Away Our Organs? with **Rabbi Raphael Marcus** of B'nai Torah Synagogue, 9-10 p.m., Shaarei Tefillah Congregation.

The Women's Institute also offers a Monday Torah class with **Chana Weisberg**, 7:45-8:45 p.m.; a Wednesday Naveim class with **Ruhama Alter**, 7:45-8:45 p.m. and a Jewish Mysticism class with **Rabbi Immanuel Schochet**, 9-10 p.m.

For information, (905) 889-6066.

Tuesday, June 7

JOANNE YOLLES BAKES

Joanne Yolles, pastry chef from Scaramouche, demonstrates her skills 7 p.m., 4700 Bathurst St. There will also be boutiques, pastry samples, door prizes, dessert and coffee. All proceeds go to the many services provided by the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto section. Admission $15. For reservations or information, 633-5100.

FRENCH LODGE LA FRATERNITE

B'nai Brith French Lodge La Fraternite monthly meeting is 8:15 p.m., 15 Hove St. The topic—Israel's Difficult Walk Towards Peace (in French). For information, 255-6086.

GET-TO-KNOW AND

AND, the Association for the Neurologically Disabled of Canada, serves children and adults with non-progressive neurological disablities and offers community-based in-home sensory motor stimultion therapy. Families, professionals, and individuals with neurological disabilities are invited to a Get-To-Know-Us night, 7:30 p.m., 59 Clement Rd., Etobicoke. Admission free but registration is recommended, 1 (800) 561-1497.

Wednesday, June 8

LUNCH AND LEARN

Suanne Kelman, who teaches broadcast journalism at Ryerson, will discuss The History of the Idea of Marriage at the Holy Blossom Temple Lunch and Learn in Retirement Group's meeting, at noon, at the temple. Bring your own lunch and $1. Coffee, tea and cookies will be provided. If you need a lift, call **Deborah Tameanko**, 789-3291 at least two days in advance.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

The Pomegranate Guild of Toronto's annual not-to-be-missed event, Show, Share and Qvell, is at 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple. Instructors— the full company.

Thursday, June 9

CHAI Y'ALL

The Shaar Shalom Sisterhood closing dinner theme Chai Y'All includes line dancing instruction by professionals, Tex-Mex cuisine and party sandwiches, all for $15 per person (western dress optional), 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue. RSVP to **Bertha Sumner**, 494-9501.

WOMEN'S ROSH CHODESH

All women in the community are invited to join the Women's Rosh Chodesh Celebration at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation for dinner, learning and prayer on the occasion of the first annual siyum on Rosh Chodesh Tammuz. Registration begins 6:45 p.m., with dinner at 7. Following dinner, **Rachel Turkienicz** will lead a discussion on Women and Learning. Representatives from Jewish women's learning groups around Toronto will discuss their activities. A women's Maariv service will follow. Prepayment and registration must be received at the synagogue by June 6. Dinner $12.50 Shaarei Shomayim members, $15 non-members. Synagogue number 789-3213.

BREAST CANCER—THE UP SIDE

Toronto Hadassah-WIZO and the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation are sponsoring a symposium, Breast Cancer—The Up Side, with keynote speaker **Sharon Hampson** of Sharon, Lois and Bram, breast cancer survivor; and panelists **Dr. Roy CLark**, radiation oncologist; **Dr. John Semple**, plastic and reconstruction surgeon; **Mary Cousins**, research dietician. Reception at 7:30 p.m., symposium at 8 at Beth Sholom Synagogue. Reservations: $5 in advance, $10 at the door. Phone 789-4373.

And What Else Is New...

JCC SINGERS BAR MITZVAH

The JCC Singers, an amateur senior choir, marks its bar mitzvah this year. Founded in 1981 with the assistance of the senior activities program at the Jewish Community Centre, and a New Horizons grant the JCC Singers started off with 10 members under the direction of **Esther Ghan-Firestone** accompanied by pianist **Sara**

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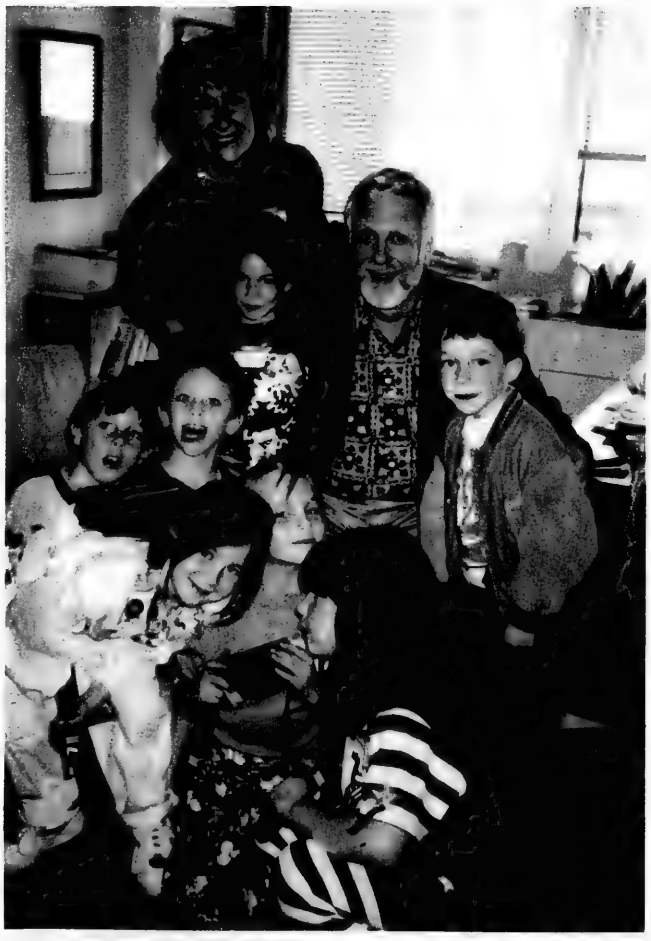

PEACEMAKERS' PROGRAM

Following a visit to United Synagogue Day School Bathurst campus Grade 2 class by CFRB radio personality Andy Barrie, the students and their teacher Sonia Walsh were invited to visit CFRB where they were interviewed by Jane Hawtin about their Peacemakers' Program and met the producer and many of the announcers. The interview aired May 8. Pictured with Walsh and Barrie are some of the Grade 2 students (clockwise) Adam Layton, Ruby Wohl, Monika Peters, Karen Ben-Israel, Matthew Segal, Adam Frieberg, and Naomi Sklar.

MIRVISHES IN ISRAEL

Torontonians Ed and Anne Mirvish (centre and left) visited the campus of Boys Town Jerusalem during a recent visit to Israel. They are pictured above with Rabbi Alexander Linchner, founder of Boys Town. Boys Town, founded in 1948, provides quality Jewish and secular education to Israel's impoverished youth.

Organizations and People

What's New

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Barkin-Sandler. Now numbering over 40 and singing in seven languages, the choir has entertained at seniors' homes, hospitals, clubs, and has performed at the Royal Ontario Museum, Canadian National Exhibition, Harbourfront, North York Civic Centre, Leah Posluns Theatre, Toronto Multicultural Festival, Roy Thomson Hall. In 1984 the choir won the first prize trophy at the North York Choir Competition, and made a record album called *The JCC Singers in a Musical Mosaic*. On the social side, choir members get together to party as on Purim, Chanukah and the choir's birthday. **Dorothy Brown**, one of the founding members, is president. If you would like to take up music as a hobby, call her at 636-9468.

SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON

Beth Tzedec Congregation Shabbat Study Luncheon, June 11, at noon following services, features **Rabbi Neil Gillman**, associate professor, Jewish philosophy, Jewish Theological Seminary, speaking on Resurrection of the Dead: What Does It Mean? Reservations (paid) no later than Tuesday, June 7. Unpaid reservations cannot be accommodated. Call 781-3511.

NEWS FROM SOLEL-MISSISSAUGA

On Saturday, June 11, Solel Congregation in Mississauga and Foodpath will be hosting the fourth annual auction and sale, preview 7 p.m., auction at 8. Admission $5 includes wine, cheese and other refreshments. Regular services will be held Friday, June 3, 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 4 and 11, at 10 a.m.; family service Friday, June 10, 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. For information, phone Solel, (905) 820-5915.

ISRAEL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

A large Canadian delegation is expected to attend the 16th World Congress of the Israel Medical Association (IMA) being held in Jerusalem Nov. 20-24. The congress will be preceded by social programs Nov. 17-20. The IMA is devoted to professional and cultural ties between physicians in Israel and their colleagues abroad. For information, call the Canadian chapter, 781-9562.

U OF T CAMPUS TOURS

The University of Toronto's popular free walking campus tours are back for another summer. Tours depart from the Map Room of Hart House weekdays through to the end of August at 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. For more information, or to book a group tour, call 978-5000 during business hours.

A SUMMER BASH

Tamid chapter of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO welcomes you to a summer bash at Remy's, 115 Yorkville Ave., Sunday, June 12, 8 p.m. Tickets are $10 in advance, $15 at the door. All proceeds go to Youth Aliyah. For tickets, 924-0424.

MANUSCRIPTS CRITIQUED

Award-winning novelist **Ann Ireland** will critique short fiction manuscripts from aspiring writers as Writer-in-Residence at North York Public Library from June to August. Participants must be 16 years of age or older. Submission deadline is Aug. 19. For details, call 395-5512.

THE TORONTO SUN AND ISRAEL

Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada presents **Paul Godfrey**, president and CEO of the *Toronto Sun* who will speak on The Toronto Sun and Israel, Friday, June 10, at noon, at the Park Plaza Hotel, 4 Avenue Rd., French Room. RSVP to **Flavia**, 594-1812.

CHILDREN'S YIDDISH CLASSES

Children's Sunday morning Yiddish classes for Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2 and up, will be held at Associated Hebrew School, Finch and Bathurst, starting in September. The program, designed to provide a creative environment which emphasizes language, culture and the arts, offers Yiddish language, music, holidays, history, folklore and culture. Call **Sylvia Lustgarten**, Committee for Yiddish of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, 635-2883, ext. 155.

KITCHENER JUDAICA BOOK FAIR

Beth Jacob Congregation of Kitchener-Waterloo and Israel's Judaica Centre of Toronto invite you to a Judaica Book Fair and Gift Sale, Sunday, June 12, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Brunch at 10 a.m. with guest speaker **Shoshana Zolty**, author of *And They Shall Learn*, who will speak about women and the study of Torah in Jewish law and history.

INTERACTION

Interaction is a brand new non-profit volunteer-run organization for Jewish people in their 20s — single, attached or married. Besides being a link to the greater Jewish community, Interaction is focused on providing Jewish "Generation Xers" with professional support, a welcomimg committee for young newcomers and fun. For information and to get on the mailing list, call the Interaction Hotline, 754-5512.

SOUNDSATIONAL FREE CONCERTS

Free lunch-time concerts, noon to 2 p.m., are held every Wednesday, June 8-Oct. 5, at Nathan Phillips Square. Also, there's Farmers' Market 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays until Oct. 5. For information, Square in Motion Hotline, 392-0458, TDD 392-7354.

JOURNEY WITH L'ARCHE

On Sunday, June 12, 1 p.m., scores of volunteers will join members of L'Arche Daybreak on a benefit walk. Daybreak is a community where people with developmental handicaps live and work with a "family" of assistants. Known as Journey with L'Arche, the 10 km course starts at the Daybreak property, 11339 Yonge St., and weaves its way through Richmond Hill. The walk ends at Daybreak with a picnic, games, music and song. Sponsor sheets and route maps are available from the Daybreak office. For information, (905) 883-3454, ext. 32.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE HALIFAX

Notes from Beth Israel Synagogue in Halifax— **Rabbi Shlomo Grafstein** in conjunction with Mizrachi of Canada is encouraging people from Atlantic Canada to join in the two-week educational and leisure/fun tour of Israel, along with Ontario and Quebec residents. Departure is in December.

Last month, a group of energetic Beth Israel teenagers and adults went out to the cemetery with rakes and hoes and gave an hour of their time straightening it out and cleaning it.

The official Talmud Torah graduation takes place Thursday, June 9, 6 p.m. This is a unique occasion because immediately upon graduation, the students will be admitted into the newly-formed Hebrew High School of Halifax.

EPILEPSY SUPPORT GROUP

Share experiences and information as well as stress management at an Epilepsy Support Group which meets Sunday afternoons in North York. For information, **Reisa**, (905) 889-7534.

SUMMER FUN

North York Public Library offers dozens of programs and activities during the summer— stories, films, puppet shows, performances, crafts and concerts. Pick up a Summer Frolics flyer, or call any of North York's 19 branches.

for seniors

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). On June 2 the movie *The Frisco Kid* will be screened, and June 9 will be a singing evening with **Yitzak Argaman** (admission $2). For information, 661-4689 or 783-9453.

The LZA Seniors Club is taking registrations for its one-week trip to the Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills, July 20-26. Phone **Libby**, 782-2059, or **Belle**, 633-5841. Ladies Line Dancing is held Tuesdays, 1 p.m., and the Cultural Discussion Group meets Tuesdays, 10 a.m. at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. The next luncheon meeting is a special Father's Day affair, Wednesday, June 15, 11:30 a.m. at the centre.

Beth Tikvah Friendship Group, 55 plus, invites everyone to an evening of entertainment by vocalist **Fern Dworkin**, with accompanist, dancing, light refreshments, Sunday, June 12, 8 p.m. at the synagogue (south entrance). Members $5, non-members $8.

Book early for the **Senior Adult Services, Jewish Community Centre** trip to the Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills, Aug. 9-15. Call **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

Nathan Phillips Square presents Memories of You Seniors' Day Dance featuring the Eddie Graf Orchestra playing the Big Band sounds of the '30s and '40s, Friday, June 10, noon, Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto City Hall. Admission free. Pizza and pop provided for seniors.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club events— the movie *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* with **Jane Russell** and **Marilyn Monroe**, Wednesday, June 8, 2 p.m. (members free, non-members $1); Father's Day dance with cake and refreshments, Sunday, June 12, (members $5, non-members $6). Peterborough trip, Tuesday, June 14 ($16, lunch not included); Catskills trip to Raleigh Hotel, July 25-31 (a few seats available); bridge and social ballroom dancing with instructors twice a week; omgoing activities. Call 395-7881.

Club Hadar meets Mondays and Thursdays, 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave., W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2, for Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. **Viola Landman**, (905) 886-2625.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is planning a special trip to Israel in November including a London show tour and a nine-day trip to Homowack Hotel in the Catskills in August. Other trips include a cruise and a shopping trip to Buffalo including luncheon at Buffalo's Jewish Community Centre, Tuesday, July 26; two trips to Stratford to see *Twelfth Night*, Sept. 29, and *Cyrano de Bergerac*, Oct. 18. For all activities, **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Young at Heart Seniors announces that seats are being allotted for the trip to Pines Hotel (kosher under K) in the Catskills Aug. 5-14. Cost is the same as last year, $975 (except for medical). **Doreen** or **Helen**, 635-6343.

There's a trip to Buffalo Tuesday, June 7, organized by **Sunrise Group**. Cost $20. **Esther**, 223-9165 or **Sonia** (905) 889-9436.

North York Community House, 3101 Bathurst St., presents a lecture on Sexuality and Aging, Thursday, June 9, 1-2 p.m. 784-0920.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre presents Making Shalom—How to handle confrontation peacefully and successfully with **Sara Chana Radcliffe**, parenting, marriage and personal consultant, Thursday, June 9, 1:30 p.m.

D-Day observance and celebrations, Monday, June 6, 10-11 a.m. All welcome. No charge.

D-Day luncheon and sing-along, Monday, June 6, at noon. Everyone welcome. Charge $5.

The movie *Dirty Dancing* Sunday, June 5, 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members $1.

Wednesday afternoon social features singer **Giorgio Longdo** (known as Canada's Mario Lanza), 1:30 p.m. Members $3, non-members $4.

At the annual Open to the Community Literary Luncheon, Monday, June 13, 11:30 a.m., **Prof. Ruby Newman**, York University, will review *Mr. Mani* by **A.B. Yehoshua**. Members $5.50, non-members $8. Register at Information Desk for luncheon.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band Sunday, June 5, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Members $3.50, non-members $4.

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KENEALLY VISITS

Seen with Thomas Keneally (third from left), author of Schindler's List, whose appearance was sponsored by New Leadership Division of Jewish National Fund Toronto recently, are (from left) Nathan Disenhouse, co-chair, New Leadership JNF Toronto; Patricia Alpert, president JNF Toronto; and Stephen Karr, co-chair, New Leadership JNF Toronto.

KOFFLER HONORED

Canadian philanthropist Murray Koffler (left) received the Yakir Award of the Council for a Beautiful Israel from Israel's President, Ezer Weizmann and his wife Reuma, at a recent ceremony at the presidential residence in Jerusalem. Weizmann praised Koffler for his promotion of environmental awareness in Israel and his contributions to the nation's economic development.

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TORONTO — Heddy Kun, noted Israeli artist, is donating her newest oil painting to Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, Jerusalem.

Mrs. Kun incorporated an artist's vision of the Jerusalem hills in her landscape painting, which will be placed in the Medical Centre's Hedi Steinberg auditorium, used for national and international medical conferences. The painting will be unveiled in May during the dedication of the hospital's Comprehensive Heart Institute.

Born in Zagreb at the start of World War II, the artist was raised by her grandparents in Budapest after her parents perished in the Holocaust and graduated from the Budapest Academy of Art. She emigrated to Israel in 1956.

Heddy Kun

Known for her sense of color, Mrs. Kun has had one-artist shows in galleries across Israel, as well as in North America, Europe and Australia. She was featured in the recent Shaare Zedek Foundation art exhibit and sale in Toronto.

A limited number of seriagraphs have been pulled from her painting, with a percentage of the proceeds of their sale to be donated to the Shaare Zedek Comprehensive Heart Institute.

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Hadassah-WIZO to fete Adelmans in Hamilton

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — A special tribute to Tishelle and Murray Adelman will be a highlight of Hamilton Hadassah-WIZO's closing function on Monday, June 13, 7.30 p.m. at Temple Anshe Sholom.

In addition, Vice-President Lila Strub, one of nine women from across Canada to attend the recent international Aviv seminar in Israel, will report on her trip, and outgoing council president, Linda Waxman, will be succeeded by the first of several past presidents, who will take turns acting as president over the coming year.

Entertainment will be provided by Ruth Slater, cantor of Temple Anshe Sholom, accompanied by Tom Shilcock.

The Adelmans are being honored for their years of dedication and service to Hadassah-WIZO.

Indeed, "Hadassah-WIZO has been part of my life for over 40 years," Tishelle told *The CJN*.

A former Torontonian, she joined the organization when she moved to Hamilton following her marriage. While living in Chatham for a few years in the '60s, she served as president of Frances Geller chapter, and on her return to Hamilton, as president of Chai chapter.

Since then Tishelle has been council president, regional chair and a member of the national executive for about 15 years. She has co-convened the bazaar, the Youth Aliyah campaign and telethon and the Hamilton Jewish community telephone directory.

She has also served as president of Temple Anshe Sholom Sisterhood, as a volunteer at Joseph Brant Hospital and as a canvasser for UJA, the Cancer Society, the Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Kidney Foundation.

Murray meanwhile, though he jokes "I always walked three steps behind my wife, that's why I was always called her back-up!" has an impressive list of volunteer activities of his own.

Besides assisting his wife with her Hadassah duties "in any way I could," — shlepping, collecting, driving, — he's also Hamilton Hadassah-WIZO's Male Life Association chair and responsible for recruiting some 15 to 20 men.

In Chatham, Murray served as president of the local B'nai Brith lodge, Israel Bonds chair and program chair for the United Way. In Hamilton, he was treasurer and vice-president of Temple Anshe Sholom.

He has acted as an advisor for Hamilton Jewish Social Services sheltered workshop; as a canvasser for UJA, CNIB, the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra and Liberty House; as a volunteer for the Hamilton Association for Community Living and the Distress Centre. He has served on the board of the Hamilton Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Adelmans have three children, Ellen Faith, married in Los Angeles and a mother of seven; Evan, who works at Yuk Yuk's in Toronto, and Warren, public affairs chief with the Israeli embassy in Washington, married and awaiting the birth of his first child in August.

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Olim co-ordinate Jerusalem work/study

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When former Torontonians Leah and Stephen Shmuel Bowman made aliyah last August, they dreamed of some day providing a program for North Americans visiting Israel.

The young couple will be realizing their dream this month when they take on the role of program coordinators for Livnot Ulehibanot's Jerusalem campus. The non-profit organization, whose name means To Build and To Be Built, runs three-month and three-week work-study programs for English-speaking young Jewish adults age 21 to 30, who have minimal Jewish background.

The program was started in 1980 in Safed by American olim Aharon and Miriam Botzer. The Jerusalem campus was opened last year.

When the Bowmans settled in Jerusalem last year, about a 10-minute walk from the Livnot building, they were curious about the program and offered to host participants for a Friday-night dinner.

They liked what they discovered about the program: morning work sessions are dedicated to the "Livnot" aspect, with projects such as building playgrounds or painting apartments for new olim. Afternoon classes cover subjects such as National Security, Current Events, Torah Text, and Jewish Ethics and philosophy.

Scenic hikes are an integral part of the program, as are shared (kosher) meal preparation and traditional celebration of Shabbat. Shabbat at Livnot alternates with home hospitality and free Shabbatot when participants may travel or visit friends and relatives in Israel.

Leah, 23, and Stephen, 31, will live on-site. "This whole experience is not the sort of thing you turn on at 9 in the morning and turn off at 4 p.m.," said Stephen. Part of their job will be to answer questions and put the multitude of new experiences into context for the participants, he explained. "We're kind of like the mom and dad of the place."

Their enthusiasm for the program and for life in Jerusalem is abundant. The Jerusalem sunsets, said Leah, are "breathtaking." Stephen is taken with the "cultural, historical and archeological richness" of the city, although he notes wryly that olim "need a sense of humor" in their frequent dealings with Israeli bureaucracy.

The Bowmans credit the Israel Aliyah Centre and Ofer Gavish, Toronto's aliyah shaliach at the time they were preparing to leave, with helping to ease their transition by providing practical information concerning their move.

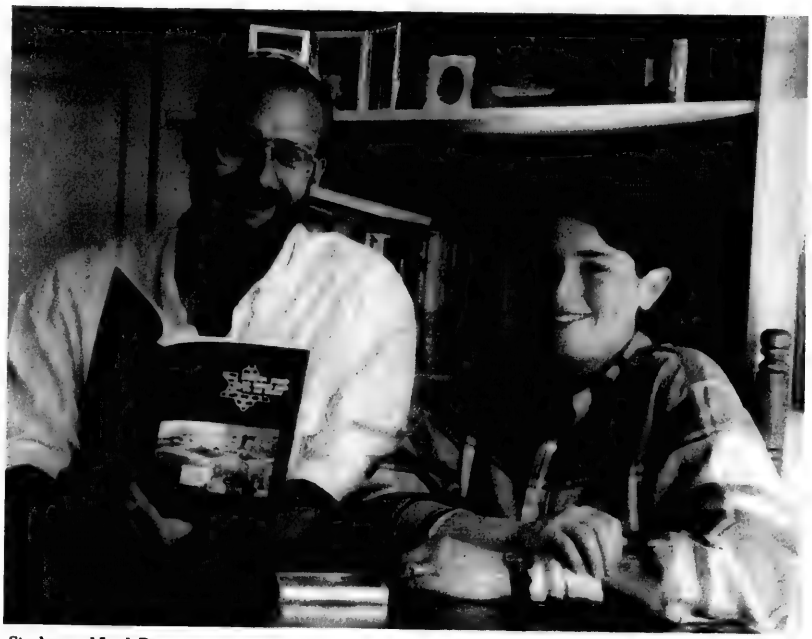
Stephen spent four months in ulpan upon arriving in Israel, to perfect the Hebrew he had learned at United Synagogue Day School and later at Beth Tikvah Hebrew High School. A former camper and counsellor at Camp Ramah, Stephen has a BA in Jewish Studies as well as a master's degree in gerontology. He worked in seniors community liaison for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind before making aliyah.

Leah, a native of Detroit, graduated from the University of Michigan in 1992 with a degree in English. She served as editor of *Prospect*, the university's Jewish student journal, for two years.

After making aliyah and attending ulpan, she worked in publishing at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, while Stephen worked for an organization providing home care to seniors.

They met, appropriately enough, in Israel, when they participated in a conference for young Jewish adults called Kesher in December 1991, and they married in September 1992.

"We thought it would be very fulfilling to work with North Americans," recalls Stephen now. "This was the type of thing we wanted to do."



Stephen and Leah Bowman pose with a songbook and tape from Livnot Ulehibanot during a recent visit to Toronto. [Frances Kraft photo]

For further information about Livnot Ulehibanot, contact Barbara Webber at (905) 886-3050, or the New York office at 110 E. 59th St., New York, NY 10022, telephone (212) 752-2390, fax (212) 832-2597.

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Seen at a reception of the Jerusalem Foundation are (from left) Barry Khojajian, vice-chairman of the Armenian General Benevolent Union of Canada; Nelly Khojajian; Ed and Anne Mirvish; Teddy Kollek, former mayor of Jerusalem and the International chairman of the Jerusalem Foundation; and Paul Slavens, Toronto president of the Foundation. [A La Carte Photography]

Jerusalem Foundation plans amphitheatre in Hinnom Valley

TORONTO — More than 200 people attended a reception in honor of the former mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kollek, founder of the Jerusalem Foundation, which serves the needs of Christians, Muslims and Jews in Jerusalem.

A number of well-known politicians, clergy, community leaders and Jerusalem Foundation supporters attended the reception at the Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, hosted by Senior Minister Rev. Dr. Douglas Lobb.

Kollek, international president of the Jerusalem Foundation, established the organization more than 25 years ago when he realized that Jerusalem was a poor city that required rebuilding after decades of neglect and desecration by wars.

The Foundation, which is a voluntary organization, earmarks donations for specific projects. Now in 10 countries, the Foundation has created parks, playgrounds and museums, and renovated many buildings in all parts of Jerusalem. It has filled the needs of numerous social services providing seniors' facilities, nurseries, schools, and a home for battered women, often in cooperation with local municipalities.

The Canadian branch of the Jerusalem Foundation has been under the custodianship of Montreal's Charles Bronfman and national president Manuel Batshaw. Recently, a Toronto office was opened headed by Paul Slavens.

At the reception, Canadian architect, Jack Diamond, internationally acclaimed for many projects including Jerusalem's new civic centre and the Supreme Court complex, announced that the Toronto board has selected as its first project, a stage in a natural amphitheatre in the Hinnom Valley which is situated between eastern and western Jerusalem, between Jewish and Arab communities.

Diamond explained that the natural amphitheatre, which will cost $100,000 (US) to build, will be part of the Jerusalem Youth Music Centre, a project that serves more than 400 Jewish, Christian and Arab young people. The new stage and equipment at the amphitheatre will house a youth music ensemble of 25 Jewish and 30 Arab children. The ensemble recently played at a reception for the King and Queen of Spain. Other cultural and arts activities will also be held at the amphitheatre.

"The permanent stone structure in the amphitheatre will contribute greatly towards the future goodwill between Jews and Arabs, and the future peace in Jerusalem," says Diamond.

Toronto Mayor June Rowlands, who recently returned from an international meeting of mayors in Jerusalem said, "Jerusalem belongs to the world."

Ontario Premier Bob Rae spoke of his recent visit to Israel. He commended the Jerusalem Foundation for its outstanding and diversified programs.

Earlier in the day, Conrad Black, recently appointed to the board of the Jerusalem Foundation, and his wife Barbara Amiel Black, hosted a luncheon for the Foundation in honor of Kollek.

Keren Hayesod leader visits Hamilton

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — For many Jews around the world, Keren Hayesod United Israel Appeal (UIA) is "the only connection to Judaism and Torah and Yiddishkeit." Without this connection, Rabbi Adi Sultanik told members and guests at a Jewish Federation board meeting here, "Jewish continuity in the Diaspora would suffer on many levels."

However, added the director of the Keren Hayesod Rabbinic Forum, "This is untrue of Canada because you have a tremendously successful system of Jewish education."

Accompanied by UJA national field director Barney Harris, Rabbi Sultanik was paying a brief visit to Hamilton during his recent tour of North American communities.

He made a point of stressing the importance of the funds raised by the UIA in ensuring Jewish continuity in both the Diaspora and Israel, and the need to maintain the connection between the two — the Diaspora and Israel — through UIA.

Many people don't realize, said Rabbi Sultanik, how much of the money raised for Israel comes back in such forms as shlichim (emissaries), educational programming, teachers and "the Israeli experience," which provides a year of study in Israel for students.

UIA provides the money for these programs, from which, he said, students "come back to ensure Jewish continuity."

Following Rabbi Sultanik's address, the board meeting proceeded with its usual agenda, chaired by president David Steinberg, but in an unusual location, at the old Hess Street Shul.

Because board members are responsible for setting policy, it seems a good idea, explained executive director Patricia Tolkin Eppel, to take board meetings out into the community once in a while.

"It takes the monotony out of board meetings. While we can't change the agenda," she said, "we can change the location."

And besides, she continued, "it adds a little sparkle to the meetings."

The plan is to hold board meetings at the various synagogues, Shalom Village and Jewish Social Services and to invite members of the community at large.

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Russian institute explores Jewish past

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

JERUSALEM — An institute in the Russian city of St. Petersburg has organized some 30 scientific expeditions to former Jewish villages within the old Pale of Settlement, in search of documents and monuments pertaining to Jewish culture and history.

So far, nearly 700 towns and shtetls and more than 100 Jewish cemeteries have been studied, says Dr. Valery Aronovich Dymshits, director of the Institute for the Investigation of the Jewish Diaspora, which is connected to St. Petersburg Jewish University.

Expedition members have conducted oral history interviews with Jews still living in Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Georgia, Lithuania and other territories, says Dymshits, who was a featured speaker at the recent International Seminar on Jewish Genealogy in Jerusalem. As part of the project, the group is working on an index of Jewish sites, using file materials from various archives throughout the former Soviet Union, including areas of Central Asia where Jews once resided.

So far, the group has found about 40 synagogues, some dating from the 16th century, including a wooden baroque synagogue dating from the 18th century and four other wooden synagogues in northern Lithuania.

Dymshits, who is Jewish, studied chemistry and biology at university before turning his attention to Soviet Jewish heritage and history. "All Jewish studies in Russia are quite young and not professional," he explains. "Somebody has to do this work, so maybe it will be me."

An information sheet has been compiled for each Jewish village or shtetl studied. For information on a particular village or a complete list, send $1 (US) with your inquiry to: Dr. Valery Dymshits, 2512 — 12 Kamennoostrovsky Prospect, St. Petersburg Russia 197061.

The International Seminar on Jewish Genealogy attracted about 160 Americans, several Europeans and some 50 Israelis to the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza in Jerusalem for five days of talks, field trips and research. The event culminated in a banquet at which Dr. Paul Jacobi, a former vice mayor of Jerusalem, was honored with a special award.

Jacobi has devoted more than 40 years to researching the 420 leading Ashkenazi rabbinic families that held sway over European Jewish life for centuries before World War II. "I wasn't interested in just a list of names — that doesn't carry any meaning for Jewish historians," he said.

"I wanted to solve the enigma of the survival of the Jewish people. No people can survive without an elite to rule it. Without an elite, the collective can't exist. So who and what was this elite that allowed the Jewish people to exist?

"I found out it was a small number of lobbying families that had got hold of almost all kehillot (Jewish communities) and arranged things by shidduchim (arranged marriages) so that most of the posts or vacancies were filled within the rabbinate and the leadership by their people. It was an elite of about 150 families that reigned until 1600."

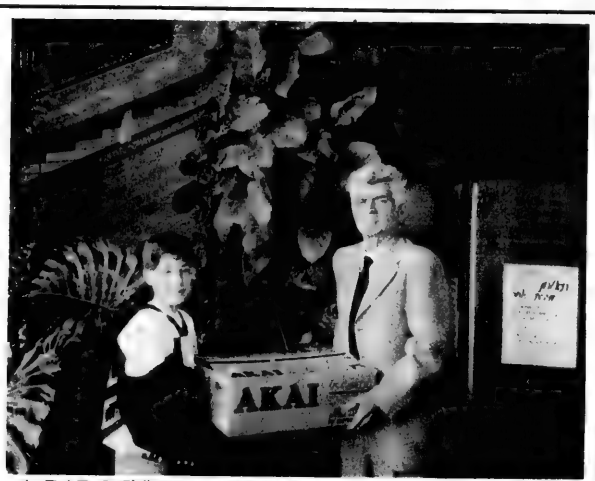
According to Jacobi, who has deposited his research on 95 families with Israel's Beth Hatefutsoth museum, genealogy — family tree research — is not an applied science. "It's an urge, like the sexual urge. It's an urge to find out where you came from. It hasn't got a purpose."

Currently completing work on another 212 family lineages within the European Jewish elite, he hopes to turn his energy to a study of the much-discussed Rashi descent.

Using lists of voters for the Russian Parliament dating from 1906 and 1912, Alexander Beider expects to complete a *Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Kingdom of Poland* within the coming year. Beider a Russian-born computer programmer living in Paris, astonished the Jewish genealogical community last year with the publication of his *Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Russian Empire*, which was hailed as the most scholarly and comprehensive work on Jewish surnames ever published.

According to Beider, the adoption of surnames by Jews within the region of Poland followed distinctly different patterns than in all other areas of the former Russian territories. Whereas in the wider region the surnames often derived from a variety of languages including Yiddish, Hebrew, Ukrainian and Russian, within the so-called Kingdom of Poland, the majority of Jewish surnames were based on Polish and German only.

As well, Beider has noted that relatively few Jews in Poland used patronymics, which are surnames derived from a father's first name. Matronic surnames, based on a mother's first name, were almost entirely lacking, he said, citing this as a major difference between Poland and other areas of Russia where Jews lived.



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Barry Glina of North York recently celebrated his bar mitzvah at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. To mark the occasion, the grade 7 student at St. Andrews Junior High donated a VCR to the Tel Aviv branch of Beit Halochem. Barry's father, Ed Glina, and mother, Debbie Tessler, said their son wanted to share his good fortune with the 4,900 disabled IDF vets who use the physiotherapy, sports and recreation complex. Seen (from left) Barry Glina and Moshe Berman, executive director of Beit Halochem Tel Aviv.

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The 'hamish' side of divorce

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Shirley Valentine ran off to Greece from the stuffy English midlands, while Constance Beresford-Howe's Eve took her first old age pension cheque and had a fling with a madcap European in a basement apartment.

Here in North York, Rosalynn and Melody, two divorced Jewish women in their 50s, strike out for freedom in their own way and show that life without men is possible, if painful at times.

In *How To Live Alone Until You Like It*, Corinne Copnick and Gloria Valentine (Rosalynn and Melody) play partially autobiographical roles in their encounters with The Fallen Man, the Married Man and the All- Purpose Man, all played with a comic, subtle deftness by Murray Ellis. The All-Purpose Man is definitely someone every woman would want around the house.

In a brief run to May 29 at the North York Performing Arts Centre, *How To Live Alone...* proved to be a "hamish"tale of two divorcees who have their share of bad luck. Rosalynn, for instance, has an affair with a real snake-in-the-grass, the married Bartlett Schwartz. "My name is a class statement," the insufferable Schwartz proclaims.

The play owes its charm to the solid singing of Valentine, the magnificent timing of Ellis, and above all the clever lyrics of the 10 songs written by Copnick to music composed by Nathan Samuel Rosen, who, until now, has been a vastly underrated artist. Another surprising element in its success is the ambience of its theatre, cheek-by-jowl with *Showboat* and the excitement it engenders.

In its next production, *How to Live Alone...* would benefit from less exposition (the audience is familiar, after all, with the need of women for independence) and more attention to the great songs and their choreography by Shelley Lynne Spiegel, Copnick's daughter.

The innovative set design, with slides and cartoons on a screen as provocative footnotes, was by Don Merrifield with the visuals by Clive Branson. Valentine was creative colloborator and Copnick and her daughter, Janet Spiegel, were co-directors. Greg English was the music director.

The show was produced by La Magie de l'Art Inc., in association with the Jewish Artists Scholarship Society.

Gloria Valentine

BILL GLADSTONE'S EYE ON ARTS

D-Day Commemorative Concert: Monday, June 6 marks the 50th anniversary of D-Day, the Allies' mass offensive onto the beaches of Normandy that breached the Nazi bulwark of Europe and turned the tide of World War II. A commemorative concert at Nathan Phillips Square, 11:30 to 2 p.m., features the Kidd Sisters with songs from the '40s and the HMCS Stadacona Military Band. It is the first of many musical events scheduled this summer in front of Toronto's City Hall. Events Hotline, (416) 392-0458.

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Romeo & Juliet at Leah Posluns: This faxed message was recently received from Rose Dubin of the Leah Posluns Theatre School — "We are doing an anti-racist production of Shakespeare's timeless classic, *Romeo & Juliet*. All of Romeo's group are people of color & Juliet and her family are white. A great many schools are coming to the show. Please list this unique *Romeo & Juliet* for the '90s in your column." This Young Company Production, directed by Lewis Baumander, opened last week and runs to June 3. Evening performances, 7:30 p.m.

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Celebrity Auction: Speaking of the Leah Posluns Theatre, that august establishment presents its sixth annual fundraiser, the Great Celebrity Auction Show, Sunday, June 5 from 6.30 p.m. It's set to be an evening of entertainment, food, wine, prizes and bargains. Entertainers include Gerry Salsberg and Jack Duffy, and actor Harvey Atkin has volunteered to try his hand as an auctioneer. Sale items include tickets for the Blue Jays and Stratford, jewelry, furniture, electronic equipment and travel packages to Florida and Quebec City. Tickets are $10. Proceeds go to the Young Company theatre projects and new play development. 4588 Bathurst St., North York.

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New Brunswick's Jewish Museum: The award-winning Saint John Jewish Historical Museum, 29 Wellington Row, St. John, recently opened for its ninth season, which continues to Sept. 30. The museum features religious artifacts, chapel, ritual bath, Hebrew school classroom, art gallery, gift shop, archives and library. "Our mandate is to educate and help eliminate discrimination," says curator Marcia Koven. Special shows this season include photographic portraits from the '40s and '50s by Clint Wiezel, to July 27. A video outlining the history of the Jewish community is available for $24.95 plus $5 shipping and handling. (506) 633-1833.

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Clowns Record Fourth Album: The Sphere Clown Band is releasing its fourth album, *Clowntown*, a collection of 11 new songs written by Patty Silver, James Love, Jack Preobrazenski and John-Michael Erlendson. The album features a variety of musical styles, funny lyrics and the musicianship of Silver, Allan Baedak ("Gizmo") and Larry Potter ("Pooky"). The band, whose first album received a Juno nomination, is joined by talented kids from Beaches Alternative School in Toronto.

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Art Workshops at McMichael: This summer, the McMichael Gallery in Kleinburg offers a series of one-day adult workshops. On Sunday, June 5, the subject is No More Stick Trees. Participants are shown landscape drawing techniques in the morning and try them out in the afternoon during a sketching tour of the Humber River Valley. Cost $60 ($50 for members). The McMichael's permanent collection features many works by Inuit and Native artists as well as the famous school of artists known as the Group of Seven. (905) 893-1121.

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Kleinburg Query: Further to the above entry, this writer wonders how the town of Kleinburg was so named. Was there an early Jewish settler with that monicker? The first correct answer by postcard gets an honorable mention in this column. CJN, Eye on Arts, 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 401, Don Mills ON M3C 3A1.

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Music at Temple Emanu-El: "Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes of a synagogue music program?" writes Amy Gilbert, music director of Toronto's Temple Emanu-El, in a friendly one-page correspondence.

One of the secrets of successful programming is to include new as well as traditional melodies, she asserts. That way, you keep congregants happy while slyly expanding their musical horizons. Gilbert has evidently been enriched through her musical associations with composers Milton Barnes, Srul Irving Glick, Ben Steinberg and Sid Robinovitch.

"Living in 19th century Vienna may have been something like this," she writes. And, oh yes, she wants us to know: Cantor Trubashnik, the Temple Emanu-El Choir, flautist Susan Baskin and clarinetist Sandra Bialystock perform Shirat ha-Nefesh, by Srul Irving Glick, at Temple Emanu-El on June 17.

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Toronto Senior Strings: After its well-received debut last fall, this 14-player string ensemble is appeasing public demand by offering a second concert at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, June 9, 2 p.m. Toronto Senior Strings, conducted by Victor Feldbrill, is the realized dream of Ruth Budd, a 30-year veteran of the Toronto Symphony. Most of the musicians are former members of the TS, Hart House, Canadian Opera Company and National Ballet orchestras. Tickets $10. (416) 488-9452.

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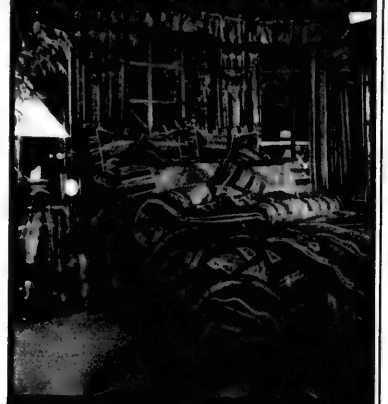

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Artist unveils Iron Horse sculpture on city's Beltline Railroad Bridge

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — No, it isn't an advertisement for Marlboro cigarettes.

Those dozen horses, seen in silhouette on an old railroad bridge that spans Yonge Street below Davisville Avenue, are the work of 34-year-old site-specific sculptor Robert Sprachman of Toronto.

Entitled *The Iron Horse*, the sculpture consists of 12 life-sized horse silhouettes arranged on the defunct Beltline Railroad Bridge which also crosses the Davisville subway yard. The official unveiling of the installation was May 5.

Working in the tradition of the American artist Cristo, Sprachman became intrigued with the site, then conceived of the project two years ago. However, the Ontario College of Art graduate could not lasso the necessary dollars from city officials, so he put the idea temporarily to pasture.

Last fall, he was again spurred into action with the realization that he could raise the money himself. After attaining approval from the Public Art Commission of Toronto and Toronto City Council, he quickly corralled several donors who were willing to rustle up $10,000, enough to cover his hard costs and incidental expenses.

A major sponsor is Plastiglas Industries Ltd., which manufactures the fibre-reinforced plastic of which the horses are made. Composed of mostly recycled materials, the substance has 10 times the strength of concrete and can be moulded to simulate almost any material. Other sponsors include David and Vivian Campbell, Nancy Draper, Carol and Morton Rapp, Carol and Mandel Sprachman, and Burle and Louise Yolles.

Why horses? Part of it has to do with train associations — the iron horse — and part with the recognition that most forms of modern transit evolved from the horse.

"I think with something like this, you can start off on a very superficial level. You can say, 'There's a horse on the bridge' — even a 2-year-old can look up and see that," Sprachman said.

"And once you've made that connection you can go a step further and say, 'Okay, why are those horses on the bridge, what does it mean?' I really believe you can take this piece as far as you want. There's the art history aspect, there's our relation with nature, there's time, there's history, there's all of these things. But I don't want to impose an interpretation on anybody, either."

And what if someone supposes it might be an ad-in-progress for Marlboro smokes? "That's great," exudes the bearded artist with a smile. "That's highly indicative of how we think these days."

Sprachman says it was a fortuitous coincidence that the city was planning to reopen the bridge and this section of the beltline when he approached them. Originally laid in 1889, the Beltline Railroad served as a commuter railroad in what was then suburban Toronto. Too costly to operate, the commuter service closed two years later, but the rail line served local industry until 1970.

Made into a park that attracts many joggers and cyclists, the belt line runs from the Allen Road to its present terminus east of Yonge Street. According to Sprachman, the city eventually intends to extend the park beyond Mount Pleasant Cemetery to Moore Avenue.

Sprachman likely learned much about contextual art from his father, the noted architect Mandel Sprachman, who restored Toronto's much-praised Elgin-Winter Garden Theatre. His late grandfather, Abraham Sprachman, was one of the first Jewish architects in Toronto, and designed the landmark Eglinton Theatre and other theatres around Ontario.

"My father and grandfather created architecture related to entertainment — all their movie houses and concert halls — so I think that an element of entertainment is key to what I do."

The Iron Horse is a temporary installation. The horses stay put for six months. After that Sprachman, who has donated his time and energy to the people of Toronto, hopes to sell them individually.

"As an emerging artist, I think it's important to get the exposure and recognition. I don't think artists are in it for the money. If I can make enough money to live, that's fantastic. I'm just delighted that I was able to cover my costs on this project."

Shakespeare classic gets new twist

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The ardent love Romeo and Juliet have for each other is foiled, not because of an ancient grudge between the Montagues and the Capulets, but because Romeo is black and Juliet is white.

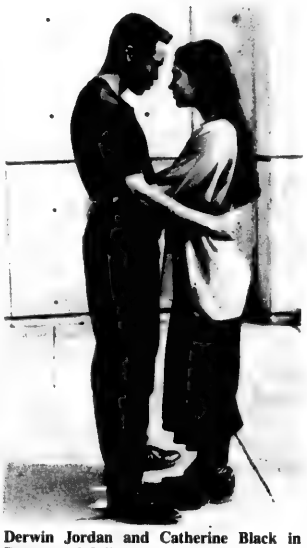
This is the spin given Shakespeare's play by the Young Company of the Leah Posluns Theatre School running May 25-June 4 at the Studio Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St.

Directed by Lewis Baumander, this version opens with a friendly, inter-racial basketball game as the audience files into their seats. But the game is broken up by a Capulet and a tragic denouement looms.

The Elizabethan music of Shakespeare's day is replaced by contemporary jazz, and instead of frocks and tunics, the young actors wear 1990s street clothes, and sword fights give way to gang fights on the streets.

"But not a word of the text is altered," said Baumander. So Juliet will still make her famous "Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?" speech from the balcony. But he has cut about an hour from the full text so it will run just under two hours, without an intermission.

Derwin Jordan, 24, and Catherine Black, 17, who play the leads, hope that this version of *Romeo and Juliet* will bring its audience closer to an understanding of inter-racial tensions.



Derwin Jordan and Catherine Black in Romeo and Juliet.

This is the hope too of Rose Dubin, director of the Leah Posluns Theatre School, who notes that 18 high schools in Metro are sending students to see *Romeo and Juliet*. "In our intimate Studio Theatre (140 seats) there will be a special relationship between the young actors and the audience," Dubin said.

"We felt this is an opportune time to try to improve relations between races," she said.

Jordan (Romeo), a native of Montreal, is a graduate in theatre arts at York University. His father, Christopher Jordan, is a principal dancer with the Trinidad-Tobago company. Derwin will appear this summer in *Twelfth Night* at High Park in Toronto, the annual open air production sponsored by Canadian Stage.

Black (Juliet) is a Grade 12 student at SEED, an alternative high school. Her mother, Pamela Tanner, dancing under the name of Pamela Stutz, was a principal ballerina with the Canadian National Ballet. "She didn't want me to train as a dancer, she wanted me to have a life of my own," Black said.

The evening performances are at 7.30 p.m. and the student matinees at 12 and 1 p.m. Some seats are available for the matinees. The tickets are $7, general admission, and $6 for students and seniors. For information, 630-6752.

The cast of 19 actors and dancers ranges in age from 14 to 25 and is about even in the number of blacks and whites. About half the cast are high school students.

Artists' exhibit features Judaic theme

By MARA KOVEN
CJN Correspondent

LONDON — Many of this city's long-time Jewish residents have never seen a challah on Dundas Street, and certainly not in the Forest City Gallery.

"I think it's the first time that's happened here," said one.

The Gallery's two artists-in-residence, Lily Markiewicz and Devora Neumark, recently put on an minimalist exhibit titled, Like (In) The Space Of Breath. One part was a display case filled with white and challah breads.

Markiewicz and Neumark collaborated on this project to share some of their questions and thoughts on the definition of space (eruv), ritual and community.

"I use my Jewish background in art to focus on the process of creating identity," Markiewicz said. A child of Holocaust survivors, she was raised in Germany and currently lives in London, England.

"This is my first work involving Judaism; usually I deal in themes of history, memory and life and death," said Neumark, raised Orthodox in New York City and currently living in Montreal.

The gallery was rigged with taut string, with visitors walking outside the "fence" before having to bend underneath it at the entrance to a second room. "A metaphor for the invisible barriers in our life," suggested Neumark.

Small work station

Flour was another part of the exhibit. A large institutional mixing bowl, donated by Weston Bakeries, was part of a small work station in the second room. The artists took turns sifting flour near the large street windows. As the sifted, they told stories in the tradition of oral histories.

Bread and breath are very similar words, Neumark explained, equating bread with life and community, and breath with the giving of that life.

Their presence was tremendously helpful for those having difficulty understanding minimalist art. Their input and friendly manner encouraged questioning and left no visitor bored.

"Why is flour spread all over the floor," asked a visitor. "Because the flour leaves footprints, just as we leave traces of ourselves everywhere we travel," was the answer. We always carry parts of our traditions with us, Neumark said.

When Markiewicz and Neumark weren't present, the exhibit used photographs and tape recordings of their voices in their place. No doubt the exhibit took on a more passive role, encouraging the viewer to make sense of the string, flour on the floor and a challah in the window of Dundas Street. Markiewicz and Neumark are hoping to find funding to create a traveling exhibit.

BOOKS

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Eighth Day, by Samuel Kurinsky (Jason Aronson Inc., no price indicated).

The author of this myth-shattering book is an eminent archaeologist with a persuasive conviction. He maintains that major contributions of Jews to the development of human civilization have been downplayed or neglected.

Drawing upon biblical, archaeological, archival and historical materials, Kurinsky explores and outlines Jewish creative contributions in the ancient Egyptian, Canaanite, Persian, Greek and Roman periods.

Even in biblical times, he says, the Jews were artisans, craftsmen, traders and the inhabitants and builders of cities — not simple nomadic shepherds. "The tribe of Abraham is depicted as wandering into Canaan on camel-back from the wastelands of Arabia only by virtue of the imaginations of scholars who consistently ignore the biblical rendition and by those who blithely follow in their wake." Actually, it was from urban, cosmopolitan Harran, one of the important epicentres of ancient civilization, that Abraham and his entourage emigrated to Canaan.

The author asserts that at the height of Roman rule over the Western world the total population of the Empire was some 45 million, of which some seven million or more were Jews, amounting to 12 per cent of the entire subject population. Another million or so Jews lived in Mesopotamia and central Asia.

These Jews were concentrated at ports and productive urban centres and were the driving force of each region's mercantile and financial activity. Thus, the sheer number of Jews bespeaks the importance of Jewish culture in the life of the Greeks and Romans far beyond that commonly accredited to them. Although little noticed by historians, Jewish slaves built the Colosseum of Rome, mined the iron and copper of Sicily and the gold and silver of Spain.

"Jewish artisans introduced silk agronomy and industry to the West; they were smiths and dyers and weavers and tanners and shoemakers and tailors and loggers and wagoners; they minted coins for European nobility; they were merchants at the local markets." They formed a core of international trade, being able to issue a letter of credit in one country and be assured of its being honored in another country months and even years later.

An expert on the history of ancient glassmaking, the author shows that it was an art in which Jews predominated over a period of three millennia and for which they had been denied credit. Glass making is remarkable in that it was invented only once and the knowledge of the process made its way around the world in ever widening spirals in the hands of those who developed it and passed the secret on to succeeding generations.

Why isn't the Jewish contribution more widely recognized? Apart from religious prejudice and the antagonism of many scholars there are other reasons. Prominent among them is the dearth of distinguishing artifacts. Jews did not glorify their priests and kings with statuary. The inscriptions on the monuments from which much of ancient history are derived is therefore, not available. Nor did the Jews normally shield their homes or bury their dead with idol amulets or figurines. Sparsely furnished Jewish temples, meeting halls and institutions were almost universally levelled, and the treasures they may have housed were plundered. Kurinsky points out that the Jewish progenitors of Canaan were among those referred to as "Asiatics" by the Egyptians; the Jews of Judah were among those referred to as "Syrians" by the Greeks and Romans, and they are classified with the "Palestinians" or "Syro-Palestinians" by contemporary archaeologists. The Jewish component was omitted.

This work, accessible to the general reader, but probably of greatest interest to students, will not find quick acceptance in scholarly circles. Some of its surprising conclusions will be contested. But Kurinsky's research has undeniably brought to light the extent of the hitherto unacknowledged Jewish contribution to many fields of ancient society.

Film documents hidden children

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Julia Sereny, a Toronto filmmaker, has made a thoughtful and poignant documentary about Jewish children hidden during the Holocaust.

Her film *Hidden Children* will be broadcast on TVOntario June 7 at 10 p.m.

The six survivors she profiles were traumatized by their experiences, in large part because they were cut off from their Jewish heritage.

Marianna Adamachek was nine years old when she was concealed in a barn in Poland. After the war, she was overlooked by officials seeking out Jewish children who had been hidden by Christians.

At 16, she married a Pole, then gave birth to a successsion of children. She went to church regularly, if only for "appearances sake."

Reflecting on her hard, unhappy life in rural Poland, Marianna compares herself to an orphan, and voices regret that she wasn't found and reunited with her family in Israel. Accompanied by her daughter, she travels to Israel to meet her relatives. Only then does she feel happy and content.

Sophie Zaretsky was raised as a Catholic by her mother in Nazi-occupied Poland. Sophie was a "very ardent" Catholic and felt comfortable as a Christian.

When they moved to England in 1948, Sophie's identity as a Jew was revealed. She couldn't cope with it because she had become an anti-Semite! Today, Sophie lives in New York. It's not entirely clear how she regards her Jewishness now.

Andre Stein is a Toronto writer and psychotherapist who was a boy when Germany invaded his native Hungary. But even before the 1944 Nazi invasion, Andre, at his father's insistence, concealed his real identity. Indeed, Andre pretended to be an Austrian aristocrat, a claim he couldn't sustain.

Andre emerged from the war with tormenting memories, and even now, he carries "a bundle of unshakeable pain."

Grzegorz Pawlowski, nee Jacob Hirsh Greiner, ran away from home in Poland shortly before his parents were shot. He masqueraded as a Catholic, and in 1958, he was ordained as a priest.

Miriam Rakowski

Nevertheless, he never forgot his Jewish past. In 1966, he wrote an article about himself. His brother in Israel read it and contacted Grzegorz. The latter emigrated to Israel and lives there today.

Grzegorz remains a priest, though he loves religious Jews. On a visit to a synagogue in the United States, he had to be careful not to kneel or cross himself. He feels guilty about having deserted his parents. He wants to be buried in a Jewish cemetery.

Miriam Rakowski was two months old when she was taken in by a Christian family in Belgium. At the age of four, she was suddenly reunited with her mother. For Miriam, it was a traumatic experience, since she was so attached to her foster parents.

Miriam, now a resident of New York City, still bears emotional scars. She feels "unresolved," seems unable to commit to relationships, and describes the first four years of her life as "the happiest and most secure."

Frieda Stieglitz was deeply affected by her life as a runaway in wartorn Poland. "The sadness I have inside never goes away," she says.

No one claimed her immediately after the war, and she was thrown into limbo. She did not learn the meaning of love and affection, and when she was reunited with her father, she was incapable of hugging him.

The stories related in *Hidden Children* are both fascinating and sad. Sereny has distilled the essence of her subjects' sorrow, grief and guilt.

Romantic comedy harkens to a much simpler time

TORONTO — In 1937 Bucharest, apparently it wasn't unusual for a rich man to declare his true love for a shopgirl and to defend her honor against his enemies.

This is the story of *A Winter Night's Dream*, a romantic comedy by Romanian playwright Tudor Musatescu that harks back to simpler times and happy endings. *A Winter Night's Dream* is presented by Chaim Avron's Spotlight Productions at Fairview Library Theatre May 24 to 29.

But there are problems. Craig Tallman as the wealthy author and Hillary Goldhar as the jewellery store shopgirl fail to elicit much chemistry between them and are on stage too long before the plot takes shape.

Marlene Charney plays the vindictive and spoiled mistress. She tells her rich author-lover as they are splitting up: "Do you know what it means for a woman to have to read 40 books in three years?"

Stepping in at the last moment to take over the role of Goldhar's father, Chaim Avron turns in the most polished performance as a man who realizes a rich son-in-law can overcome his own philosophical opposition to marriage.

There are good comedic performances from Erol Arbel as the valet, Jonathan Spivak as Goldhar's rejected suitor and Morris Jacobs as the drunken villain. — B.R.

Jewish Folk Choir still going strong

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — There are few cultural groups in Toronto that have displayed the resiliency of the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir, now in its 68th season.

Its sturdiness was well displayed at the recent annual spring concert at Rosedale Heights Secondary School.

Under conductor Esther Ghan Firestone, the choir and guest artists and soloists presented an eclectic afternoon of Yiddish and Hebrew songs, including a Yiddish folk operetta, *A Bunt Mit a Statchke* (A Revolt and a Strike).

A highlight was the performance of *To Dispel the Darkness* by Ben Steinberg, with the composer conducting.

The lilting, Sephardi melodies played by flute player Suzanne Shulman were written to mark the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of Jews from Spain in 1492. Its sunny, uplifting four-part score is a real harbinger of spring. The intricate piano accompaniment was beautifully executed by Lina Zemelman.

Harking back to czarist Russia of 1905, *A Bunt Mit a Statchke* is a reminder of the radicalism of the Jewish working class in attempting to throw off the yoke of long hours and low pay, as David Abramowitz' lead-in related. Its defiance and spirit leaps forward in these lyrics: "The boss's wife is coming, so sew more quickly...She's on the doorstep...may she rot!...She's coming in...quiet! Now she's going, so have a good laugh!"

Later in the operetta, one boss says to another: "Give them a raise and an eight-hour day, and they won't make any statchkes. The soloists were Elizabeth Block, Eugene Burke, Bruce K. Hill and Denise Williams.

Young Israeli clarinetist Sigal Hechtliner illuminated Yiddish songs arranged by Srul Irving Glick and performed by the Ensemble Singers: *A glezele l' chairm* (A glass of cheer); *Moyshele main fraint* (my friend Moyshele); and *Shpilt a freilichs* (Play a Happy Dance).

The choir's voices seemed to soar out of the building in performing John Weinzweigh's *Am Yisroel Chai* (The Jewish People Lives). It was commissioned for a Jewish Music Festival in Toronto in 1953, and sets the Yiddish text of American-Jewish poet Malka Lee to music. The song is dedicated to Holocaust survivors who founded 12 kibbutzim in the Negev after World War II.

The four numbers in *Songs from Four Continents* exemplified the solid, multi-racial ethos of this choir, including the Yiddish folk song *Yankele*; *El Canto del Caminante* (The Wanderer's Song) an Indian piece from the Yucatan; *Ma Yafim* (Palestine Nights); and *Walk Together Children*, a black spiritual. Giselle Kulak's fine voice embroidered *Yankele* with heart-felt emotion while Williams' pure and tremulous outpouring did the same for *Ma Yafim*.

The rousing *A Zemerl* (A Song of the Rich and the Poor) with Burke and Kulak as soloists closed out the program. As always, there were literate and insightful program notes by Ben-Z. Shek.

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Travel

Tour operator strong on Israel

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

Regent Holidays, a large Canadian travel wholesaler specializing in the Caribbean and Greece, has added Israel to its list of destinations, with departures set to begin in September from Toronto and Montreal via Athens on Olympic Airways.

"Israel has been at the top of the list of destinations in which Regent wants to operate for a very long time," said Regent president Peter Linnett at a recent product launch luncheon at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel. "We've been waiting for the right climate."

Linnett cited the recent Israel-PLO peace initiative and the talks between Israel and other Arab partners. "Our hopes have never been higher for the future," he said. "This is a happy, hopeful time."

Until now, Regent has offered Canadian travellers to Greece the opportunity to visit Israel as an add-on component to their itineraries, but has never before positioned Israel as the centrepiece of a travel package to which stopovers in Greece and Egypt may be added. There is a "strong pent-up demand" for Israel among Canadians, Linnett contends, since many have postponed visiting Israel, awaiting the positive political developments that have seemingly now started to occur.

According to the Israel Government Tourist Office (IGTO) in Canada, Regent joins a growing list of Canadian tour operators that have started marketing Israel in recent years. According to IGTO figures, 14 Canadian tour operators offered packages to Israel in 1990. Today the figure is 26 — almost double.

Israeli tourism officials are optimistic that their country, which received 2 million visitors last year, may receive 5 million or more annually by the end of the decade. According to IGTO Canada director Ruth Ben-Tzur, the first three months of 1994 have shown a healthy 15 per cent increase over the same period in 1993.

Joanne Cothran

"Israel is the only place where 40 per cent of its tourists come back," she told travel agents and reporters at the Regent luncheon. "It has the highest percentage of repeater traffic of any country. Our main job is to get visitors there for the first time."

"Pent-up demand" for Regent's packages to Israel has been sufficiently high, say Regent officials, that the company was compelled to print a four-page brochure, outlining a few basic packages to Israel, in advance of the 20-page brochure that is expected to be available soon from travel agents across Canada.

The company's eight-day Highlights of the Holy Land package is available for $1,899, while the same package with an additional five nights at a Netanya beach resort costs $2,179. A 15-day Israel-Egypt package costs $2,699, while a basic fly-drive holiday costs $1,449, including a Hertz rented car but excluding accommodation. Regent officials say they are offering the lowest prices on the market, combined with high value for the dollar.

The company's bold foray into Israel is backed by the collective experience of several members of its staff, most notably Joanne Cothran, director of group sales, who has sold group travel to Israel for 13 years, and seemingly knows the market very well. Regent, she told *The CJN*, can help bring any sort of group to Israel, no matter what its chief interest.

"When it comes to Israel, 'groups' is the name of the game," she said. "Seventy per cent of the people who travel to Israel travel in groups. Within the Christian market, everybody goes in groups. And groups are a large percentage of the Jewish market as well, with all the federation, congress and conference business."

Clive Farmer, Regent's vice president of market development, seemed especially pleased that Israel has been added to the company's list of destinations. "Of all the places that I as a product buyer have travelled, I think I've enjoyed Israel the most," he said.

TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

EIN GEDI, ISRAEL — "What I want you to remember," says Daniela Cohen, a member of the Ein Gedi kibbutz, "is that 38 years ago there was nothing here except the mountain, the sky and the sea."

Cohen, who was born in Vancouver and grew up in California, came to this Dead Sea oasis 25 years ago to help build the kibbutz, which was founded by a group of 80 young and idealistic Israeli army vets. At the same time, she and her husband built a family of eight children. Today some 300 adults and nearly as many children are permanent residents.

Ein Gedi appears like a mirage in the middle of the Judean desert, a lush subtropical paradise of date and palm trees, thick green lawns, a plethora of bushes and trees — and water, precious water, everywhere. Sprinklers are going full blast on the lawns and water dribbles out of every garden hose as Cohen escorts us through the property, showing us the residences, the nursery compound, the guest units, the public dining room, the swimming pools, the large theatre.

Visitors enjoy mineral-rich mud

"And over here is a bomb shelter — please don't take a picture. Thank God we've never had to use it."

Cohen leads us into the shadow of a towering tree by the perimeter chain-link fence. There is a palm plantation in a nearby valley and, beyond that, the Judean hills that are the source of Ein Gedi's water. "The fence is electrified so that our children will not be afraid. We do this, not because of intruders, but because there are about six wild leopards in the area. The electricity won't kill them, it just gives them a shock." Some 300 ibex, a type of mountain goat, also roam the terrain, and may be seen from the highway.

Ein Gedi also boasts thermal springs, a camel farm and what Cohen says is the largest cactus garden in the Middle East. Although somewhat rocky, the Dead Sea beach at Ein Gedi is one of the country's most popular, and visitors freely enjoy bathing in the mineral-rich mud. The area also boasts a hidden waterfall, which Cohen says "is really beautiful — for me, it's as close to God as you're going to get."

Another cataract within the nearby Nahal David Nature Reserve is known as David's Waterfall, which biblical scholars have identified as the place where the youth David hid overnight from King Saul (I Samuel 24). Many ancient coins and Israel's oldest menorah were found in the area. Archaeologists have identified numerous ancient and biblical sites, including a mosaic floor bearing the names of the Jewish patriarchs along with the signs of the Zodiac. According to Cohen, the mosaic also contains a curse: "Whoever gives away the secret of Ein Gedi, may his eyes wander over the land and see only evil."

Ein Gedi's modern settlers, now in their sixties, must have kept Ein Gedi's secret, for they clearly seem blessed. "This was the border between Jordan and Israel. There were no roads here, there was nothing here. We were told that nothing was going to grow here because the soil was so salty. But the wonderful phosphates that were in the Dead Sea make everything here grow better, sweeter, faster, lovelier."

Once covered by the much-larger Dead Sea of prehistoric times, the soil formerly yielded the country's best tomatoes, and still delivers superb mangoes, palmellos and dates. The site was first settled by agriculturalists who grew crops on the mountainside between five and six thousand years ago.

Ein Gedi's main income comes from its 230 guest rooms, its well-equipped spa and its famous line of moisturizers, lotions and shampoos, known as Ahava, made with Dead Sea black mud and sold around the world.

Kibbutzniks also raise some 30,000 turkeys annually, run a commercial film development lab, and have developed a substance known as Ein Gal, which is stronger than conventional rubber and may have significant military use.

The kibbutz movement as a whole has experienced financial difficulties in recent years, and Ein Gedi, like the others, has had to be flexible and adapt with the times. But this most famous of Israel's roughly 270 kibbutzim remains an undeniable success story, a testament to the hard work and idealism of its founders. It is a spirit that lives on in Ein Gedi residents like Daniela Cohen. "For people living here," says Cohen, "everything that happens here is a miracle."

Mideast travel guides

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Tourism may well become one of the cornerstones of Mideast economies should the current peace process ripen into full maturity.

In the interval, intrepid travellers may be interested in familiarizing themselves with some of the countries in the region.

There is no better guide to start with than *Middle East* (Raincoast Books, $22.95), a 763-page compendium which provides a bird's eye view of the area.

Sixteen countries, including Israel and Lebanon, are profiled. All in all, a good primer.

Despite a low-grade Islamic fundamentalist revolt, tourists still flock to Egypt, the only Arab country at formal peace with Israel. And in spite of its internal problems, Sudan — Egypt's southern neighbor and Africa's biggest country — also gets its share of tourists.

To find out more about these African Muslim nations, read *Egypt & the Sudan* (Raincoast, $21.95), a revealing portrait of two ancient lands which offer man-made and natural wonders.

Jordan & Syria (Raincoast, $18.95) takes you to such destinations as Petra, the splendid Nabatean ruins; Wadi Rum, the exquisite desert haunt of Lawrence of Arabia; the shouk al-Hamadiyyeh, the fascinating covered market in Damascus; and the Crac des Chevaliers, the magnificent Crusader fort which no visitor should miss.

One major caveat. The discussion about Kuneitra, the town on the Golan Heights returned to Syria by Israel 20 years ago, is less than balanced.

Israeli diplomats have already visited Oman and Qatar. Jewish tourists from Israel and the Diaspora may not be too far behind.

Arab Gulf States (Raincoast, $19.95) explores these Persian Gulf principalities, as well as Kuwait, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia.

Turkey will always be an alluring place to visit. With its Ottoman palaces and mosques in Istanbul, its excavations at Troy and Ephesus and its spectacular coastlines, Turkey is a tourist's dream come true.

Read all about it in *Turkey* (Raincoast, $24.95), a window into its sights, culture, customs and history.

Strangely enough, *Middle East* leaves out Morocco, Tunisia and Libya, while including off-the-beaten-track and dangerous Afghanistan.

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Trading with Israel

Meyuhas/Noy

Last month, Israel's Economic Mission to Canada, in conjunction with the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto/UJA and the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce, hosted an evening entitled Israel: Opportunities for Canadian Business. The turnout was impressive.

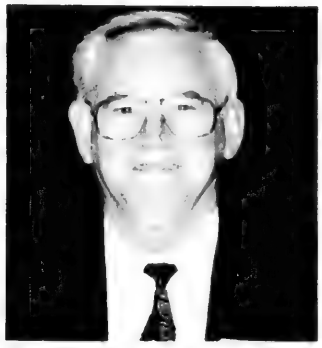
Since the September signing of the Declaration of Principles, officials from Israel say the number of inquiries from Canadian business has increased; the possibility of joint ventures is being examined; and trade relations are being cemented.

Giora Meyuhas, one of the speakers at the event, is the economic minister to North America. He is responsible for all trade/investment activities and development for North America.

Benjamin Noy is the trade commissioner of the Israel Economic Mission in Toronto.

CJN reporter Stephanie Chapman spoke to Meyuhas, who gave an overall view of Israel's trade opportunities, while Noy concentrated on the Canadian prospects.

Giora Meyuhas



Benjamin Noy

CJN: *Besides the obvious free trade agreement Israel has with the U.S., what are the differences in trade relations between Israel and Canada?*

Meyuhas: It's a huge, huge difference. The trade between Israel and the United States totals almost $8 billion — in each direction. It's almost balanced.

Noy: With Canada, both ways, it is about $300 million (Canadian). Last year, it was more than $150 million on both sides.

Meyuhas: You can see this is exactly the influence of the free trade agreement. Canadian products cannot compete with American products because of the duties. Its as simple as that. And, now that you have NAFTA — the agreement between Mexico and the United States — it's just obvious that because of the very unique situation Israel has and because Israel will be the centre of the Middle East, it [an agreement between Canada and Israel] is quite essential.

CJN: *What other advantages would there be for Canadian businesses other than their ability to compete on pricing?*

Meyuhas: I would like business people to come to do business in and with Israel on one condition — pure business considerations. To make money. The advantages that Israel has for Canadians are hi-tech capabilities.

I would like to give you some figures about BIRD. The Bi-Lateral Research and Development (BIRD) foundation was formed between the United States and Israel. It is an endowment fund of $1.5 million which is still in the bank. It was established about 15 years ago.

Today, the income by taxation to both countries is about $130 million. Of the success stories of the BIRD foundation, 2,000 people are employed. It created jobs. It created businesses. It created income for the countries and the money is still in the bank.

Its a wonderful thing. It worked because of the hi-tech capabilities in Israel. I see no difference. It could be exactly the same in Canada . [See story on the new Canada-Israel Industrial Research and Development Foundation on Page 1].

CJN: *What are some of the key things that Canadian companies should be aware of when considering doing business with Israel? And what are some of the barriers?*

Meyuhas: There are no barriers. There are cultural barriers in a way but these can be very easily overcome. We are a very western country but relatively different. When you come to Israel, you have to take that into consideration.

The distance and the time differences were mentioned but these can be advantages. I was speaking to someone in California. What happens is that Israel sends a fax at the end of their working day so it is here at the beginning of your working day. If you know how to work with this and take advantage, the process can be very efficient.

Noy: You can work around the clock.

Meyuhas: That's exactly what's happening. So in a way, California, which is nine hours' difference — here, it is only six hours difference — it's not really a barrier.

The barrier, of course, with Canada, as we mentioned, is the duty barrier that we still have. Hopefully we'll be able to work out an agreement.

Noy: What I would like to emphasize, is the advantage is not only to Israel. As a matter of fact, it's more to Canada's advantage because Israel's market is already open to most industrialized countries.

In terms of it being a threat to Canadian jobs, [as was one of the main points debated surrounding Canada's free trade agreement with the U.S. and NAFTA] if we view it objectively and look at it case by case, there is almost no threat — I'm not saying 100 per cent — to Canadian jobs.

Even if you look at the sensitive industries in Canada — auto, pulp and paper, agriculture — there is still no threat. Canada can only gain by selling to Israel and with Israeli imports.

CJN: *In the past, Israel's bureaucracy has been noted as a problem and even as a deterrent for setting up business. Does this still hold true today?*

Meyuhas: No. It was bad. There is no question about it. It has improved tremendously and I can say that it's not worse than the United States, Canadian or European bureaucracy. It's not that we don't have it — we still do — but everyone does.

Noy: I'll give you the example I tell business people and they don't believe it.

Israel has a law called the Law of Encouragement of Capital Investments under which, if approved, companies may receive an approved status which makes them eligible for up to a 30 per cent grant of their investment and in some areas a 10-year tax holiday. Its very substantial.

Now, when you submit an application, there is a regulation that the government has to respond to you within 14 days. The response does not necessarily have to be a positive one — it could be a negative one or that we need more information.

An answer must be given in 14 days. No one believes this is true — 14 days. It may be a project of $5 million, $10 million, $100 million, can you imagine?

Government officials know that if they don't respond, they may cause the government damages. There is no other country that has such a regulation.

CJN: *What sectors of Israeli industries are likely to be looking for joint ventures?*

Meyuhas: All sectors. The food industry, textiles, agrotech — Israel is very strong in irrigation — hi-tech, chemical, electronic, pharmaceutical, biotechnology, imaging and telecommunications. We are leaders in all these areas. I don't want to limit myself.

CJN: *In connection with the peace accord, several groups have been formed. You mentioned Builders For Peace [a group consisting of Jewish and Arab American industrialists planning investments in the territories once self-rule begins]. Have you been approached or has there been any interest at all from their Canadian counterparts?*

Noy: Yes, there has been. We've been contacted in both our offices in Toronto and Montreal by Canadian Arabs and by companies of Arab countries that are represented here in Canada. They want to make contacts with Israeli companies so they can be prepared for the opening of the borders. There is an interest.

CJN: *What are some of the short- and long-term effects of the peace accord?*

Meyuhas: No. 1, multinational companies and cultures will come to Israel. No. 2, trade between Israel and the Arab nations. No. 3, joint ventures which, in the long term, will utilize the hi-tech capabilities of Israel and for the short term, the cheap labor. I underline the short term here because I do hope to elevate the standard of living otherwise, it [the peace accord] will not fly. But, for the short term, let's take advantage of it.

Of course, once stability comes to the region, all the countries will spend much much less on defence. Israel, for example, if we only save 50 per cent of what we are spending today, we can save up to $4 billion per annum.

CJN: *Regarding the signing of the peace accord, personally, did you ever think you would see this day come?*

Meyuhas: No. But I was always hoping because I have always been involved — personally and politically. It was a surprise to all of us.

CJN: *Do you think it will last?*

Meyuhas: It will last because it's essential for both parties. It's in our mutual interest. But, it will last mainly because of the economic development of Israel.

CJN: *Are you getting inquiries from Canadian firms? And, how do they vary in size and product?*

Noy: Again, the answer would be similar to what Meyuhas said — all kinds. We have a lot of inquiries about food, clothing and jewelry. All kinds of inquiries regarding industrial products, medical products, machines — you name it — everything.

CJN: *What is the most unusual inquiry you've ever received?*

Noy: We had an inquiry from a farmer from Alberta who wanted to purchase ostrich eggs from Israel. Believe it or not, Israel is one of two countries that raise ostrichs so he certainly came to the right source.

CJN: *Marketing was a topic brought forth several times as an industry that has fallen behind. Why is it not done effectively in Israel?*

Meyuhas: If Israel is exporting today 43 per cent off all goods manufactured, of which 51 per cent are hi-tech products, how can anyone say we don't have marketing capabilities?

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Business Briefs

CPI Rises 1 Per Cent

JERUSALEM — The Consumer Price Index (CPI) shot up one per cent in March, as rising housing prices continued to fan inflation.

Central Bureau of Statistics economists now estimate inflation for 1994 will be 10 per cent. The government has set its goal for inflation this year at 8 per cent.

Treasury economists were caught by surprise, expecting a price rise of about half a per cent for last month. But Jonathan Katz, head of Economic Modeling and Forecasting, expected the higher index based on the increase of housing prices at the end of last year.

Katz said that in the coming months he expects to see the moderating impact of the stock market's sharp downturn earlier this year on housing prices.

Housing prices jumped 2.7 per cent last month, as apartment prices shot up 3.3 per cent, while rents fell 0.7 per cent, due to a drop in the dollar.

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Group Warns of Economic Instability

JERUSALEM — Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce economists recently reported that while there are as yet no significant signs of a slowdown in economic activity, the present political and security situation is threatening the economy with instability.

According to the economists, most indicators until the end of last month were positive. Tax revenues were up, industrial production rose, imports of production inputs and of machinery and equipment increased, retail trade expanded and the number of jobseekers fell.

The only negative indicators were the drop in industrial exports and in job offers. The recent closure will have a harsh impact on agriculture and on building. The economists estimate the harm suffered by the housing industry will have wider repercussions on the economy, affecting growth and pushing up interest rates.

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Fewer Job Seekers

JERUSALEM — The number of jobless who register with the Employment Service last month dropped 5.3 per cent, following the trend of the 7.6 per cent drop in February.

But Minister of Labor and Social Affairs Ora Namir presented the positive statistics along with some worrying trends — more jobless going longer without work, resistance to positive change in the Negev and other depressed areas, jobless who are not ready to take the work available and a grim picture of job offers.

Jobless registering with the Employment Service dropped to 107,600 in March, compared with 111,600 in February and 118,800 in January.

If seasonal factors are taken into account, however, the decline is less dramatic. Corrected figures for last month show that the decline should be seen as a drop to 101,900 jobless from 107,600, or a 5.3 per cent drop.

There was also a 5.1 per cent rise last month in the number of new immigrants who are jobless, after a steady decline in their numbers over the last two years. Some 10,300 new immigrants registered with the service last month, compared to to 9,800 in February.

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Tourism Rises Despite Unrest

JERUSALEM — March tourism figures jump 37 per cent: The Hebron massacre apparently did not deter many tourists, as some 177,100 of them visited here, reports the Central Bureau of Statistics.

The figures represent a 37 per cent jump in visitors compared to the previous month. During the first quarter of the year, 415,800 tourists visited, an 18 per cent increase compared to the previous quarter.

Fibronics, Wang sign cooperation agreement: Fibronics International has signed a cooperation agreement to incorporate its products in computer company Wang's projects in England. Fibronics' shares are traded in New York.

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Israel's $1.37 Billion Deficit

JERUSALEM — The country's current account balance registered a deficit of $1.37 billion last year following a $218 million surplus in 1992, as the trade deficit widened and receipts of unilateral transfers fell, reports the Central Bureau of Statistics.

The current account includes the balance of trade and of financial transfers.

The trade deficit jumped 21.8 per cent to $8.12 billion, as imports expanded $2.9 billion, only to be partially offset by a $1.5 billion rise in exports.

Net unilateral transfers — including foreign aid, reparation payments from Germany and donations — fell a slight 2 billion to $6.747 billion as foreign aid decreased after rising in the Gulf War's aftermath.

Unilateral transfers only covered 83 per cent of the trade deficit, unlike in 1992 when such receipts were 4 per cent higher than the trade gap.

Advertiser's Corner

Advertiser's Corner highlights the news, views and backgrounds of companies whose advertisements appear regularly in The CJN.

By SYLVIA PAPERNICK

TORONTO — What's the most important aspect to consider when looking at real estate? Location, location, location!

Nobody knows that better than David Stein. He trademarked his real estate company's name **Locations, Inc., Realtor** in 1987.

A property's location is the defining feature that can make or break a sale in real estate, but professionalism in any business transaction is crucial. It is especially so when dealing with such a large investment.

Stein's team of agents are professional and competent. "The company is basically as strong as the people that work with it," Stein says.

He believes real estate agents are professionals who are due the same respect as lawyers and accountants.

"People come to an agent or broker to spend the most money they've ever spent in their life." The agent is "providing a service that takes a certain education and certain knowledge."

Stein says people's opinions of real estate agents are often inflated.

There is a misconception that agents make a lot of money with little work. But "to gain knowledge and experience takes time. Looking out for vendors' and purchasers' interests, understanding the marketplace and understanding the art of negotiation," these skills are developed over a long period of time.

Stein himself has been working in the field almost 20 years. He, together with his office, wants to change that misconception, but only by earning the respect realtors rightly deserve.

Locations Inc. provides a complete range of services including in-house financing, appraisals and custom home building. His agents have shown strong results in a tough market.

"We've had a few instances where we've had multiple offers on different houses, but basically the market is active, but not booming. First-time buyers are doing one of two things, they're either stepping up and buying now or they're being put out of the market."

When asked if he thinks there might be a more dramatic turn for the better in the future, Stein responds, "My crystal ball is cloudy today. I always tell people 'Don't look at your home to buy and sell quickly.' "

He believes we're in a new reality, and that there's not going to be a lot of profit-taking in residential real estate.

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An exclusive first. Yitahak Kaul, director-general of Israel's main telephone and telecommunications company Bezek (right) with Moshe Habba, Bezek chairman (left), meet with a representative of the Saudi Arabian telecommunication company, the Saudi Cable Company. It was the first time that officials from Israeli and Saudi telecommunication firms have ever met. The meeting took place at an international telecommunciations fair held in Cairo and inaugurated by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Mideast peace analyzed

RAMAT GAN — Israel-Arab peace accords will not lead quickly to a rise in the regional standard of living, substantial cuts in military expenditures, an influx of foreign investment, or to large-scale regional trade and tourism, says one Mideast anyalyst.

Prof. Eliyahu Kanovsky of the Besa Centre for Strategic Studies at Bar-Ilan University was writing in the just-released report, *Assessing the Mideast Peace Economic Dividend* .

The Besa Centre is an independent institute devoted to the study of Middle East strategic, diplomatic and economic issues.

"Senior Israeli officials involved in the current Arab-Israeli peace talks have painted a grand, sweeping vision of Middle East economic prosperity, and Palestinian expectations of economic transformation are already inflated," Kanovsky writes.

"Failure to meet these unsubstantiated forecasts can only disappoint and disgruntle, threatening to sour Palestinian Arabs, Israelis and others on the peace process, even on the concept of peace itself."

Considered by many to be the dean of Middle East economists (he correctly predicted the fall of oil prices and decline of the Mideast economies early in 1981), Kanovsky debunks six popular assumptions about the economic dividends of Mideast peace in the new study.

"In propagating the illusion that a new era of financial fortune and economic stability is dawning . . . government officials are creating false expectations and doing a disservice."

Copies of *Assessing the Mideast Peace Economic Dividend* can be obtained by calling Jonathan Schneiderman, Canadian director of Besa Centre, at (514) 731-7893.

Tips From Pros

By JEROME SHORE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — In spite of the fact that most business comes from referrals, many professionals and entrepreneurs find it hard to ask for referrals from clients and others. So why are we all so shy?

Asking for Referrals

1. We fear rejection. We're just plain afraid the person we ask will say no. This is not unlike the fear many of us had as teenagers when it came to asking for a date.

2. We don't want to appear to be in need of business. We think if we're any good our practice would be jam packed. We feel if we let prospects think we have room to grow we'll appear incompetent.

3. We don't want to damage our existing relationship, in the event we do a bad job for the person referred to us. This, of course, happens so rarely that the worry is often just a cover-up for the fear of rejection.

4. We don't want to appear pushy. Most people want to avoid looking like a salesperson.

5. We don't want to learn by experience. Some people just don't like to do something, like requesting referrals, unless they can do it well.

Here's my five-step way to get into the habit of asking for referrals.

Make a list of the benefits you'll get by asking for referrals

For example:

- You'll feel like you're doing more to market your practice.
- You'll have more big clients and more income.
- You'll be able to turn away clients you don't want to work with.
- You'll be able to buy a new Corvette.

Make a Plan to Make the Job Easy

Chunk down your plan into all its components. Each step should be relatively easy to do.

- Have small goals, i.e., ask only one person a day for the first week.
- Choose a specific time to start. The day, the hour and the minute.
- Decide who you will ask first.

Flood your mind with positive images

- Plan where you will pop the question.
- Decide your words in advance. (for example: "Sarah, can you suggest anyone who might be a good client for me?")
- Choose words you are comfortable with.
- Practice what you will say.

Do a potential problem analysis

Think about what can go wrong and how you will react in any given situation.

- Think about answers to questions you may be asked. ("What kind of clients? What kind of industries? Do you mean corporate or personal clients?)
- Think about different ways to bring up the subject in different situations; at lunch, after a meeting, on the phone.

Increase your confidence

Flood your mind with positive images. Make a "victory list" of your five best successes. Consider clients you have helped and how grateful they were. Look at it from time to time.

Visualize success. Learn to feel and act like you just made a big deal. It need not have happened. You simply have to learn to feel like it did and then "act" that feeling. You'll soon learn to conjure up this feeling of confidence and use it to your advantage.

Reward yourself

After you have made that first request for a referral, give yourself a reward so that you can associate a second good feeling with your accomplishment. Do this each time you ask for a referral.

A word about motivation. Many people put off asking for referrals until they feel motivated to do so. Since there are so many reasons why people don't ask, chances are motivation is a long way off. My advice is don't wait to be motivated. It will never come. Simply decide that asking for referrals is something you have to do and get on with using the five-step process above.

Once you get rolling, you'll find it easy to keep going. Your motivation and momentum will build.

Jerome Shore is the owner of The Coaching Clinic, a Toronto training company.

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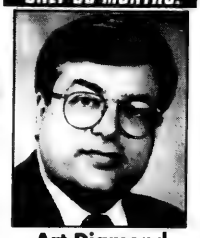

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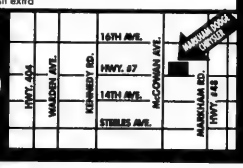

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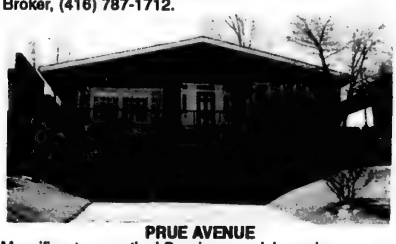

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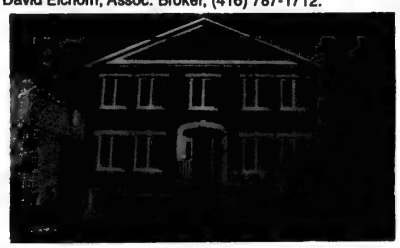

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The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late
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loving husband of Dorothy, beloved father of Bella, Alfie, Hedy and Marshall and loving grandfather
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Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of late
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Roselawn Cemetery
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SIMON SCHMERZ ז"ל
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Roselawn Cemetery
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Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
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Section9
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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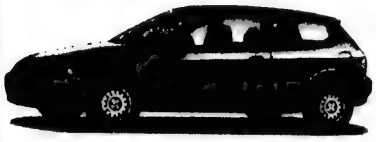

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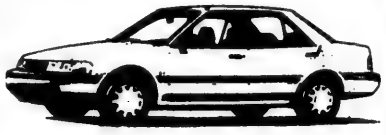

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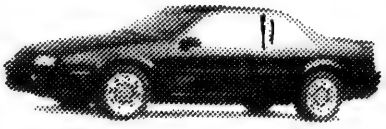

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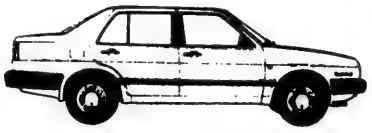

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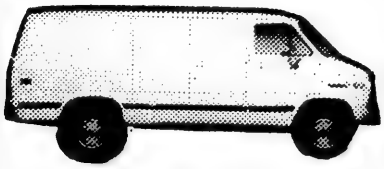

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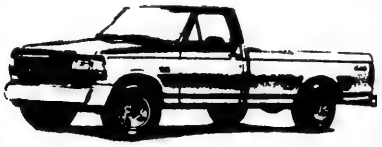

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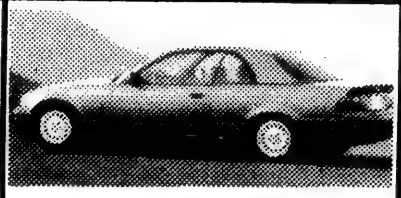

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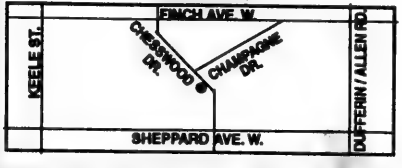

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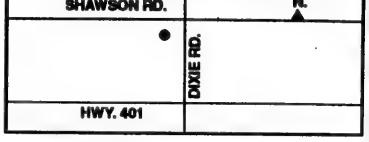

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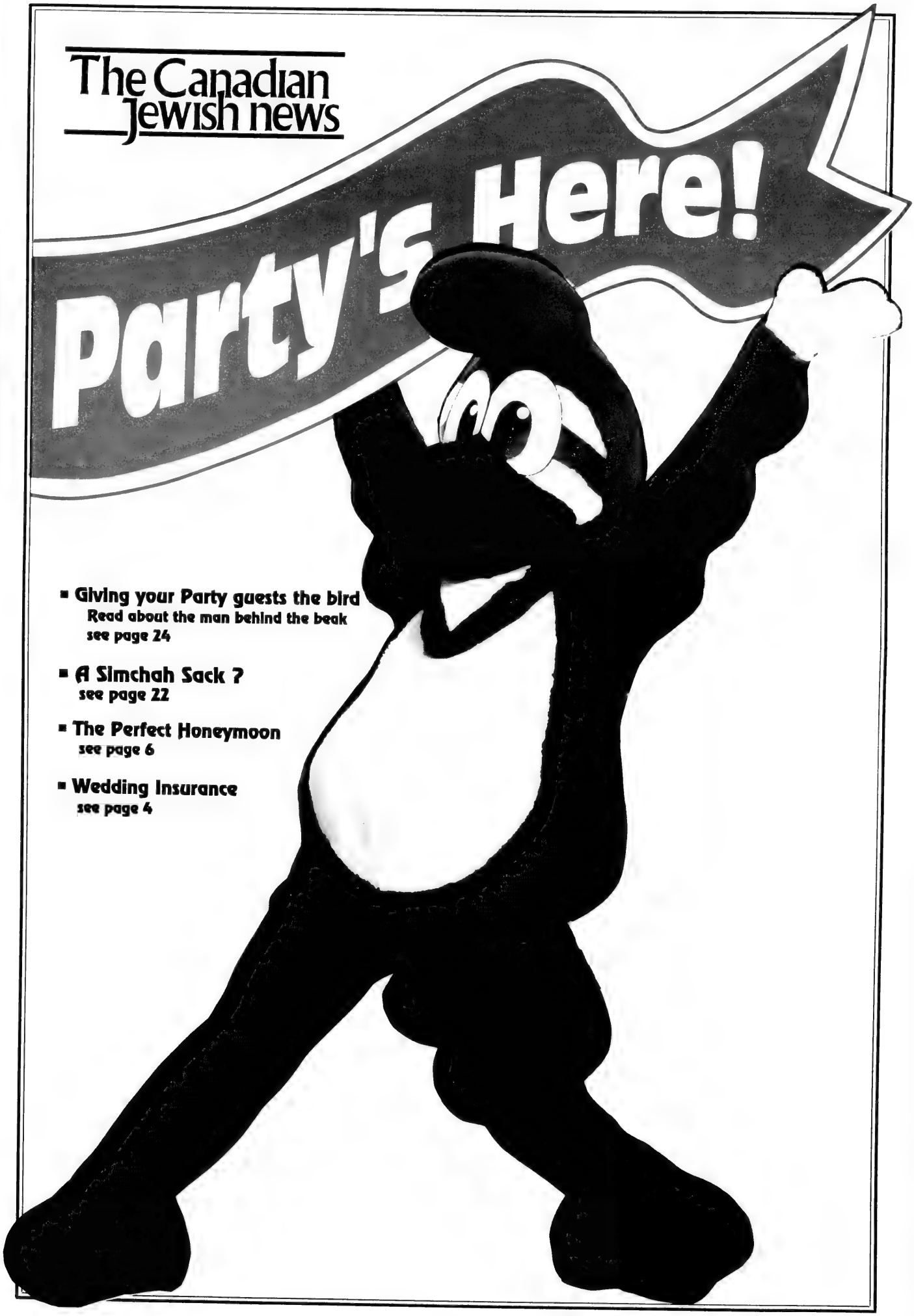

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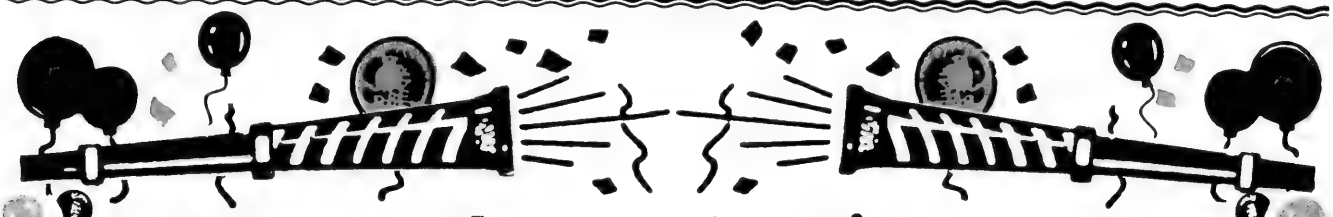

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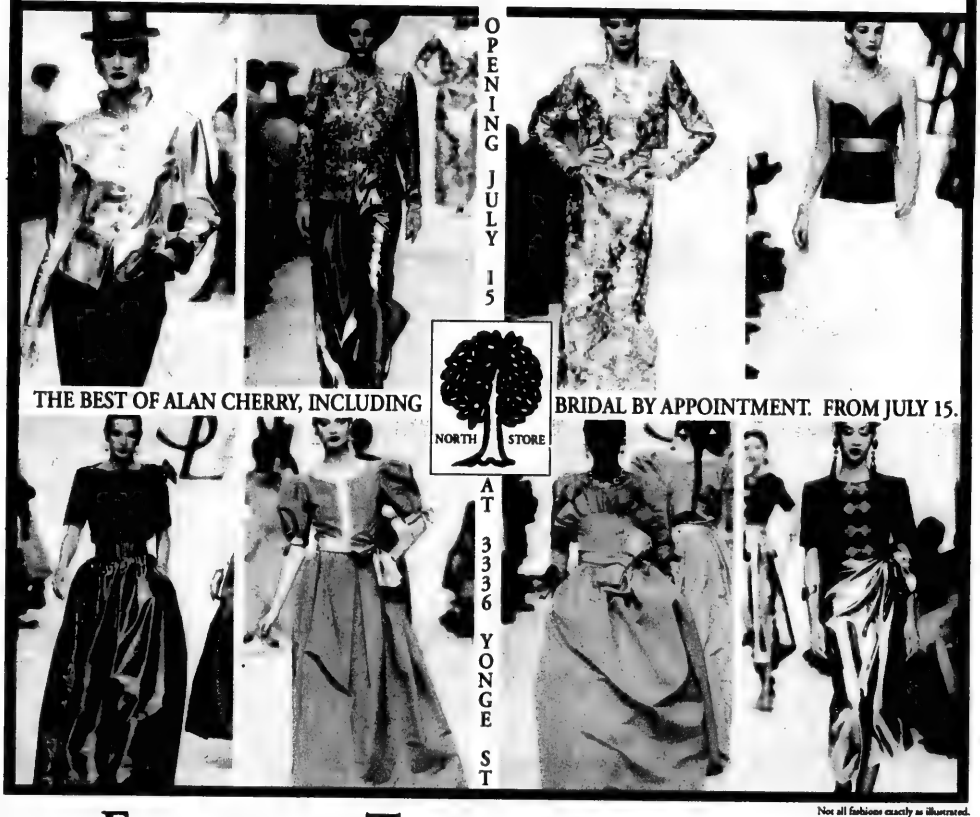

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By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

The wedding should have been a happy affair. But the groom was crying during his speech.

His father had collapsed and was hospitalized the day before the wedding. The family could not afford to postpone it, because they would have lost thousands of dollars.

The wedding went on as scheduled, but no one felt like celebrating, says Diana Fabiano, a cousin of the groom. "It was the saddest wedding I've ever been to."

Had the family taken out wedding insurance, the affair could have been cancelled and rescheduled for a more opportune time. The insurance company would have picked up the tab for the deposits.

But few people have heard about wedding insurance. The policy is called Weddinguard and while it's been available in Canada for three years, it's only been promoted since January.

Weddinguard was developed for Canadians by Bob Morrison of Party Alcohol Liability (PAL) Insurance Brokers in Calgary (1-800-661-1608). The insurance, available through any insurance broker, is underwritten by Pafco Insurance, (231-6983) a Toronto-based insurance company.

Wedding insurance is quite popular in Britain and Europe. With the average North American wedding costing $16,000, Morrison says it makes sense to insure the day against a sudden catastrophe like sickness or death.

Weddinguard's standard policy starts at $150. In the event of a cancellation it covers up to $4,000 for non-refundable charges such as deposits on food and flowers, and $2,000 for the honeymoon.

The company recognizes a wide range of unforseen circumstances that could cause a cancellation: illness or death of any relative, transportation problems for important guests, sudden unemployment of the person paying for the wedding and damage to or bankruptcy of the wedding hall.

The basic package will also cover up to $2,500 for loss or damage to bridal attire, $2,500 for the photographs if the negatives are damaged or the photographer doesn't show up, and $5,000 for damage to wedding presents in the bride or groom's possession 72 hours before the wedding.

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Weddinguard can be adapted for bar mitzvahs, says Morrison. And the cost of the basic package can be increased to extend the amount of coverage.

As long as there are no known circumstances likely to cause a cancellation Weddinguard can be bought anytime before the wedding. And while the policy insures a broad range of unforseen problems, it does not cover the break up of a couple.

If they cancel because they're out of love they'll be out of pocket for any money they've spent.

Phyllis Billie is getting married next year. She hasn't set a date or made plans, but she will definitely consider wedding insurance. "I've had too many friends who have lost their deposits on halls that have gone bankrupt.

"They're there one day and then they're gone and so is the money," she says. "With the amount of money you spend on a wedding, taking out wedding insurance is worth it."

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BLACKOUT...

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

Wendy Phillips' dream wedding turned into a nightmare at 4 p.m. on an icy Sunday this January.

That was when Phillips, already dressed in her wedding finery and surrounded by her six bridesmaids, found out the power was out at the Adath Israel, the Toronto synagogue where she was to marry Michael Papernick at 5:30 p.m. Almost 200 guests were on their way.

Local Hydro officials couldn't say when the synagogue's lights, heating and phone lines would be up and running. There was a chance the wedding, carefully planned for six months, would have to be cancelled.

"I was devastated when they told me," Wendy Papernick said. The groom, 28, tried to comfort his bride, 27, but all the same "you could hear me crying down the block."

What the wedding party didn't realize was that while they were taking pictures at the bride's home, Adath Israel caterer Linda Sugar was phoning around trying to find an available hall with a kosher kitchen. She eventually found one at Beth Sholom Synagogue, about a 10-minute drive from Adath Israel.

Sugar learned of the power failure at 1 p.m. She didn't want to panic the families, and instead used the catering office's fax line to place outward calls to find out what was available. Only at 4 p.m., when nothing had turned up, did Sugar call bridal consultant Karen Garscadden at the bride's family home.

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One happy couple — Michael and Wendy Papernick.

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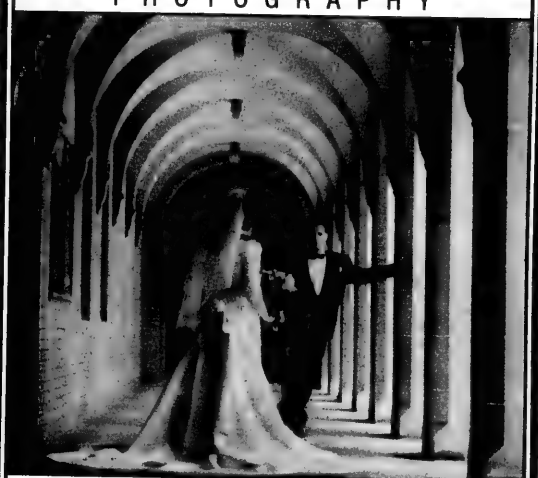

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By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

The owner of a dazzling fleet of classic Rolls-Royce limousines, available for party and wedding rental, said he almost stops traffic when he is out in one of his beautifully restored vehicles.

Whether he is on the road in a 1950s Silver Wraith, a 1967 Phantom V or a 1978 Silver Shadow, pedestrians pause to admire the passing Rolls-Royce and drivers honk their horns and chat with Stanley Gill of Gillmore Classics (416-733-9216) at traffic lights.

Gill, known as Major Stanley Gill — he spent 40 years in the Canadian military, including time in the reserve — says his customers are thrilled when they find one of his limos, "a beautiful piece of automotive architecture," and a chauffeur waiting in front of their homes to take them to their destination.

When his custom-built Rolls-Royces are not on wedding or party duty in Metropolitan Toronto, they can be seen in movies and on television, including CTVs cancelled ENG series.

A former Rolls-Royce mechanic from Manchester, England, Gill founded his North York business in 1989. While the majority of his clients prefer to hire his limousines for weddings, his service is available for parties, including proms, birthday parties, bar and bat mitzvahs, and anniversary celebrations. For their anniversaries couples have been chauffeured to the theatre in Gill's limousines, and once a newborn baby rode home from the hospital in one of his classic cars.

Elegant

"People have been getting bored with regular limousines, and they are looking for something different. We have come up with the most unique collection of classic limousines in the city," Gill said.

His fleet of hand-built Rolls-Royces, all luxuriously appointed and in pristine condition, include two five-seater Silver Wraiths in stunning navy and silver. The third Silver Wraith, in white, seats eight. Gill's white Phantom V, a seven-seater, is the largest and heaviest car built post-war. The model is popular with the queen, Gill noted, who owns five of them. An elegant four-seater sedan, the white Silver Shadow, rounds off Gill's collection.

A member of the Canadian, American and British Rolls-Royce Clubs, Gill said he sometimes contacts local members of the club to ask them to lend him their cars when he has more business than he can handle or when clients request a black Rolls. Currently he has several weddings booked with Rolls-Royce Club members.

Gill's loyal staff of chauffeurs, including two ex-sergeant majors and family members, are always punctual, impeccably attired, and understand the social decorum of driving a valuable car.

Speeding is definitely out. Not only would it be somewhat undignified for a Rolls to tear up the road but rough usage, which includes speeding, would incur sky-high maintenance costs, according to Gill.

The Silver Wraiths are more difficult to drive than contemporary cars since they lack the car technology of the past forty years, so Gill's chauffeurs use special care. "We never abuse a car with high mileage," he said.

Gill keeps mileage low by restricting distance — his limousine service operates in the greater Metropolitan Toronto area only — and by avoiding everyday on-call driving.

To get the Rolls-Royce of their choice, he suggests clients book a minimum of six months before the date of their event. On Sundays rates are reduced by 20 per cent.

Disaster averted

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The bride and groom weren't prepared to cancel the wedding outright; they had their honeymoon cruise booked for early the next morning. The only alternative was to get married by a judge friend in the Phillips home . . . with a very abbreviated guest list.

Those same guests were starting to pull up to the Adath Israel as the move to the Beth Sholom was confirmed at 4:30 p.m. Rabbi Emeritus Erwin Schild, who was to perform the ceremony with Rabbi Steven Saltzman, stood in the synagogue parking lot letting people know about the change in venue.

Meanwhile, Sugar was standing inside in the darkness, overseeing the synagogue's waiting and maintenance staff as they packed the food for 190 meals, cooking utensils and the contents of the bar by candlelight.

The food — crepes, salad, fish, chicken, stir fried vegetables, dessert and the sweet table — was loaded into cars and driven to the Beth Sholom. The rabbis and Cantor Eli Kirshblum pitched right in, with Rabbi Schild having the honor of transporting the main course.

"The only thing we forgot was the Worcester sauce," Sugar said, "and they had that at the Beth Sholom."

Once at the new synagogue, it was a scramble to set up the tables, the flowers, the band and the chupah. Sugar says while 60- and 70-year-old waitresses were lugging tables into place, she was finishing off last-minute preparation of the salmon and the salads. The chupah began at 6:30 p.m., only one hour late.

It was smooth sailing from there. Both the Papernicks and Sugar said guests told them they would never have known the wedding wasn't planned for the Beth Sholom. The wedding party mined the potential disaster for comic effect in every speech.

The power came back on at the Adath Israel at midnight, the same time the Papernick wedding was winding down. The happy newlyweds caught their flight to Florida at 7:30 a.m. as scheduled, while the organizers were inundated by a flood of well-deserved congratulations.

As for Sugar, the wedding she catered the following week was anticlimactic. The lights were on.

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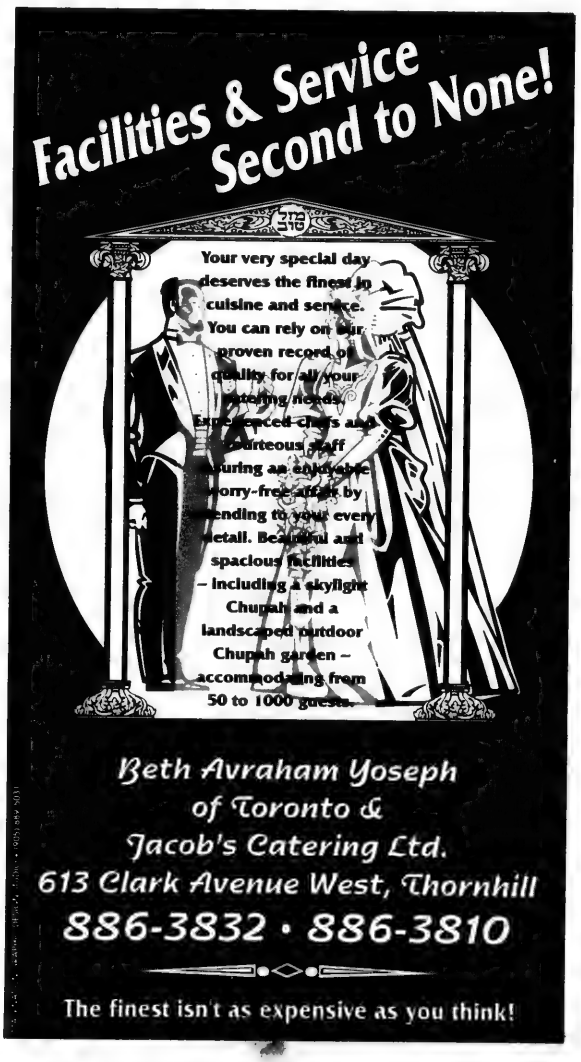
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The PERFECT HONEYMOON

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Getting married is so hectic most couples can't wait for their honeymoon. They need to recuperate from the wedding.

"Between the caterer and the family and the planning all they have to look forward to is the honeymoon," says Tena Falco, (905-764-0060) branch manager of Marlin Travel in the Promenade. "They want to get on with the honeymoon and be on some beach somewhere."

Places with tropical weather, sandy beaches, and beautiful sunsets have the most appeal for the majority of newlyweds.

Sharon Benjamin who's getting married next February is planning a honeymoon in the tropics. "I definitely want somewhere warm," she says. "That's a requirement."

Hawaii is the most popular destination for honeymoons, with the Caribbean a close second, says Betty Shukster of Travel 24 (222-2440) at 1575 Steeles Ave. East. And it is also common for people to choose all-inclusive resorts like Sandals and Club Med or even cruises, she says.

"I would personally like an all-inclusive honeymoon," Benjamin says. "You don't have to worry about money. You can just enjoy yourself."

The price of these trips varies considerably, depending on the accommodations, Shukster says. Trips to Hawaii — usually 10 to 14 days because of the 10-hour flight — start at $4,000 per couple for hotel and airfare. A week in the Caribbean costs $1,600 and up for two.

Shukster cautions people against choosing the least expensive travel packages. "The lowest price is not necessarily good value." She says people choose cheap packages with dreadful accommodations thinking they won't spend any time in their hotel.

But they end up having a terrible time, she says. "They're looking for a cadillac and they get a volkswagen. But they really want a cadillac."

Travel 24 offers a registry for honeymoons — people can contribute money towards the cost of a honeymoon as a gift. Couples living together before they get married tend to have a lot of household items and they don't need traditional shower gifts, Shukster says.

A honeymoon registry is an alternative. Donors get receipts and the couple get a list of their names. Shukster says people like the idea, but it's not that popular.

Benjamin thought she might consider it. "If that was the case, we could go for something more upscale. That would be neat. Maybe we could do something like a Sandals Resort."

Sandals Resorts are a luxury chain in the Caribbean designed exclusively for couples. They cost between $3,000 and $5,000 a week per couple, depending on which resort they choose. The price includes the cost of meals, activities, and even drinks.

"Sandals are ultra all-inclusive resorts," says Sharon Gordon of Village Gate Travel (905-764-8858) at 7787 Yonge St. "The accommodations are very luxurious. You can get a room overlooking a cliff or with a private plunge pool."

The Village Gate is offering a special honeymoon promotion in conjunction with Sandals Resorts and four bridal shops: Adele Wechsler, Avenue Road; Lina's Bridal Boutique, Weston Road; Moda Sposa Bridal Boutique, Thornhill; and Carmani Couture, on St. Clair Ave. West.

Anyone buying her wedding gown at one of the above shops and booking a honeymoon at Sandals Resorts through the Village Gate travel agency will have a chance to win the cost of her wedding gown — up to the value of $3,000.

Falco (Marlin Travel) highly recommends the Sandals Resorts because they are geared to newlyweds. "I was at Sandals Resort in St. Lucia and I was shocked by how many guests were honeymooners and people getting married. On average there were two weddings a day," she says.

Many resorts and hotels offer wedding packages costing in the $500 range. For example, Sandals Resorts will provide clergy or a Justice of the Peace, witnesses, flowers, cake, video of the ceremony, champagne, and a sunset cruise.

Falco says Sandals Resorts are offering a special travel package for the Sandal Inn in Jamaica. They will reduce the weekly price to $1,300 a person for couples booking before Dec. 13.

It's a good deal, she says, because couples can use all the facilities at any of six other Sandals Resorts in Jamaica, but pay a lower price. Transportation is provided.

Falco likes all-inclusive packages, like resorts and cruises, because food costs in the Caribbean can be high. St. Martin's and Aruba with their duty free shops and gambling are very popular places for newlyweds, but they're expensive, she says.

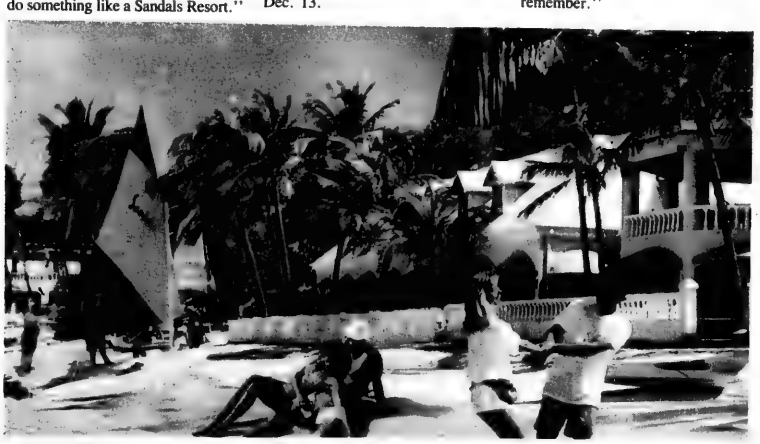
Honeymooners who book air-travel packages with the above travel agencies get freebies: limousine service to the aiport or a free night at an airport hotel from Marlin Travel and Travel 24, and free limousine service to the airport from Village Gate Travel.

But not all newlyweds have the time and money to travel very far from home. "Niagara Falls is still the romantic honeymoon capital and it's an inexpensive way to travel for a budget-conscious couple," Falco says.

The Howard Johnson Hotel on the Canadian side has honeymoon suites with balconies overlooking the falls, round beds, heart-shaped Jacuzzis, and mirrored ceilings, she says. "It's very romantic. I recommend it all the time and no one's been disappointed."

Couples also take more unusual honeymoons. Falco just made arrangements for a four-day rock-climbing trip for a pair of outdoor enthusiasts. Gordon (Village Gate Travel) said an African Safari was the most exotic honeymoon she's ever booked and Shukster (Travel 24) is sending one couple on a bicycle tour in France.

All these agents advise couples to plan carefully because honeymoons are special trips. "You'll never have that special time again," Shukster says. "Have something nice to remember."



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Look your best on that special day

By CAROL WISE
Special to The CJN

As your special day approaches, you are busy setting the stage for a perfect and memorable occasion.

There is no doubt, that you have taken extreme care in selecting the gown of your dreams, sensational flowers and your favorite photographer. You have arranged everything to make your day ideal; however, your mood might still be totally distressed.

Perhaps your hair is too curly — or maybe too short; you are five pounds overweight or 10 pounds underweight; your skin is too blotchy; or you have dark circles under your eyes.

The good news is that you are not alone; women everywhere share these horrific thoughts. The devastating feeling that you will not look your absolute best can be overwhelming. Well I hope that you can at least put some of these fears aside, as you sit back, read on and relax. With the help of these beauty tips, there is no doubt that you will radiate on your special day.

Skin care is your first step to looking your best. Few artists can paint a masterpiece on a spotty canvas. You must become aware of the type of skin you have before you can choose the right skin care regime for you. It is probably a good idea to get a professional opinion and begin your procedure at least six months prior to your wedding date.

Your diet is extremely important. Beauty certainly does begin from within. Avoid all caffeine products and yes that does include chocolate. Alcoholic beverages should be kept to a minimum, especially one week prior to the wedding date. You should eat an abundance of fruit and vegetables; this will keep your skin looking fresh and healthy. Drink at least eight glasses of water daily to avoid dehydration. Dehydration means a lack of moisture in your skin which can cause unnecessary fine lines.

Exercise should be part of your life. If a vigorous aerobic workout is not for you, do 20 minutes of stretching or walking daily. This will help relieve your stress and keep you calm through this hectic time of decision-making and planning. Exercise will also help to stimulate your blood circulation and definitely improve your skin tone.

Proper makeup application need not be complicated or agonizing. Makeup should enhance your good features and camouflage your less attractive ones. You do not want to paint a mask. The golden rule is always "Less is more." Applying your blush-on can be a real task. Use a large soft brush and dust the color on your cheekbones. Then blend in circular motion with a soft velcro sponge.

A lightly-textured liquid foundation should be applied over your entire face. This will make your skin appear smooth and silky. Choose a color that matches your natural skin tone and be sure to blend well along your jaw line.

Eye pencil — apply close to your eyelashes, a little thicker on your top lid and blend well. Effective colors are gray, black or brown.

Eye shadow — do remember to leave the frosting for the cake. Use neutral shades, such as, mocha, sand or chocolate. Blend your eye shadow well to give you that sultry look.

Mascara — the only colors to use are black or brown. Remember to keep it natural, be careful not to clump your lashes together.

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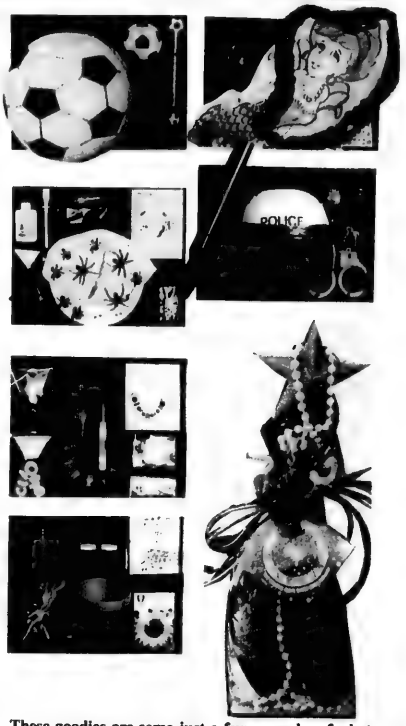

These goodies are some just a few examples of what can be included in a Loots bag.

Fun-filled party packages

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

If you go to Face Back or Loots before your next party, you'll be sure to leave your guests with a gift they'll keep for a long time.

Whether you're on a budget or going all out to have that one-of-a-kind party, Face Back, (416) 861-0055, offers fun-filled party packages that will suit everyone. Co-owner Scot Parker says that he and his partners have a background in specialty programming in the broadcast video/computer graphics industry, and they developed Face Back to maximize fun at parties of all types.

He says that what they do is offer customers a choice of over 150 images covering sports or movie stars, cartoon characters or such action figures as Rambo or Indiana Jones. They then video each person at the party for an average of three to five minutes and after a selection is made, super-impose the person on the image, using specialized video and computer equipment. The fun begins when this process is watched by others on video monitors.

Parker, who says they will come out to all types of affairs from small house parties to receptions or conventions, says that the picture can be output onto a T-shirt or mug for the guest to take home. "It's really a great fantasy for the person in the picture and it's also a lot of fun for the guests to watch."

Loots, (416) 787-5668, a creative party store, specializes in, age-appropriate theme loot bags, each costing $4.99. Among the 80 loot bags they carry is a flower pot decorating kit that includes a bag of soil, seeds, paints, glitter, glue and a paintbrush; or they may choose an outdoor kit with frisbee and skipping ropes. An arts and crafts bag could include a fridge magnet, light plate, puppets, crowns or picture frames. Younger children enjoy policemen kits complete with handcuffs and a whistle or an accessory kit for girls, with stick-on earrings, shoe laces and a feather hair band.

Owner David Leese says it is the perfect place for busy parents. "When they come into the store, samples of every type of loot bag with the suggested age range are mounted on one wall. All they have to do is choose, and we put it in a bag tied with a pipe cleaner. Guests come away from the party thrilled with their gift."

He adds that with an inventory that also includes invitations, tablecloths, napkins and candy, it really is a one-stop party shop. "If they wish, customers can buy the kits in bulk to use as party activities and we even arrange for custom-made cakes with themes ranging from Power Rangers to Sesame Street."

Leese says that the concept of having everything under one roof "is a brand new, innovative retail concept. We offer everything including personal service with an accent on customer's needs. We'll even go to a party and outfit the room."

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The latest in photography

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

High quality video cameras, CD-ROMs, virtual reality; how's a photographer to compete?

Despite the invasion of high technology into the visual arts landscape, traditional photographers are holding their own by offering something they've always specialized in — high quality and a classic look.

While CD-ROMs may one day change the face of photography, that day is not today. Prohibitive costs limit the use of the high technology technique, which uses CDs and computers to manipulate images, superimpose fantasy backgrounds and add elements to the picture that were not really there. The technique is used primarily in advertising photography.

Those planning weddings, bar or bat mitzvahs and other joyful occasions must make do with more traditional technology, but that traditional art still provides a technically accomplished visual record of a simchah. In fact, in a day and age when even newspapers are switching over to color for their artwork, some photography clients are turning back the clock and asking for the classic look of black and white images.

Traditional techniques such as color tinting and sepia (brown) toning of photographs are also coming back in vogue, say three photographers active in the commercial portrait market.

"People still love the traditional look and flair," said Sam Sciarrino, proprietor of Horvath Studios (487-3443).

"Some people look for things that are different, innovative and new," said Joe Lavee of Lavee Studios (733-2457). "However, the classic and the traditional still prevail. The stuff that always comes back and that the majority can relate to is the classic style."

Creating a good rapport with the photo subject and creative use of lighting remain the key elements in any photo shoot, said Barry Scheffer of Barry Scheffer Photography (416-241-2922).

Care for detail and making a session fun for the clients are important elements for any photographer, he said.

Sciarrino said "going with the personalities of the people and getting their expressions" on film are the most important elements for any photographer. "You don't want them doing something that's just not them."

Still, within that framework, there's plenty of room to maneuver. Working under Tibor Horvath, the former owner of the studio, Sciarrino learned "about lighting and composition. I developed my own style that is contemporary with traditional elements to it."

Sciarrino said some couples prefer a contemporary look that incorporates architectural settings and closeups. "There are more lines, architectural forms in the background and the use of wide and angle and fisheye lenses," he said.

Scheffer, who was also trained as a graphic artist, said "I take advantage of my creativity with very stylized compositions. I like to think I design images, not take photographs. I don't do assembly line photography."

Scheffer said he tries to make couples comfortable and accommodate their requests. Some prefer black and white images and the "modern look of a fashion pose, something with some mood. . . It's a stylized pose, even to the point of an awkward pose when they're off-balance."

He said he can enhance the black and white image later with hand coloring. When shooting color film, he can get a fashion look by creative use of backlighting, perhaps employing a rose hue.

For Lavee, sitting down with the clients and getting a read on their personalities is a key element before planning a photo session.

"It's like a painter, but you paint with light. Any work uses shadows and highlights. I can elongate or shorten a face. Using different lights, you create something that you see. It's your interpretation."

Black and white film provides a more dramatic effect, he said, while color remains the standard for portraits. Lavee said that in recent years, clients have requested unusual locations for photo shoots, especially country backdrops or looks that are semi-industrial. "Others want abstract or architectural backdrops."

Perhaps one day computers working with CDs will manipulate the image to give the desired effect. But until cameras are consigned to museums, relying on expert photographers will remain the standard in the industry.

These photographs demonstrate some of the techniques used in the industry today. The top photo was supplied by Barry Scheffer Photography. The photo on the right was supplied by Lavee Studio.

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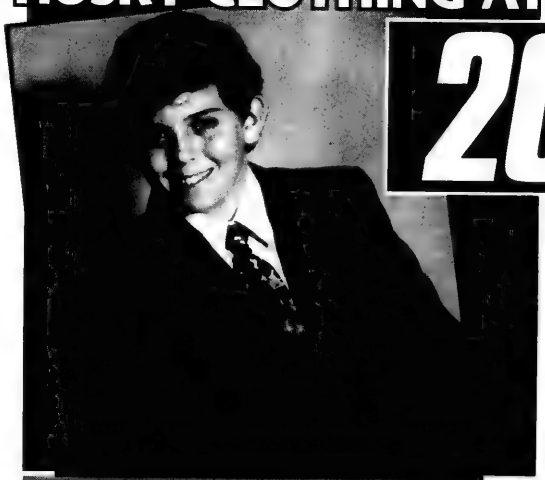

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Makeup for the Blushing Bride

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As a bride-to-be, you have so many things to organize. The gown, the invitations, the venue, the flowers, the music, the meal, the seating plan — and the list goes on.

Hopefully, you've found professionals you can work with to assist you with some of the tasks. Most importantly, for the evening to be a great success, you've tried to find a professional who can help you look your radiant best.

A blushing bride is an effect not easily achieved without an expert touch. One expert makeup artist, Shelley Levine (905-886-2663), believes that the natural look most brides want to achieve can only be done properly with the right blending of blush and contour, the right tools (brushes) and an artistic hand.

Shelley Levine

"It takes a great deal more time and expertise to have a natural look than a made-up face," she explains.

"Pinks, earth tones and natural shades are what's hot this spring for brides and their attendants. It's makeup that doesn't look like makeup. Colors today are entirely natural and neutral, not theatrical looking at all. Whereas the most popular color used to be apple red, people are learning how to be more natural while still wearing makeup to define and enhance their own features." says Levine who has been running her business Makeup By Shelley for 10 years.

Marla Freedman (416)-633-6336, who has also run her own professional makeup artist business for 10 years, agrees with the trend toward the neutrals, which includes soft pinks, tawny and peach shades as well.

Marla Freedman

"What I do is try to match the makeup to the bride's personality, color preferences and features. Every bride wants to be magnificent. And it's my job to help her achieve that," says Freedman.

She strongly recommends that her clients set up a consultation prior to the wedding to test out that special "wedding day look." While Freedman will charge $50 for the consultation, the bride's face will be done for free on that day. And at the client's request, Freedman will remain on the scene throughout picture taking and up until the ceremony for touch-ups.

Another aspect of Freedman's business is makeup lessons for which she charges $60 for a full ½ hour hands-on demonstration. "Around the High Holy Days and at the beginning of each season, I begin to get requests from clients who want to change their look to work with their new wardrobe or to just have a lift. As part of this service, I always make up one-half of the face and then let them do the other half so they can apply what I am teaching them when the lesson is over," she explains.

Finally, for the bride who wants to go all out and really pamper herself prior to her special day, there is Featuring . . . You (783-7793) — a full service spa located on Eglinton between Bathurst and the Allen Expressway.

"We concentrate on everything and anything — from the top of the head to the tip of the toes," says partner and makeup artist Mary Orlando. From hair and makeup to manicures, pedicures, waxing, massage, lash tint and eyebrow shaping, Featuring . . . You offers these services and more either a la carte or in pre-bridal packages for approximately $125.00.

"Our philosophy is to encourage brides to start looking their best months before the wedding day. They need to strengthen their nails and hair and make sure that their skin is healthy in order to achieve their best look," she explains.

Since 1984, Orlando and hairstylist partner Franco Quintieri, whose work has been seen on *Breakfast TV*, *Eye on Toronto*, *The New You*, and in *Chatelaine*, *The Toronto Star* and other major publications, have helped hundreds of brides bring out their best features and walk down the aisle with confidence and style.

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"The natural look"

Also new for the spring, she says, is a focus on eyes and lips — all in brown tones. While it may sound somewhat wintry, with the right shades and blending, it creates a beautiful look.

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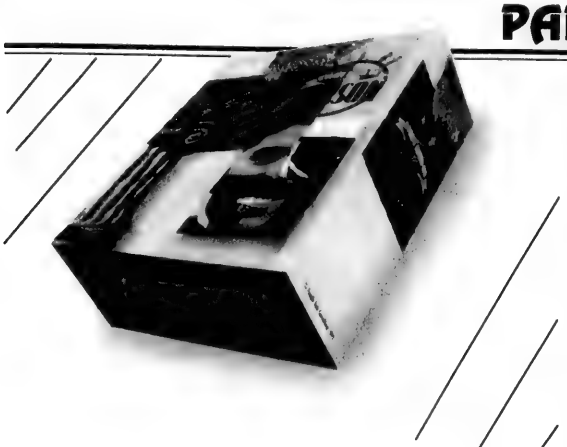

It's more than a game

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

There is a new business simulation game on the market to help employees learn about co-workers who are minorities, persons with disabilities, accountants or women, and to teach staff to recognize how diversity impacts organizational performance.

Every Kind of Person, ideally played by multiple teams of four, simulates the operation of a fictitious company that develops and manages fantasy educational theme parks around the world. With a $1.5 million budget, each team is responsible for a three-year venture, the reconstruction of an ancient city, completed in three rounds of play.

Developed by People Tech Consulting Inc. along with about hundred employees of Co-operators Financial Services, Consumers Gas, Miles Pharmaceutical, the Etobicoke Board of Education and Zurich insurance, the game costs $1,500. Since the game was launched in February, two dozen have been sold in Canada and the U.S., reported People Tech vice-president Lorne Hartman. Net proceeds go to the United Way.

Every Kind of Person uses "the power of simulation to develop learning experiences in interpersonal perception, diversity awareness, group decision making and organizational change," says the game owners' manual. The manual was co-authored by Hartman and People Tech vice-president Rick Lash, two leaders in the game's research and development.

Selecting employees from fictitious cultural groups to head up various projects is one of the major tasks assigned to players. Among the candidates shown on the game video is Eduardo, an "Emerald from Pimini," who has a computer background. Players learn that Emeralds are hard-working and tend to be good with numbers. Another candidate for the job is Safron, a "Sapphire from Ekop," who has a commerce degree and works in accounting. Sapphires, players find out, are creative and emotional and Sapphire culture emphasizes music, art and theatre.

In the first of the debriefing sessions that follows each round of the game, participants explore how characteristics can be generalized to an individual because of their membership in a group regardless of the actual variation among members of that group, said Hartman and Lash.

"Prejudice is a negative or hostile attitude toward a distinguished group based on generalizations and stereotypes that are derived from faulty or incomplete information," they continue. "More than anything else, prejudice comes from conformity. Bigoted attitudes can be fostered unintentionally by real or imagined pressure from others."

Players learn how to make fair and objective decisions about hiring by defining job and work style requirements, then assessing each individual against the requirements and selecting the person who is the best match.

Hartman stressed that a facilitator should be present, acting as a game instructor and encouraging players to communicate their concerns if they become emotional, as they often do when they talk about bias and prejudice. When players do not get the chance to speak about what is bothering them during the game, Hartman and Lash warned, emotions can go underground, later emerging outside the classroom in the form of accusations, withdrawal or inappropriate behavior.

Teams are rewarded with poker chips for dealing with diversity effectively. At the end of each round, they calculate their productivity, impacted by costs, time and standards. The five standards encompass principles that overcome barriers in valuing diversity. Some of the principles are: openly confronting problems and seeking solutions; being straightforward, open, and honest with unwritten rules; accepting different viewpoints and opinions; and being caring, kind and considerate.

Diversity sometimes produces poor results in the early stages of the game, but results in long-term gain, Hartman said.

Every Kind of Person, he pointed out, is not just for business people. He recommends the game for schools, community groups and synagogues.

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INDOOR ADVENTURES

By MARLA KAY
Special to The CJN

If I have to drag my daughter to another bowling party or my son to another video parlor party, I'm going to scream. There has to be another alternative to celebrating your child's birthday other than placing them in front of a machine and feeding it with quarters to keep them entertained. Happily there is.

Steve and Lorrain Powell have recently opened an adventurous and large indoor playground called My Little Town (886-8696).

"We wanted to create an environment that was condusive to children playing more creatively and constructively together, as well as having a unique setting for a birthday celebration," says Powell.

My Little Town is a creative centre that is modelled after a miniature town. It has roadways with foot pedalled cars, a movie theatre which is completely carpeted with 3-tier seating and features currently-released children's videos and movies.

The hair salon gives children the opportunity to style hair with real curlers and blow dryers or give a manicure. The grocery store has a working cash register, shelves with products, grocery carts, even a refrigerator for cold items.

There is also a book shop, music store, car garage and hospital. Each centre provides its own mode of entertainment.

"We also provide costumes of doctors, nurses, firemen and policemen to further emphasize the role playing. This playful interaction stimulates creativity and imagination," says Powell.

On the other side of town there is an athletic centre consisting of an air trampoline that resembles an English double decker bus and a large enclosed wooden structure which has a maze and three different levels of activities. At each level there is a different challenge. A fireman pole, a bridge and a slide into a ball bath.

At another location near the town is the soft play area which is fully padded and thickly carpeted. It was originally geared to 6 months to 24 month olds, but many of the older children enjoy using the soft building blocks or rolling around on the hugh physio balls.

The cafe area comes complete with a snack-bar. Adults can relax, have a coffee and watch their children. There are also highchairs, walkers and baby swings so little people don't have to get stuck in a car seat on the floor.

If you are looking for further creativity for your child other than on the weekends, My Little Town offers creative classes Monday to Friday. Mornings are devoted to Moms & Tots — arts and crafts, creative movement and Storybook Lady. In the afternoon, the same classes are offered to toddlers without their moms. There is a new class set to start called Tot French 101. If that's not enough. My Little Town is also offering aerobic classes for moms on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Babysitting is available at a small charge while mom works out.

Something that's also exciting at My Little Town is its monthly concert series. Each month it features a Canadian children's musical artist. Last month it was Judy and David. On June 5, they will have Sylvia & Sue performing and on July 18, Magic Window Production will entertain as well as teach kids about safety and streetproofing. Tickets are $7 per child or adult, kids 1 year and under are free.

For a party that is geared solely to physical activity, Chris Hanley's Kid's Super Gym (294-9484) is a total gymnastic facility that offers birthday parties, drop-in times and competitive gymnastic classes.

"The competitive gymnastics start at Parent and Tot, as soon as your child can walk," says Hanley. "Structural classes continue in different age categories until we believe they are ready for competition. We also have a handicap program which is conducted on a one to one basis."

Birthday parties at Kid's Super Gym are priced at $85 for up to 10 children and each additional child is $5. This includes one hour in the gym with full use of the equipment and an instructor who plays games with them. There is an eating area where lunch/dinner is served, possibly pizza and cake which may be ordered by the gym.

A new facility soon to be opening at the Promenade Village Shoppes is Funtastikids.

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Lingerie: Beautiful Comfort

By MARLA KAY
Special to The CJN

On her wedding day, it's important that a bride feels beautiful and comfortable in her bridal gown and the lingerie she wears beneath it.

At Lingerie Lines (787-7780), managers Ivonne and Danny Ben Tsur pride themselves on providing a perfect custom-fit for all their customers and brides-to-be.

"We pay special attention to the construction of the bra," says Ben Tsur. "The distribution of the weight is essential to provide maximum comfort and support."

Lingerie Lines carries a complete line of bras starting at size 32A to 54DD. "We offer a regular size or full figured woman the fit she needs and the comfort she desires," says Ben Tsur. "We carry a very high quality line of lingerie called Chantelle from Paris, as well as handmade bras which offer a phenomenal fit from Edith Lances in New York. We have a Canadian line called Elita, which offers panties (control top and light control), sports bras and underwire bras manufactured in 100 per cent cotton lycra."

The bridal section at Lingerie Lines offers a wonderful selection of bustiers with matching panties, merry widows and stockings. For honeymoon attire, there are two-piece gowns and robes incorporating lace, chiffon, satins and organzas. There are beautiful penoir sets, teddys with matching cover-ups from Japanese designer Natori.

At Lingerie Lines you will also find beautiful loungewear, swimwear, socks, tights, pantyhose, aerobic wear, bodysuits, leggings, nighties, pj's and even shoulder pads.

"No woman can resist lingerie that makes her feel young and desirable," says Kathryn's Lingerie (782-6632) owner Susan Klein-Sugar. "The key to the success of my boutique is the personal service we offer and the guarantee of a comfortable custom-fit."

Klein-Sugar always insists on thoroughly fitting the customer to the point where if the garment is ill-fitting, she simply won't sell it to her. This has resulted in Kathryn's achieving a reputation as one of the top five lingerie stores in Toronto.

At this extremely well-stocked lingerie boutique, one may find every make, shape or color foundation garment including bridal wear. One of Kathryn's leading manufacturer/supplier is Romantic Nights. This line specializes in European styling. Their garments are beautifully designed and marvelously constructed of the highest quality fabrics. Kathryn's always prides itself on featuring the latest in European lingerie fashions.

Mariella Ciarlo has owned Intimate Treasures (489-8492) since September 1993, but has been in the lingerie business for over 15 years. This experience has shown her how to please her clientele.

"We specialize in selected better sleepwear at affordable prices," says Ciarlo. "I try to carry a very wide range of different types of lingerie, from bodywear to basic bras and panties to everyday wear. We offer a large variety of fabrics, such as cottons, knits, satins and silks.

"Custom-fitting is a key factor of the personal service we offer," notes Ciarlo. "Our sizing ranges from 32A to 42DD and we carry petite and over-sized sleepwear and bodywear."

At Intimate Treasures they carry an extensive collection of bridal garments that will make every bride feel not only elegant but desirable as well.

Their sleepwear lines are largely Canadian-made — with some imported from the United States and Europe. They include pj's, chemises, long and short nightgowns, baby dolls and teddys, as well as matching robes in comfortable fabrics like terrycloth, satin, cotton and silk.

Outfits like those pictured here are available at most lingerie boutiques.

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Four Seasons now offers kosher catering

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

Four Seasons Hotel Toronto, (416- 964-0411), a five diamond hotel, now offers kosher catering services for weddings, bar mitzvahs, cocktail parties, conventions or dinners for 70 to 500 people.

Operated under the supervision of the Orthodox division of the Toronto Jewish Congress and approved by the Kashruth Council of Ontario, each menu is custom designed and supervised by executive chef Denis Jaricot.

Catering director Tamir Shanel is in the midst of preparing for the hotel's first kosher wedding in mid-June. He says each week a hotel kitchen is koshered, after which food that has been initially prepared by Zuchter's Catering can be brought in and cooked.

"The Jewish community has patronized us for a long time and we are very pleased that we can now offer kosher parties."

He says kosher meals are based on Four Seasons menus and everything is up to strict standards. Menus can include vegetarian, low-salt or low-fat selections, while another is a lighter, California-style menu. "We go to any length to please our customers," Shanel said.

The June wedding will include hors d'oeuvres like sweet potato spring rolls, potato and green onion crisps with kosher caviar, and beggars' purses filled with hoisen chicken. The appetizer is farfalle pasta with wild mushrooms, basil tomato concasse and toasted pine nuts, followed by a salad of organic Cookstown greens with julienned roasted bell peppers drizzled with balsamic vinaigrette and fresh chives.

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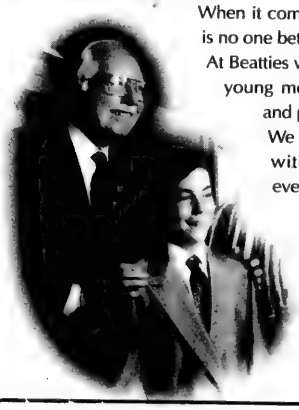

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Personal simchah invitations

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
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Linda Cerullo is getting married in October. She's booked the hall, the caterer, the DJ, and the photo grapher. And her wedding dress has been hanging in her closet for weeks.

She's made all the major decisions for the big day except one. "I'm having a dilemma about invitations," she says. "I can't make up my mind. Barbara has the most beautiful invitations. Each one is more beautiful than the next."

She's referring to Barbara Mortfield (905-738-1232), who has been in the invitation business for 26 years, working from her home while raising her four children. For many years the dining room was her office.

Although her children are grown, her business is still home-based. But now she's in a new house with a real office on the main floor.

Mortfield says she was the first in Toronto to offer discount invitations. She charges 20 per cent less than the catalogue prices and she carries invitations for every budget. She also does customized instant invitations by computer.

Mortfield can save on the cost of creating custom-look invitations from the catalogues, she says. "Everything can be customized." Her motto is "It doesn't have to be expensive. It just has to look expensive."

She says the cost is very important to many people and she checks if her customers are on a budget. "For some people it's not important to spend a lot of money. I show them something good-looking, but simpler."

American invitations are higher-priced than Canadian ones, costing up to twice as much. But Mortfield says many people prefer the American companies because they are more innovative.

She says she's been working closely with Canadian companies to help them redesign their catalogues, and some are achieving the innovative look of American invitations.

That look is currently square-shaped oversized cards. "I believe that the oversized cards look better," Mortfield says. "But they cost twice as much to mail."

And they often get crushed in the mail, she says. To combat this problem she invented ExBendables, acrylic inserts that prevent cards from being bent by the mailperson. She also supplies them to other invitation companies and printers.

Mortfield says she's been in the business so long the people whose wedding invitations she did 15 and 20 years ago are coming back for bar and bat mitzvah invitations for their children.

Invitation House, (593-0519) at 350 Adelaide St. West, in the heart of Toronto's fashion and gallery districts, is another invitation company with a long history. It was started 28 years ago as an offshoot of Kern Stationers Ltd., a commercial printing company.

Ben Kirshenbaum, the owner, saw there was an unfilled need for customized social invitations. He brought his wife, Lillian, into the business to run that division. When their daughter Terry Kirshenbaum finished her business degree she came to work for her parents.

It was supposed to be for a year. But 15 years later she's still there. "I was smitten. I loved it," she says. "They were the best people to work for." She ran Invitation House for 10 years. But for the last three years — following the death of both her parents — she's been running the entire family business.

Kirshenbaum says Invitation House is known for its customized designs. They can do everything on the premises: blind embossing, a colorless raised three-dimensional look; hot stamping foil borders or lettering; thermography, simulated engraving with raised shiny lettering; genuine copper plate engraving and calligraphy.

They can also print art work in several colors and reproduce photographs on paper. "We're happy to add on," Kirshenbaum says. But the extras cost more. They also offer a less expensive alternative — invitations from the standard catalogues.

She says the recession has had an impact on business: more people are on budgets and invitations are not as elaborate. But people are still making parties, she says. "There are always weddings and bar mitzvahs."

She recommends people send out their invitations four weeks in advance to guests in town and five weeks to those out of town. But it's better to give eight weeks' notice in the summer time, Kirshenbaum says, because people often go out of town.

Invitations set the tone of the party, she says. "People are struck when they get something very unusual."

Creating unusual invitations is the goal of designer Sharon Klinghoffer

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of Continental Expressions (905-660-0311), an offset printing company in Concord. "We try to make things as unique as possible," she says.

Continental Expressions can place orders through the standard catalogues as well as do custom design work on the premises. Along with the more traditional invitations they do faux-painting, hand painted flowers, and hand painted strips to trim the cards.

"We can make them as simple as the Canadian and as magnificent as the American catalogues, if not nicer," Klinghoffer says. "It's not necessary to go to the States. Everything's in Concord."

While it's worth the trip to Concord, many people living in the City of Toronto prefer to shop closer to home. There's a good chance they'll find exactly what they'll need at SendSations (322-5553).

This gift and stationery store, located at 2605 Yonge Street north of Eglinton, has cards and invitations for every budget. The cost of invitations varies considerably.

Company owner Elaine Anisman says traditional customized invitations can cost $1 a card if they're done simply on ecru (ivory) paper, but a single card can also be as high as $15 if there are several layers of paper or cloth such as satin or moire.

With over 100 catalogues SendSations offers customers a huge selection. They also have been given exclusive rights to a very avant-garde line of invitations from a trend-setting American company.

SendSations does computerized pen-and-ink calligraphy for addressing envelopes and customized computer invitations on in-store stationery stock. These cards can be ready in a day. They are often used for baby announcements and graduation, birthday and dinner parties.

"People shouldn't be afraid that invitations are going to be costly," says Anisman. "It's a nice way to start a party. It doesn't have to be a gigantic expense."

Sharon Benjamin, a February-bride-to-be will not spend a lot of money on invitations, because she wants her invitations to be environmentally friendly.

"I don't want 50 million sheets of paper," she says. "I want to limit [the paper] to what's necessary."

But Cerullo (the October bride) says the invitation sets the theme and the mood of the wedding. She wants something pretty with ribbons and bows. And she's willing to spend the extra money.

"If you get a really nice invitation, you're excited. You get a new dress. If the invitation is crappy you put it away in the drawer until [the wedding] comes up. I want people to think about mine."

This invitation is an example of the work available at Invitation House.

This invitation is an example of the work available at Barbara Mortfield.

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their times of joy be limitless and find them
satisfied in the closeness of family relationships
with their children Lisie, Jodie and Jeffrey.
I AM MY BELOVED'S
AND MY BELOVED IS MINE

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

Toronto artist Temmi Ungerman-Sears (785-7888) is a simchah scribe.

Whether it is hand-painted ketubbot (Jewish marriage contracts), bar/bat mitzvah dedications, birth announcements or marriage reaffirmation, Ungerman-Sears' work commemmorates the happier moments of Jewish life.

Ungerman-Sears, 33, has been making one-of-a-kind ketubbot since 1981. She discovered the Jewish folk art form while spending her third year as a York University fine arts student at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. She remembers wandering through the Mea Shearim district, tracking down the traditional materials needed for her brother's ketubah, her first.

She now works from her uptown home, surrounded by the painted Balinese cats, Turkish kilims and other art forms that inspire her.

Increasingly, that inspiration can be seen in the personalized reaffirmation of marriage documents she designs for milestone anniversaries. Husbands, wives and grown children have commissioned her to produce pieces marking a couple's 25th or 50th year together.

"People want to give a partner or parent something unique," says the self-taught artist.

"What can you buy your parents after they've been together 50 years and have everything? You can buy them lawn furniture . . . or an original, meaningful work of art."

And they are original. Clients have brought in carpet swatches, embroidery threads, woolen scarves and family photos for Ungerman-Sears to work around. She spends two hours with them pouring over history books, Judaica samples and her portfolio, helping clients choose the shape, text and colors of their document.

A glance through that same portfolio reveals richly painted, exquisitely detailed and harmoniously colored pieces that run the gamut from cir-

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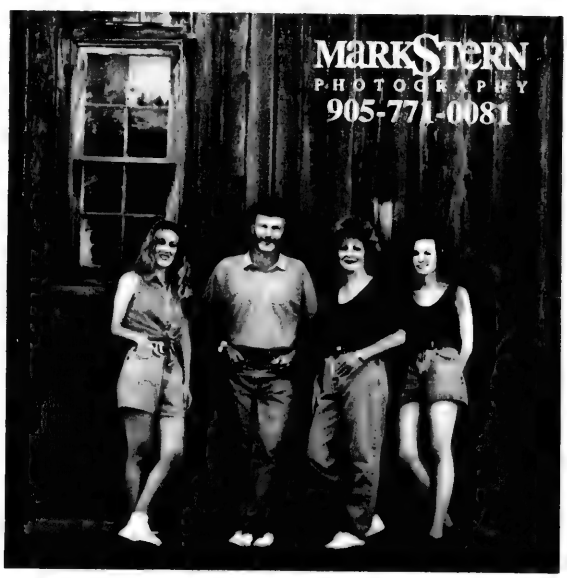

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cular to squared, traditional to modern and simple to ornate. Texts restating the marriage vows are in Hebrew, English or a combination of both. Quotes from the Song of Songs or the Book of Ruth float around the borders, as do doves, lions and other symbols chosen by the client.

Ungerman-Sears says she typically uses eight to 15 colors for each work, with gold and silver paints specially brought over from Israel adding shine. She works on poster-sized French parchament. Each document takes between 60 and 100 hours to complete, and ranges in price from $400 to $1,500 (she requires a 30 per cent deposit).

Her involvement doesn't end when the paint dries: Ungerman-Sears will help select a frame at the framing store because "that finishing touch is important."

But each of her works has its own special touches, like the marriage reaffirmation Ungerman-Sears did for her aunt and uncle, Yetta and Harry Ungerman. It was her 50th wedding anniversary gift to them.

Within the tablet frame is an original graphic of Jerusalem's Old City done in yellow, red, pink, blue and green. Beneath that is a rich purple chupah with a photograph of the newlyweds underneath. The English text wishes that their lives "continue to be intertwined in love, respect and tenderness."

These sentiments appear in another reaffirmation, this one to commemmorate 25 years of marriage for Carole and Harold Wolfe. Carole Wolfe commissioned the work — a geometric design with intricate floral patterns and an Islamic flavor — as an anniversary present for her husband.

The black, green, red and pink colors were chosen to coordinate with the family home, and the English text chosen to include the names of the couple's children:

"May their times of joy be limitless and find them satisfied in the closeness of family relationships with their children, Lisie, Jodie and Jeffrey."

A restatement of the couples' marriage vows is a big part of the reaffirmation document. Ungerman-Sears was commissioned to do her first reaffirmation for Bess and Philip Godfrey by their son, former Metro Chairman Paul Godfrey. Framed within two arches, the text reads:

REAFFIRMATION OF MARRIAGE
חדוש קדושין
On the 27th day of June, 1991
corresponding to the Hebrew date Tammuz 15, 5751
YETTA AND HARRY UNGERMAN
have reaffirmed this day their commitment to the covenant of marriage. May their lives continue to be intertwined in love, respect and tenderness. May they be united in faith and hope and be a support for one another in days of trouble. May their times of joy be limitless and find them satisfied in the closeness of family relationships.
This day they pledged themselves anew in the words from the Song of Songs
אני לדודי ודודי לי
I am my beloveds and my beloved is mine

"Please remain my wife in the community of Israel. I will continue to honor and respect you, living with you as your husband. . .To this the wife consented." The Godfrey children witnessed the document. An identical document was commissioned for the 50th wedding anniversary of Paul Godfrey's in-laws.

Ungerman-Sears, who also is a private art psychotherapist, works as a yoga instructor at the Jewish Community Centre downtown, and has a fourth career mothering 17-month-old Jeremy and the child she is expecting in July, says there is a two- to three-month waiting period for her work "but you know an anniversary is coming up six months in advance."

Toronto artist Temmi Ungerman-Sears (top left) proudly exhibits some of her one-of-a-kind works of art.

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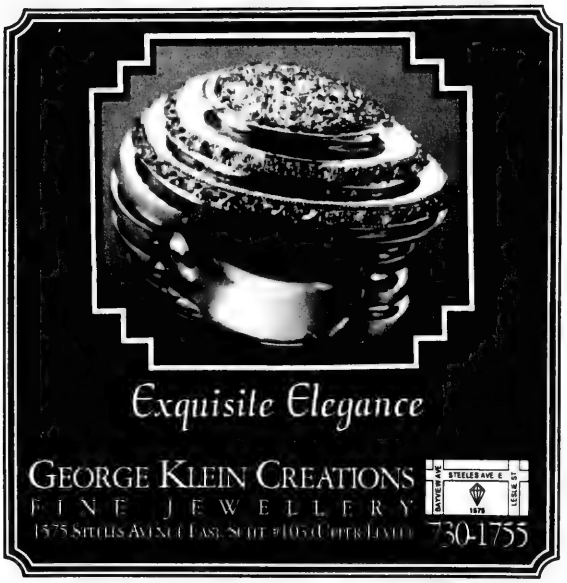

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Beautiful Bridal Attire

By MARLA KAY
Special to The CJN

The bridal season is once again upon us and this year's brides, like all other brides, want to be beautiful and elegant.

"This year's brides are seeking a softer more natural look for their wedding gown," says Ines DiSanto, owner and designer of Chez Moi Bridal Boutique (856-9115). "The lines are of a more delicate and intricate nature. The pluses of the body are emphasized and the negatives are hidden."

The biggest fashion statement this year is the empire look from Europe. The cut of the dress is a bustline look with a very fitted waist and long flowing skirt. The fabric emphasis is on chiffons, organza and silk. Colors such as mint and pale pinks have also been incorporated.

"I am still getting numerous requests for beading," states DiSanto. "I design the dress with more pearls and smaller beads for a lighter look. Even headpieces are quested to have less heavy crystals and beads and to incorporate more flowers. Simpler less elaborate is becoming the look that brides want. The gown colors are evolving away from the starch white to more creamy, ivory or pearl white."

For the mothers of the bride, a simpler look without heavy beading is more fashionable this season. They want the emphasis to centre on the person in the dress, not just on the dress.

Bridesmaids seem to have one common complaint. "I'll never wear this dress again." This year DiSanto has suggested colors and designs that wil suit each individual figure in colors that will coordinate with the bridal party but can also be worn on other occasions.

Edith's Fashions (633-4222), specializes in fine quality evening and daytime wear, wedding apparel, shabbat and yom tov outfits and clothing for your bar/bat mitzvah.

Edith's carries both Canadian and European designs and offers choices of quality clothing to suit any taste. Edith personally travels to New York and Europe four times per year to keep up to date with latest styles, colors, shapes and sillhouettes.

Milliner Gail Osaduke has designed countless hats and does most of Edith's important hats for weddings or shul. Each is totally unique so that you will never see your hat on another woman.

Whether purchasing a special outfit from Edith's or accessorizing one of your own favorites, your hat is designed especially for you in colors and fabrics to compliment your ensemble. All millinery work is hand crafted and will require two to three weeks to complete, although when possible, Gail will try to accommodate rush orders.

Dress available at Big, Bold & Beautiful Boutique.

Gail is an independent milliner who studied with Ellen Peterson. She understands the sculptured elements of hats and the way they should fit. "Trends are moving towards simple silluouettes but creative use of fabric, i.e pleating and draping," says Osaduke. "In custom headpieces, we're seeing the same thing. Fabric forms the focal point of the headpiece and beading is more of an accent. Tiaras are still popular but many brides favor the softer look of fabric."

"We believe the best customer service is achieved when everything is done on the premises," Edith says. "Our friendly, knowledgeable staff will assist you in selecting the perfect fit, and our first class designers and seamstresses ensure that every outfit or gown looks and feels as though it were custom made for you. Nothing is ever sent out. From the tiniest flower girl to that special grandmother, there really is no need to look any further."

"Soft, pretty and feminine tend to take over this season in bridal wear for the larger bride," says Big, Bold & Beautiful Boutique owner Jackqueline Hope. "Delicate details, a trim of French lace, a border of seed pearls around the neck and sleeves, lily appliques and dresses in candlelight brocade with a little or no train, seem to be the favorite requests. Only for the very elaborate wedding does the large-size bride choose a heavily beaded and sequined gown."

Square, scooped or sweetheart necklines are popular for the plus-sized bride. Many brides prefer off-the-shoulder wedding gowns. The open neckline adds a very soft, beautiful look to the bride, framing her face. For the spring/summer bride, this is the best option. A closed neckline or a high neckline tends to make the bride's face and bustline look much bigger.

The sleeves on a wedding dress for the larger bride should be in proportion to the rest of her body. If the bride has bigger hips, the sleeve should be fuller and puffier to balance her hips. If the plus-size bride is smaller in the hips with a bigger bust, the sleeve should be less puffy and fuller to de-emphasize the hip area.

A dropped waist or a V-waistline is suggested and can be very complimentary on a larger bride. If her tummy is bigger, a dropped waist should not be used, but a V-waist would be the best choice.

A crinoline is really a personal choice for the bride. At times the bride feels the crinoline makes her look larger and that it merely adds bulk. At other times a crinoline could virtually balance a bigger bust and make her waist look smaller.

"Many brides at Big, Bold & Beautiful," says Hope, "choose a wedding dress that they can use again after the wedding. The choices abound. Any dress in a brocade fabric dyes up beautifully to be used for after-the-wedding purposes. A cocktail dress in satin-back crepe in white or ivory is an excellent choice for second time brides.

"We suggest fresh flowers in the hair, a simple but elegant headpiece which compliments the bride's dress, keeping the style of the headpiece with the simplicity of the gown."

Dress available at Chez Moi Bridal Boutique.

Other companies that supply bridal and party fashions are:
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Shoes available Peter Fox Shoes.

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

If the shoe fits comfortably — wear it.

That's Jack Herman's advice for brides-to-be choosing wedding shoes. Herman, the owner of Shoe Mart (597-9252), a discount shoe store at 197 Spadina Ave., has been in the shoe business for 23 years.

"If (brides) are going to be on their feet for a long time comfort is more important than looks," he says. He recommends brides avoid very high heels and choose lower heeled pumps.

Herman carries eight different styles of satin shoes, which come in all widths, including D-width. Many women have told him the shoes are very comfortable, he says. "I'm even dying a pair for my 83-year-old mother to wear at my son's wedding."

Herman specializes in dying satin shoes. With 510 colors to choose from, he says he can match any shade. He sells satin handbags and glue-on appliques and ornaments which can also be dyed.

The satin shoes cost between $35 and $40 a pair and there is a $6 charge for dying them. Herman carries an old-fashioned looking lace boot for $69, but it is not nearly as popular as the traditional satin pumps.

Brides-to-be looking for traditional wedding shoes will not find them at Peter Fox Shoes (960-5572) in the Manulife Centre, which specializes in period shoes.

"It's a romantic look," says Betty Lamanna, co-owner of the store. The 18th-century-court slipper, a satin shoe with bows and hourglass shaped heels, as well as the front lace-up mid-calf boots in peau de soi are popular with brides, she says.

Brides tend to prefer the soft look of cloth shoes because they go better with a gown than leather, Lamanna says. "When you put a leather shoe beside a soft silk gown it looks too hard."

She says Peter Fox shoes, specially designed for comfort, are worn by many women in period theatre productions like Show Boat and Phantom of the Opera.

But this comfort doesn't come cheap. Shoes cost at least $300 and boots start at $550.

Shoes may not show under a wedding gown but they can affect how a bride walks and feels, Lamanna says. "If your feet hurt on your wedding day it will show on your face."

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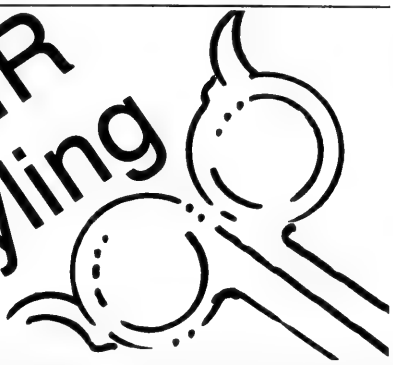

Hair styling professionals like Marc Leoni of Leoni Hair Design (905-886-8073) and John Di Bratto of John Di Bratto Hair Design (222-4247) are at your service to create that special "up-do" or soft, loose style to help put the finishing touch on any special occasion.

Having been in the industry, both as stylists and as an independent salon owners for a combination of 20 years, these professionals offer some dos and don'ts to help you choose hairstyles and colors that work.

"First, always take into account your own tastes. Even if up-dos are all the rage for partywear, don't feel like you're stuck with this look. We can create soft permed styles and loose styles that may be more flattering to you," says Leoni.

"Before choosing a style, always look at the shape of your face, your hair color and texture, as well as the type of outfit and neckline you'll be wearing. Most importantly, you must be sure to condition your hair properly so that the color, texure and style work well."

Di Bratto, whose salon is located at the south-east corner of Yonge and Steeles, and who specializes in hair color and styles for weddings and special events offers this advice: "No matter what's in for spring this year, choose something that will make you feel comfortable throughout the evening.

"Make sure that it's a style that won't make you feel self-conscious but rather something that complements your own personal style. And most importantly, choose a look that is somewhat classic, especially as a bride, because you'll want to enjoy looking back on your wedding pictures in the years to come."

While some top fashion magazines say that white blonde and short, layered bobs are in for spring, both stylists warn their clients not to fall prey to fashion dictates. For most people, classic styles and natural shades — rich browns, auburns and several shades of foil highlighting — and are most complementary. Also, look for movement in hair rather than curl, and natural, healthy colors that don't look artificial.

"In my salon, I do all the color myself and always add at least two or three different shades for a more textured and a more natural look," says Leoni, whose partner and brother, Bruno Leoni, and sister, Mary Marsico, assist him in running the business located on Steeles in Thornhill. Leoni Hair Design also offers manicures, electrolysis, facials, waxing and more in the 1,000 square foot salon.

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"My motto is 'Bringing art to your table," Dodick says.

Inside the bright blue storefront, hand stencilled walls help support shelves bearing Dodick's unique works. Platters and plates run between $30 and $90, depending on the complexity of the pattern.

Dodick, 32, is self-taught. Floral, animal and geometric designs are executed in bold colors or pastels, but Dodick's flair is most evident in her portraits and still lifes.

A Santa Fe palette is used for flower pots (12.95), while candlesticks, picture frames and assorted tchatchkes come in every color of the rainbow. Decorated vegetable trays and pitchers ($50 to $65) are perfect for summer barbeques.

Dodick, who has been at her present location for under two months, is expanding her line of 250 objects with menorahs and seder plates (both are $90).

"I can't keep enough Judaica in stock," Dodick says.

Diane Brown (905-889-8517) came up with her idea for a "simchah sack" after attending a family wedding in Baltimore.

That was when she saw, for the first time, the richly detailed satin sack containing a light bulb for the groom to smash. The wedding couple keeps the sack as a souvenir.

Brown, 46, experimented with different fabrics before settling on beaded and embroidered cream silk shantung she uses now. The sacks, embellished with seed pearls and cream satin ribbons, sell for $25. A foam core prevents the broken glass from poking through the fabric.

Brown, who says she honed her skills teaching arts and crafts to preschoolers at the JCC Valley, checked with Rabbi Stephen Saltzman at Adath Israel to make sure the chandelier bulb inside the simchah sack was okay to use.

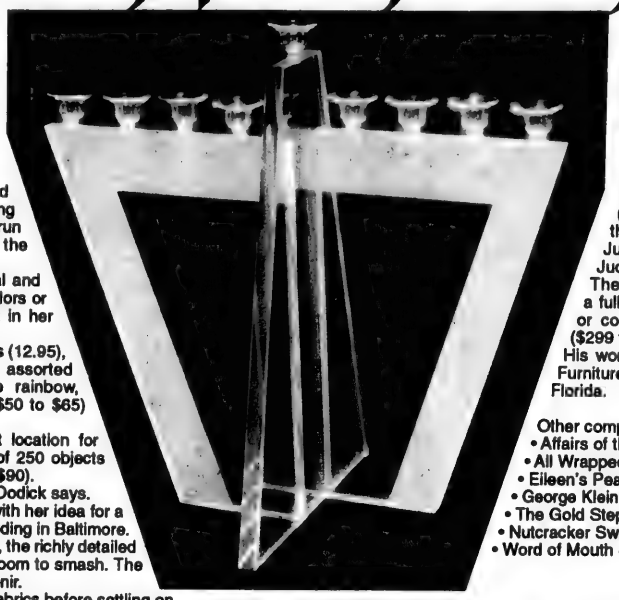
"He told me, 'That's all we do anyway,'" Brown says.

Brown also makes a linen napkin embroidered with the wedding couple's initials to use for the first dance ($20), and is thinking of creating another sack to hold the cuttings from baby's first hair cut.

Judd Shemesh (905-764-73367) makes dazzling glass Judaica.

The Iraqi-born Shemesh, 53, turned his former hobby into a full-time vocation last year when he began making clear or colored glass candlesticks ($249 to $499). menorahs ($299 to $499) and colored mezzuzot ($89.95 to $99.95).

His work can be found at Toronto stores: Bronson's, Cantu Furniture and Interiors, Israel's and Matana Judaica; and in Florida.



Judd Shemesh makes dazzling glass Judaica like the elegant menorah pictured above.

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This is a common misconception. Even if your party is small in numbers, there still must be some type of musical background to ensure the mood of the party is festive.

Rhonda Silver (282-5860) has been involved in the music industry for over 10 years as a songwriter and composer as well as an entertainer.

Rhonda Silver

Her past musical career highlights have included an appearance on the *Tonight Show* with Johnny Carson, and as a regular on the CBC-TV series *Music Hop* hosted by Alex Trebek of *Jeopardy*. She has charted several major hits, including Neil Sedaka's *One more Mountain to Climb* with Dr. Music and singer-songwriter Brenda Russell. She sang backup on Bob Seger's classic *Night Moves*. She has appeared as a regular on the *Thicke of the Night* show with Alan Thicke. Signed to A&M Records, Rhonda and Mike Degazio were nominated for a Juno award as Canadian Country Duo of the Year.

She has augmented her very busy musical career by performing at smaller simchahs and providing guests with a vast musical repertoire.

"It's very economical to use someone such as myself at a smaller gathering," says Silver. "I take up much less needed space and with the use of my keyboard synthesizer, I can produce music that sounds like a full band without all the equipment and amplifiers.

"When I'm booked for a function, I usually meet with the client and check over the location of the party so that I can assess the best position for myself. I certainly don't want to be too conspicuous or obstructive. I want to add excitement and ambience to an occasion, not detract from it. I will also discuss the type of music that the client feels would be appropriate for their guests and of course I always take requests."

Rhonda Silver likes to be referred to as "a one woman band;" she is enjoying much success in this new extension of her career and says that the overwhelming response she has received to her small ads in *The CJN* have been fantastic.

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While Sandford and partner Tony Bennett bought the business only a year ago, sales have been great; they anticipate that the next six months — May to December — will be hopping. Having come from the upscale restaurant linen supply business, both partners have a lot of experience in the industry. And they believe that offering upscale linens for one-time special events — birthday parties, weddings, bar mitzvahs, confirmation parties — is the way to go.

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Their cloths and covers are manufactured in Toronto and more recently in the Orient as well. And their rentals are available across Canada as well as in the United States. In fact, it was one of their New York clients who named the "Opera Covers" because they reminded him of an opera's elegance. Another American client recently asked them to do a Sephardi Wedding for 1,000 people at New York's Waldorf Astoria.

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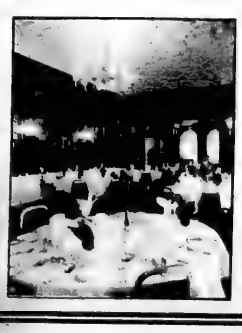

The man behind the beak

By MARLA KAY
Special to The CJN

As a party consultant, I'm often called upon to come up with a theme to incorporate into the celebration of a bar/bat mitzvah. The overall favorite has been sports, in particular baseball — featuring the Toronto Blue Jays.

Depending on the requests made by the family, I develop baseball into the invitations, room decor, speeches and candlelighting ceremonies.

For every bar/bat mitzvah, I try to suggest something that will add a little more excitement to the celebration. It could be indoor fireworks or a laser light show. When it's a baseball-theme party, there is nothing more exciting than the appearance of the one and only B. J. Birdy, the official mascot of the Toronto Blue Jays baseball team.

In 1979 B. J. Birdy was created by and has only ever been performed and owned by Kevin Shanahan. "Right from the time of the inception of the character, B. J. Birdy has always been involved in the bar/bat mitzvah circuit," says Shanahan. "Although, there was one occasion at a Jewish wedding, the groom had accidentally injured himself and was in a body cast. B. J. Birdy was hired to perform the first dance with the bride."

The appearance of B. J. Birdy at a party usually begins with an announcement of a special visitor to the bar/bat mitzvah and would they please come to the centre of the dance floor. The theme song *Okay Blue Jays, Let's Play Ball* is played and the guests begin to sing and clap and then B. J. Birdy bursts into the room and gets everybody psyched up and excited.

Bar mitzvah boy Michael is pictured here with consultant Marla Kay enjoying a funny moment with BJ Birdie.

"The most common reaction I get is shock and dumbfoundedness from the bar/bat mitzvah child," states Shanahan. "This turns into sheer joy once they realize what's happening."

What really gets your guests excited is when B. J. Birdy shouts to the band and to everyone, "Let's Horah." Once the horah begins, B. J. Birdy encourages people to lift him and the bar/bat mitzvah onto chairs. This is great fun for everyone and looks fabulous on your video and in your pictures. Once the excitement peaks, B. J. Birdy exits the room and will pose for pictures with the bar/bat mitzvah and their family or with their friends.

"I've never had to actually seek out appearance dates for the Bird," says Shanahan. "Word of mouth is my greatest form of advertising, and of course, party consultants help too."

B. J. Birdy's usual appearance time is 20-30 minutes and costs $300 plus G.S.T.

It is important to note that Shanahan is the performer, creator and sole owner of the B. J. Birdy and there can be no substitutes or similarities.

PARTY'S HERE !

Videographers...

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

Between the three of them, they have attended over 800 weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs, birthday and anniversary parties. Popular guys they may be, but Greg Henderson, Randy Maxwell and Abe Salzman usually don't have to bring a gift. They're the videographers.

Henderson, 25, is the owner of Video Magic (975-1528). His clientele is made up mostly of corporations like Nestle, Sears and Hiram Walkers, who hire him and his team of four cameramen/editors to produce training videos. But Henderson has attended his share of simchahs, too, in the two and a half years since he began Video Magic.

Some of those simchahs have been weddings, for which Henderson has a comprehensive package starting at $995. Two cameramen are on hand to tape the photo shoot, the wedding ceremony and the reception. Special music, photos and effects chosen by the client are added later: Henderson invites clients to come to his studio in midtown Toronto to watch a rough edit and stay for a bite to eat. He can produce the final product in five to six weeks.

Clients choose between a 2½-hour wedding video or a 45-minute highlight version. "You fall asleep watching two and a half hours — two and a half hours is a feature film," Henderson says. A shorter video doesn't include the entire wedding ceremony, "but I guarantee you, in 90 per cent of the cases, that part of the video is fast forwarded anyway." He says clients can go to the raw footage included with the shorter video if they want to see the chupah again. Henderson is taking bookings for the summer.

Maxwell of All Event Video (254-9999) in Thornhill doesn't go the short route. But with four cameramen, three tape editors and other assistants, Maxwell can finish a full-length wedding or bar mitzvah video in one week. "I can even do it in 24 hours for relatives going back the next day to Israel and the like," he says.

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Maxwell, 40, says in the 12 years he has been capturing simchahs on film video taping has grown in popularity. He says it is a cost-effective way of preserving the

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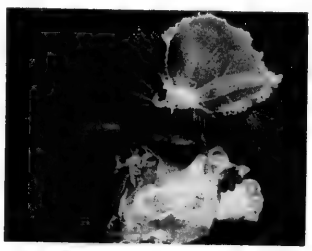
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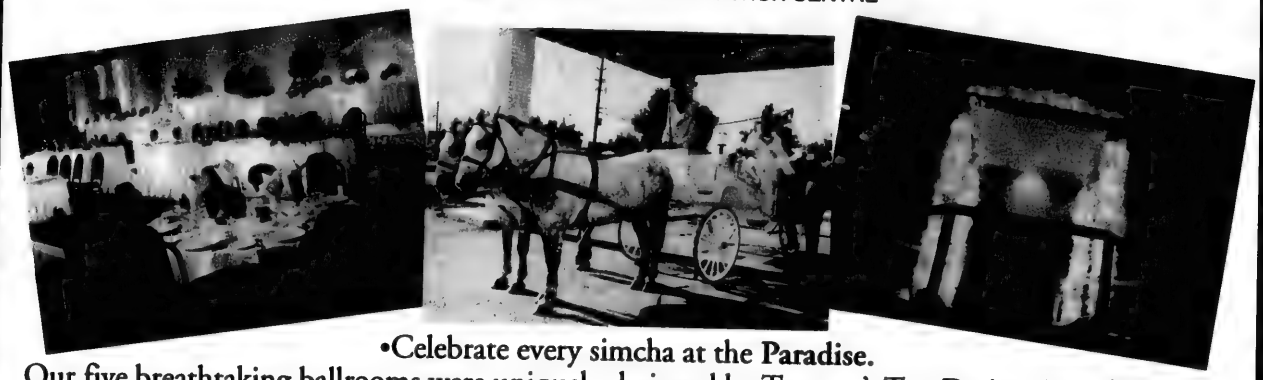

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"Rockin' On" to the varied tunes of a DJ

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

At a recent trade-show of party services, two women planning bar and bat mitzvahs came to see the displays. They hadn't chosen the dates of their simchahs nor the party themes. But they were very certain about the music.

They're both planning to book Corey Mandell.

"My son wants Corey Mandell. He's the king. They [the kids] all want him," said the woman making the bar mitzvah. Her friend, who is planning a bat mitzvah, nodded her head in agreement. "My daughter wants him too."

Mandell, 24, has been a DJ for seven years. He owns Mandell Entertainment Group (905-886-4000) — a DJ company which employs 35 part-time DJs and dancers and three full-time staff.

The company also does party planning, providing decor — balloons centre pieces and flowers — for simchas and corporate functions.

Renee Birnbaum, the theme party coordinator, had been an independent party decorator. But she teamed up with Mandell two and a half years ago and has set up shop at his Richmond Hill headquarters.

About 65 per cent of Mandell's business comes from weddings, bar or bat mitzvahs, 20 per cent from high school dances sponsored by the *Toronto Sun*, and 15 per cent from corporate functions and sweet sixteens.

During the busy season — spring and fall — the company averages 80 to 100 parties a month. Mandell says he does more bar mitzvahs than any other DJ and he is often booked a year in advance. His more popular DJs are also in high demand.

Mandell credits his company's popularity to the fact that he and his DJs put on a show. "Our DJs put entertainment first," he says.

In his element — Corey Mandell is pictured here with the equipment he uses to motivate even the shyest dancer. (Photography by Mark Stern Photography)

He sends two DJs to every party. One takes care of the music and lighting, while the other one interacts with the crowd. They may organize activities like line dancing and they are sometimes accompanied by dancers who help get the crowd onto the dance floor.

Mandell also offers technical entertainment. Karoake, video and laser shows and pyrotechnics (indoor fireworks) are some of the technical options that can be added to the basic $495 package. The DJs' fee vary according to their individual popularity.

Mandell says DJ work doesn't feel like a job. "It's more of a fun experience. Where can you get a full-time job going to parties?".

The DJ sits down with the hosts before the party to choose the music and theme songs. They carry a wide range of music from international to today's hottest hits.

Mandell says he can gauge if a party is going well by the number of people dancing. "When the adults and kids are enjoying the music equally and you have a packed dance floor you know you're doing something right."

Danny Pollak (905-731-7585), the leader of the Select Band, and a DJ, also judges the success of a party by the dancing. "When the dance floor is packed I can tell people are enjoying themselves. I can see it in their faces," he says.

Pollak, 41, has been in the music business for 29 years. Before emigrating to Canada in 1980 he was a well-known musician in Israel and one of the first Israeli DJs for weddings and bar mitzvahs.

He says many Israelis switched from using bands to DJs because it was more cost effective. And it's the same in Canada. "For the price of two musicians you can have the whole affair," Pollak says.

But he cautions against skimping on the cost of the DJ. "The lowest price may not be the best value if you're looking for quality," he says. He warns that DJs charging very little for their services may not know their music nor use good equipment. Pollak charges between $450 and $550 a night.

He says his versatility as a musician gives him an edge as a DJ — he's familiar with a wide range of music and he knows what to play to set the mood for a party.

He consults with the hosts about their choice of music before a simchah. He also has a video of himself so potential clients can see a sample of what he does.

While Pollak caters to the over-thirty crowd he has music to suit every taste. With 900 tapes in 13 languages he carries everything from the Latin classics for tangos and lambadas, to today's top hits.

He prides himself on his collection of Israeli and Jewish music . "I can do a whole Orthodox simchah with tapes. No one else [in Toronto] does it," he says.

He advises people to choose their DJs and musicians carefully, because music makes the affair. "If the food's not good people will eat it or they won't," he says. "But if the music's not good they won't stay. It's the music that keeps them there."

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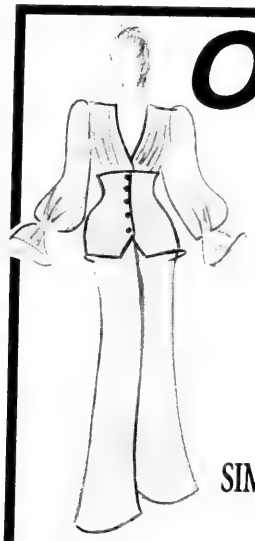

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Planning parties for the curious children

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

Since I am neither a parent nor a child, I was somewhat at a loss when my editor handed me a copy of *Einstein's* Science Parties: Easy Parties for Curious Kids.

"Review this," she said.

I took the slim, soft-cover book ($14.95) home and quickly realized that *Einstein's Science Parties* goes where no other children's entertainment manual has gone before.

First of all, the idea. Authors Shar Levine and Allison Grafton of Vancouver propose an end to the tyranny of Chuck E. Cheese birthday parties and designer loot bags. "Why hire a clown?" they ask. "Throw a science party instead."

Why not indeed. With *Einstein's Science Parties* as a guide, one can put together fun, economical and educational parties at home with little fuss. It is also useful for teachers and youth group leaders.

The book outlines 14 themed parties for kids aged 4 to 12. Each party comes with a complete script, invitations to photocopy and recommendations for dress-up or mess-up clothing. All of the parties are between one and 1½ hours.

The 100-page book also has advice on food, photos and stage fright. "Being an entertainer for children isn't that hard," coax the authors. "It's like being with a strange dog: don't show fear."

The rest of the book is equally straightforward. Grafton and Levine walk you through the set-up and clean-up for each party, making it very clear that parties like Slime Time, with its homemade silly putty, and the papier mache of Color Your World are best taken outdoors.

They also include checklists for each party. Some of the ingredients are bizarre, like the laxatives needed to make "vampire blood" in the Mad Scientists party or the glycerin used in a number of experiments.

Others are potentially harmful, like the nail polish dripped onto plastic insects in Fossils and Dinos. While Levine and Grafton are careful to remind everyone to wash their hands before eating, adults should make extra sure that only the prepared food gets ingested.

Not all the party themes appealed to me. I thought an I Spy afternoon would be a little boring and the Bubble Blast potentially frustrating: the authors' special trick for blowing soap bubbles against a table seems an exercise in futility.

I decided to run the parties by my 7-year-old brother Jeffrey for the kid view.

Jeffrey, a Grade 1 student at Bialik Hebrew Day School, only liked two of the 14 ideas: Fossils and Dinos, where kids create their own prehistoric artifacts; and Lemon Aide, in which the citrus fruit is used to clean pennies, write invisible messages and light a flashlight bulb as part of a crude battery.

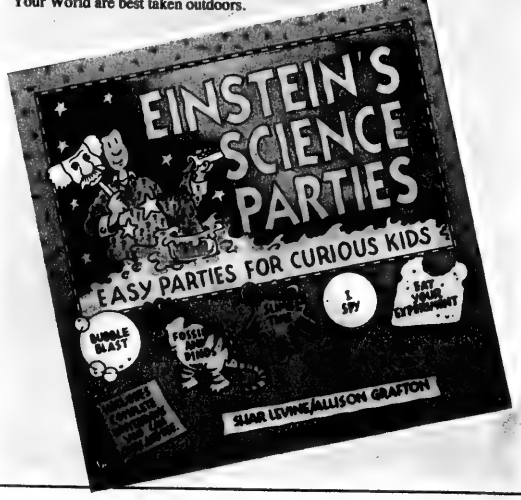
He turned his nose up at the Mad Scientists ("not my style," he explained) and had no desire to make candles in Eau d'Odor, since he did that on a long-ago trip to the Riverdale Zoo.

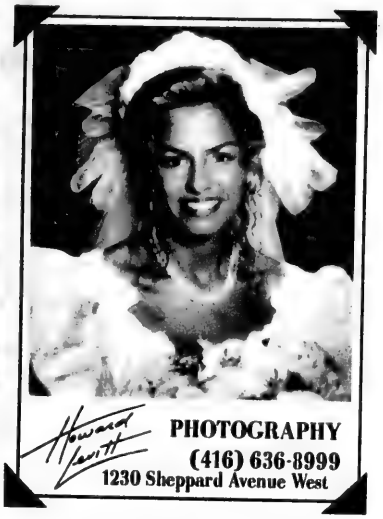
That was Jeffrey. My 8-year-old cousin Stephen weighed in with a completely different opinion on which parties were cool. "Slime Time sounds good," he told me.

Stephen, in Grade 3 at Bialik, also liked the sound of the sleepover party Science at Night and the Mad Scientists.

What he didn't like, nor did Jeffrey, was the thought of eating green scrambled eggs, purple milk and orange bread as part of Eat Your Experiments. They thought it was disgusting. I concurred.

Einstein's Science Parties is a well thought out book whose time has come. Innovative and educational, the parties will entrance children with the "magic" of the simple science experiments. Maybe it's hoping for too much, but someday even purple milk could beat out a man in a giant mouse costume.





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event at a time when affairs are becoming simpler.

"People are going away from bands, guests lists have shrunk, centrepieces are disappearing, as are elaborate invitations. And after the party's over, all you've got left are the pictures and the videos."

Maxwell offers bar and bat mitzvah video pacakges starting at $449, and wedding packages beginning at $800. He is booked through the summer.

Lip-synching

Others don't need much advance notice. "You can call me the night before," jokes Salzman of Video Affairs (905-889-0909). The Thornhill-based Salzman can produce a simchah video in three weeks, with prices ranging from $995 to $1,500.

But Salzman also offers a unique product: a rock video staring the bride and groom, or the bat mitzvah girl. For $400, Salzman will take clients on location and capture them lip-synching and mugging for the camera.

That's what he did last year for a couple in their early 20s, who bounced around singing *You're The One That I Want* (from the musical *Grease*); the six-minute video was later played at their wedding. The entire family of one bar mitzvah boy got into the act for his video, singing along to *Hang On To What We've Got* by Frankie Valli, as well as to another *Grease* favorite, *We Go Together*.

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Advice from party experts

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

Party consultants Marla Kay and Nina Linder Wilder make their living running around like chickens with their heads cut off.

Party planners take care of the niggly details involved in each simchah so the party givers can enjoy themselves like any other guest.

"You need somebody to look after everything," said Kay (905-882-2042), who has been a party planner for 12 years.

Marla Kay

"If there's no consultant, the hostess or bride is running around like a chicken without a head, instead of enjoying the simchah."

And the details can be niggly. Linder (483-6807), 31, has been planning mostly weddings for the past four years. She rattles off the contents of her emergency kit.

"Buttons, Static Guard, Rolaids, Aspirin, extra panty hose, curlers, hairspray, safety pins, nail clippers, cotton balls, scissors and a cassette of marching music, in case God forbid something should happen to the person hired to play."

Linder offers two levels of service. For $700 she will help plan the whole affair, or for $450 she will concentrate on just the wedding and rehearsal. She says the abbreviated package was the popular choice for the eight couples she helped last year.

Kay, 38, offers nothing less than 24-hour service for a $750 flat rate. "When I take a simchah on, it's like my own."

Of the 38 parties Kay planned in 1993, 60 per cent were weddings, with bar and bat mitzvah celebrations making up the difference.

She goes to the last fitting of the bridal dress to prevent last-minute difficulties like buttons that won't stay buttoned, or improperly tied bustles. She also helps write speeches, mounting the typed notes on cue cards for the emcee and others.

Nina Linder

Kay has worked with all segments of the Jewish community — Reform to Orthodox, Ashkenazi and Sephardi — and planned parties for 20 guests or 900.

Linder has seen weddings grow smaller over the past four years. She says celebrants are moving away from the large synagogues towards smaller venues like estate homes or private clubs.

She has also helped organize some novel weddings, including one last year that featured an Elvis impersonator as a surprise gift from the bride to her husband. The look-alike played three songs, and Linder says everyone was on their feet dancing, clapping and singing along.

"Of course everyone wants to do something different," she says, "but it's the people that make the party."

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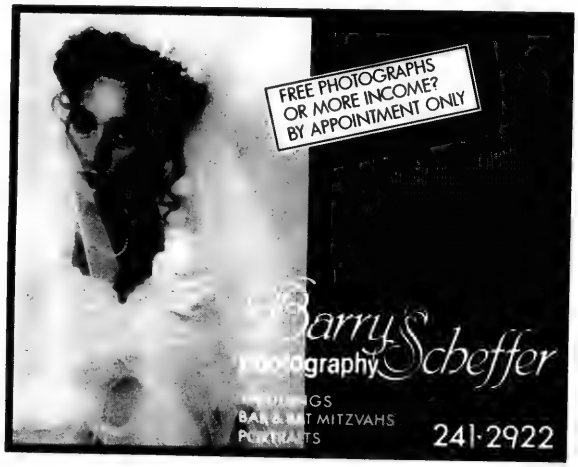

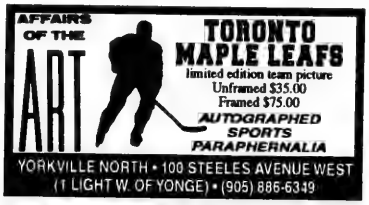
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Yard Birds chirp the happy news

By MARLA KAY
Special to The CJN

You are celebrating a very special event or milestone in your life and you feel like shouting the news to the entire neighborhood.

Sharna and Ira Florence have replaced the shouting and created 8-foot-high message characters called Yard Birds (905-669-7617).

"It's funny how the birth of a newborn baby can also act as the inspiration for the birth of a new line of 8-foot-tall front yard storks," says Florence. "Halli, our first born, was just that spark in November of 1992."

Sharna and Ira, both graduates of a design and marketing college where they met, decided to use their talents to produce Baby Announcer storks each with its own personality. Hence the birth of Yard Birds.

Today, you can choose from their delightful Baby Announcer creations — delivery storks which are available in pink or blue: a very feminine Ballerina stork or a sporty Baseball stork; a graceful Figure Skater or, for winter deliveries, a Hockey Player.

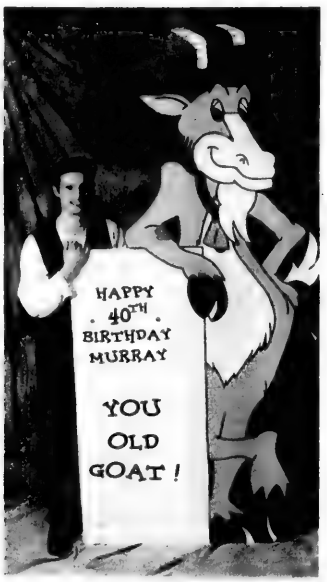
Each stork comes carrying a Birth Announcement Sack that the parents get to keep, telling all passersby, the baby's name, birthweight and birthdate. It's great for hanging in the new baby's room.

Sharna Florence reports that about 80 per cent of the renters are husbands surprising their wives with a special thank you on their arrival at home from the hospital. The others are either grandparents, family or friends. Most rentals have been for three to five days, but one new mother was so pleased with her Ballerina stork that she paid to have it remain for a full three weeks. The parents of triplets ordered three storks — one for each of their three girls.

Ira Florence, who does most of the installations dressed specially in the distinctive Yard Birds' vest and hat, says that customers usually comment, "I had no idea these storks were so big, they sure do attract a lot of attention.

Babies are not the only ones deserving of attention. Yard Birds have added a new line of Party Characters to help their customers celebrate birthdays and anniversaries.

You can now choose from these whimsical, eight-foot-tall Party Characters: An Old Goat — a handsome fellow proclaiming "Happy Birthday y'old goat!" A Very "Ladylike" Cow — asking "Holy cow, you're how old?" A Crocodile — jumping out of the bullrushes, great for a Surprise Party. A Roller Blading Bird — very sweet for a little girl's party. A Roller Dinosaur — very cool/hip character for a little guy's party, and a Champagne Bottle — complete with fluted glass. Each comes carrying a congratulatory sign (the honoree gets to keep this) announcing their special occasion to all passersby.



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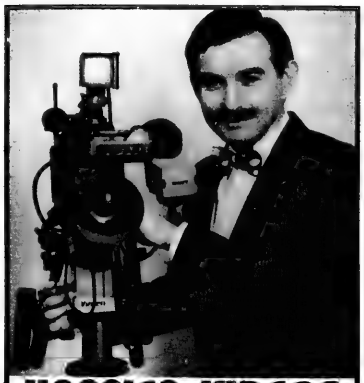

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Beautiful blossoms enhance any simchah

By SYLVIA PAPERNICK
Special to The CJN

Spring has sprung, and with it have come the beautiful blossoms and foliage of the season. The beauty of flowers can do much to enhance the atmosphere at a party.

Florists are an integral part of any function. They are the artist who sets the scene and can add the right touch to transform a hall into a garden of elegance and natural beauty.

Bruce Philpott Statements in Flowers (968-7052) is well known for exquisite, delicate work. Owner Bruce Philpott has worked in the flower industry for 40 years. He not only knows flowers, he understands them.

"My feeling with flowers," he says, "is to take them as they are and not distort them. I think flowers should speak for themselves, they should not be tortured or distressed." For example putting flowers into a line arrangement forces them to go in a direction that perhaps they're not accustomed to.

Philpott has provided the floral arrangements for the Juno awards for the last 10 years. He works with many different materials like colorful foils, tissues and lights to create different effects. His centrepieces are always different and he doesn't limit them to flowers. Artichokes and green grapes have been used together to create a fresh, perky look.

His use of arrangements is not limiting either. After a decorated chupah has served its purpose in the ceremony, he may move it and use it over a sweet table. Philpott uses silk flowers when budget restrictions require it, as is sometimes the case with fundraising functions. He believes though that you can always have flowers in season that work for you — flowers like tulips, lilies, freesias. The bottom line according to Philpott, is that flowers should be "natural in feeling, natural in look, natural in flowers."

Frank Rea, owner of Forget Me Not Flower Shop (905-845-8996) in Oakville is always able to get an abundance of fresh flowers. He gets a lot of his supplies from the Niagara Peninsula where they're locally grown, cost him less and are very fresh. Some of the flower growers from that region don't even sell their produce in Toronto.

Rea has worked in the industry for 14 years. His work as a flower arranger has appeared in *Canadian Living* magazine and in books. He is a four-time winner in the Ontario regional table fashions competition.

Forget Me Not Flower Shop provided flowers for the economic summit as well as for many royal visits. There have also been times when Rea was asked to come up with something different, such as the party where he lined a window of a restaurant with neon pink legs, each with ginger shooting from them.

Lately he is using a lot of wrought iron, especially in candelabras. When he does use candles, he explains he "likes to use an oil candle so it doesn't drip, and stays the same length throughout the evening." He once created a centrepiece by floating a lily in bowl with a candle underneath; it lit up the whole table. He generally only likes to work with silk flowers when he can make them look like the real thing.

He explains, for example, "We can use everything that was for the [wedding] ceremony for the reception afterwards." The arrangements are changed around so that they look new and different. A garden wedding theme can be carried through from the chupah, down the aisle, throughout the sanctuary and into the foyer.

Every party can use a little elegance. Floral Elegance (745-7045) is a flower shop that truly delivers, in more ways than one! Flowers are second nature to designer Esther Mauro.

Her family has been in the business for 20 years, first with Ital Florist and now expanding into their bridal division, Floral Elegance. Mauro is the coordinator and consultant. There is no charge for consultations. She meets with brides to discuss their initial needs and wants. As she explains, everything is "very, very tailored to the bride — luxurious and private. We can sit down and talk about their day."

As well as flowers, she can arrange to get extra props needed for the day, such as chair covers, balloons or any particular linens. Her shop is fully equipped to provide invitations and favors. Mauro recalled one wedding which was totally done in silver and gold. The centrepieces were six-foot silver trees, topped with a burst of silk apple blossoms. They have been rated amongst the top 10 florists in Canada by Teleflora Canada, based on delivery service and quality of their product. The quality of their service is impeccable.

Mauro says that the most popular styles of bouquet of late are cascades and posies. They can be made up of roses, orchids, orange blossoms or different types of lilies. Weddings are classic, natural and have an unstructured look. "People don't want their flowers to look like they've been worked with, they want them to look like they were just picked from the garden. Victorian styles are in right now."

The words English garden conjure up immediate images of tea and crumpets on a porch in a setting with violets, roses, and daisies. Covent Gardens Flower Market (960-5800) can create equally beautiful and fresh images, reminiscent of its namesake.

Owners Jane Bossin and Cheryl Glassman work together to create the desired effect. "If someone has a specific idea in mind, we would work around that, bring in props," says Glassman.

When necessary they will work on settings and even tents for an outdoor event. "It becomes a very personalized thing," adds Glassman. Participants in the Art in Bloom exhibit at The Art Gallery of Ontario, their arrangements have an artistic touch.

Bossin, a former interior designer, can use her knowledge to decorate and create a chupah in different material, wrapped in greenery or flowers. They will move flowers from a ceremony to a reception when they're not in the same building.

Glassman believes that people are setting their priorities differently. They seem to be spending more money on the table and centrepiece, than the surrounding area where an arrangement may get lost in a big hall.

"Things are simpler and more elegant than they use to be."

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The latest in kosher catering

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

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Jacobs Caterers (905-886-3832), in business for 40 years, caters simchahs at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Synagogue, Torath Emeth Synagogue as well as private parties over 25 people.

Owner Kalman Lowenthal knows that a caterer's job is not done until the last guest leaves, so someone is present at every party from beginning to end to coordinate such things as speeches, candlelighting ceremonies and musicians.

"Food is of the utmost importance, but being a caterer is much more than food. We have to make sure the entire simchah runs smoothly," says Lowenthal.

He says that hosts play a big part in planning their own menus and Jacobs is able to accommodate most requests.

"Our chefs, who have extensive North American and European experience, can prepare anything from brisket and roast chicken to chicken Kiev or prime rib with peppercorn sauce. Low fat and cholesterol, salt restricted or vegetarian meals are always available, and a salad bar, elegantly displayed with vegetables and dressings can be part of a buffet or sit-down meal."

Peter Graben Caterers (416-510-1818) caters parties at several Toronto locations including Beth Tikvah and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogues, as well as Casa Loma, Vaughan Estates and the Royal Ontario Museum and Planetarium. Meals for a private party are brought in and heated in the home.

"When you hire us, our staff takes care of everything from working with rental companies to arranging for cutlery, tables and chairs to bringing in serving staff if desired." says representative Lisa Wagman.

She says that Peter Graben is keeping up with the trend towards lower fat meals and knows that customers want a more exciting, updated menu.

"We still serve a lot of red meat, but chicken or fish such as grilled salmon or halibut have become popular choices," she says. "Our new dessert table is more oriented towards fruit, and features such items as fruit pastry with fresh fruit topping and pareve ice cream."

Wagman says that they can accommodate any size party from two to 1,000 people and they work closely with customers to help draw up a menu that will please them as well as make their party just a little different.

"Customers play an important role in choosing the menu, from giving requests to taking taste tests."

Rachel's Catering (416-633-6661), in business for over 25 years, caters at Pride of Israel Synagogue, as well as house parties and banquet halls such as Paradise, the Terrace or Baycrest Centre.

Owners, Rachel and Joe Halawani offer something exciting to those getting married at Pride of Israel. After every 25 couples have had their weddings, they are invited to participate in a draw. One of the couples will get a refund on the cost of their wedding, excluding taxes, of up to $10,000.

Rachel's menus are exciting, with a variety of cuisines including Oriental, Middle Eastern, Moroccan, Israeli, East European and French, and all menus can be customized. Specialties include Mediterranean salads such as spicy Turkish salad and babaganoush.

The client is number one at Rachel's and when a party site is chosen, they are there to make sure everything is in place and that the client has no worries.

Baycrest renovates

Baycrest Hospitality Services is offering an elegant new look.

The facilities of the kosher service, which accommodates and caters for groups of 10 to 500 people, recently underwent a complete redecoration.

"We've renovated all our rooms so that we can offer the perfect setting for any event, from personal celebrations like bar mitzvahs and weddings to professional conferences and seminars," says manager Sharon Bizouati.

Launched in April 1993, Baycrest Hospitality Services offers quality catering in a variety of surroundings, from the cozy intimacy of the Fireside Lounge with its walkout patio onto beautifully landscaped grounds, to the sophisticated atmosphere of the main dining room. Bizouati and the staff bring to the job more than 20 years of experience in serving the catering needs of the Jewish community and are pleased with the added service the renovations provide.

"In our main hall, we've created the warm, intimate look of a dining room in an elegant home, with soft pastels, sheers on windows, chandeliers and tasteful artwork," she says. "A new, sophisticated system provides a full range of lighting, from very bright illumination to soft candlelight and can be focussed on a specific area such as a head table. Our recently installed sound system, along with acoustical coverings for walls and hard floor surfaces, provide improved audio capabilities."

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CREATIVE CENTREPIECES

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

Centrepiece designers work with a variety of materials, including balloons, silk flowers and fresh flowers, but the most important ingredient that goes into an eye-catching centrepiece is creativity.

Imagination is the only limit when it comes to making centrepieces and balloon sculptures, a resource Richard Winkler and his sister-in-law Marsha Winkler of Happy Days (416-789-4438) have plenty of.

"We'll do any theme, and we've never been stumped in coming up with a theme for people," said Richard.

Balloon decor is an inexpensive way to create a fun atmosphere at parties of all kinds, including birthday parties and bar or bat mitzvahs. The Winklers produce made-to-order balloon sculptures on request — almost anything the customer wants — along with their ever-popular arches, clouds and trees for the hall, synagogue or party room.

The Winklers will incorporate party themes, such as sports, drama, dance, art, *Star Trek* and magic, into the room decorations, the centrepieces, the head table's name board and the sign-in board. As an extra touch, the boards are surrounded with twinkling lights.

Clients are invited to view their ready-made creations at the Happy Days studio.

Happy Days' newest centrepiece, a "smashable" kosher chocolate cake decorated with party themes, is sure to be a success at bar mitzvahs. Children smash the cake with the accompanying wooden mallett and eat the pieces.

Available at The Silk Plant Lady

For weddings, the Winklers make elegant centrepieces at reasonable prices. A favorite is floating candles. They decorate the head table with bows, ribbons and mylar, a type of shiny paper, and create romantic balloon arches with lights and bridal netting.

The Silk Plant Lady, Adriana Haberman (905-731-9894), is a centrepiece designer with an artist's perspective. A former student of New York's Parsons School of Design, she focuses on glamor and color coordination with the aim of producing a dazzling effect.

Haberman uses silk flowers in her centrepieces, which allows her to match the colors to the wedding colors. Exact matches, she said, cannot be made with natural flowers, but for the head table she recommends a combination of naturals and silks.

She said silks can almost duplicate nature. "When you look at something I made, you have to look at it three times to see if it is real or not."

For clients who want something different, she will fashion an art deco centrepiece out of black, while, silver, gold- and bronze-colored silk flowers. Or she can add candies or papier-mache swans to match a party theme.

Since guests and party givers take the centrepieces home, the silks will remind them of the party long after it is over.

Haberman is also available to drape synagogue aisles with chiffon and decorate the hall. "When the lights go on and people come into a room, it should take their breath away," Haberman said.

Depending on the client's budget. Haberman can enhance any hall with decorated chairs, ice sculptures or interior waterfalls. She said she has created a Hawaiian theme with silk trees, a night-club and a tropical garden for past clients. "You literally can create dreams and make them come true. My satisfaction is hearing gasps of admiration from the wedding party and crowd."

The Silk Plant Lady is available for parties, bar and bat mitzvahs, as well as weddings.

Evelyn Baker of Evelyn Baker Floral Design (416-469-1089) applies her artistic skills — she has a graphic arts and animation background — to producing centrepieces made of fresh flowers.

Available at Evelyn Baker Floral Designs (Bedwell Grime photo).

Custom-made centrepieces can range from plants in wicker baskets to extravagant arrangements. She adds ribbons to the pieces, but does not use props unless clients request them. "I like to have the flowers speak for themselves," she said.

The container, she stressed, is an important part of the centrepiece. Baker has used silver chalices and filled them with flowers that drape over the edges. "That's a really nice look," she said. For less costly centrepieces, Baker suggest roses bowls decorated with greenery, moss and baby's breath.

The flower industry, she noted, has responded to today's preference for garden and wildflowers by producing domesticated crops of flowers such as Queen Anne's lace. "Garden flowers are filled with bugs and they are not necessary bred for longevity."

Centrepieces raised on columns are in demand, she said, so as not to block the guests' view. Flower colors currently popular with her clientele include mauves, purples and pinks.

A miniature garden of tulips, daffodils, crocuses and irises in a terra-cotta pot or a wicker basket, she said, make ideal centrepieces for spring bar and bat mitzvahs.

As well as working with fresh flowers, she produces centrepieces made of dried flowers and topiaries — miniature trees adorned with flowers.

Baker provides a full decorating service and will work with a client's ideas or from a picture. She usually sticks to flowers, she said, along with fabrics and ribbon, when she decorates a hall.

Baker is available for weddings, at which she will decorate the chupah on request, bar and bat mitzvahs , and parties.

Other companies that supply party decorations are:

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TUXEDO Trends

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

Freeman Formal Wear (416-288-1919) has the distinction of being the only North American company that imports genuine top hats from England.

Since 1918 Freeman's has been supplying formal wear, either for purchase or rental, through menswear and bridal shops across Canada.

"There is hardly a city or town that doesn't have a representative," and Freeman's Len Goldstein. Locally, Freeman Formal Wear can be found at five showrooms in Metropolitan Toronto and surrounding areas.

Freeman features comfortable and roomy European fit tuxedos. The tuxedos are made of lightweight 100 per cent wool or a combination of wool and mohair.

"These fabrics are not normally used for rental suits," said Goldstein. "You feel wonderful when you're wearing them, which helps you enjoy yourself at the event."

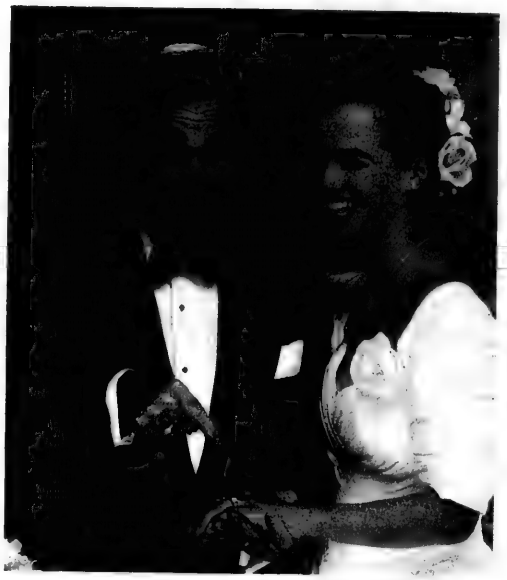
Whether single- or double-breasted, Freeman's tuxedos come in a variety of lapel styles. Along with black, gray and white tuxedos, they offer one in dark green, which Goldstein says has a place at weddings, where it matches colors worn by the wedding party.

Freeman's carries formal wear ranging from boys' size 2 to men's size 64, and every size in between, including odd sizes like 41 and 43.

All rental suits are custom-tailored for any build, including the athletic physique. Last minute alterations can be done overnight or sooner.

Colorful vests, Goldstein reported, are growing in popularity. Freeman's has a large selection of vests, which can be rented at no extra charge along with jackets. Trousers, ties, cummberbunds and formal shirts are available free of charge as part of the jacket rental package. Extras include top hats, walking sticks, opera capes and shoes by Dacks. Hose and silk pocket squares can be purchased from Freeman's.

The Glenguard suit, designed for Moore The Suit People (905-731-0160), is the best suit in Canada and second internationally, according to judges of the recently 165th International Designer Award Show held in Montreal.



Tuxedo available at Freeman Formalwear outlets.

Garments submitted to the jury by designers from 15 countries were unlabeled to eunsure impartiality, said Ron Prosserman of Moores.

Prosserman recommends the Glenguard for the father of the bride or groom. "The Glenguard sets a new standard of Canadian tailoring excellence. The finest European faric assures a look and feel of true elegance."

For ushers Moores features Oscar de la Renta suits, available in Canada exclusively at Moores.

The Moores tuxedo in classic black is trimmed with satin lapels and buttons. Available in sizes 36 to 48 regular — short, tall or portly — and oversize, the Moores tuxedo is for purchase only. "Why rent when you can own your own new tuxedo?" said Prosserman.

All Moores suits are made of European fabrics. Interfaces in the garments are canvas instead of cotton/linen blends, in accordance with shaatnas, the Jewish law that states the two fabrics should not be combined.

Tuxedo accessories available from Moores include shirts, ties, suspenders and cummerbunds.

Tailors on the premises of Moores stores across Canada, including Metropolitan Toronto, make alterations and pant hemming can be done while you wait.

Sal Caira of Syd Silver Formals (416-256-4784) says, contrary to what many people think, tuxedo styles do change. "We always introduce what's latest in style," he said.

The tuxedos, including European-cut styles, are designed for Syd Silver. Made of premium Italian wool, they start at boy's size 2 and go up to men's size 60. For rent or purchase, their single- and double-breasted tuxedos come in a variety of lapel styles.

Caira finds black is still the most popular color, but he says more men than ever are buying white. Tuxedos are available in navy, gray and ivory, too. Alterations are done by Syd Silver's tailors.

Accessories like vests, suspenders, shirts, cummerbunds and cufflinks are included in the rental price.

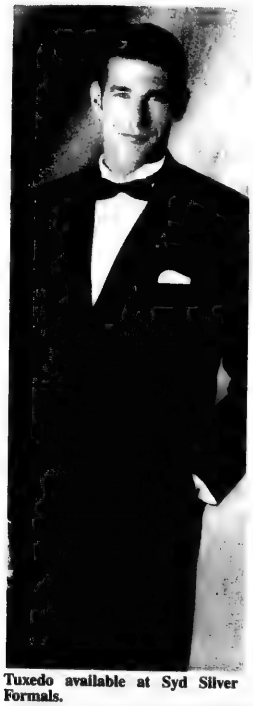
Although double-breasted vests are still popular today, Caira said many men are opting for single-breasted multi-colored vests, which they sometimes wear with matching cummerbunds. The latest trend is to match vests and cummerbunds with the bridal party dresses, according to Caira.

This year Syd Silver introduced formal footwear made of 100 per cent textured wool faille with a matte finish. Caira said the shoes are more comfortable than traditional formal footwear made of patent leather.

Most grooms rent cufflinks because they want their jewelry to match with the jewelry worn by the ushers, he pointed out, but Syd Silver does offer better jewelry for the grooms who wish to purchase.

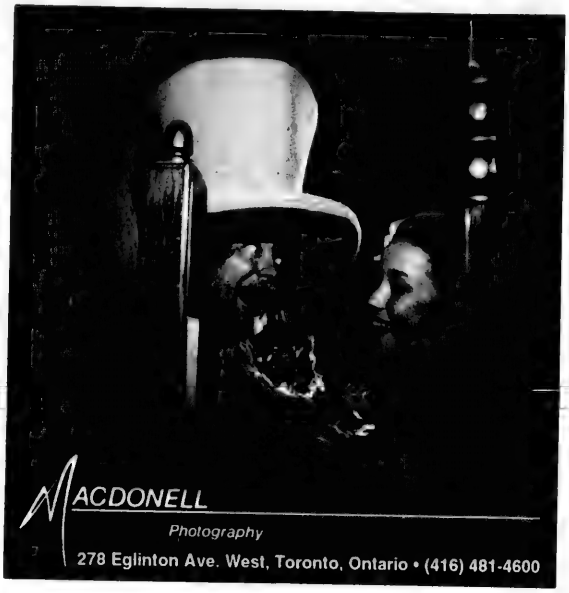
Pocket squares and fine-textured formal hosiery, which matches the various tuxedo colors exactly, are for sale.

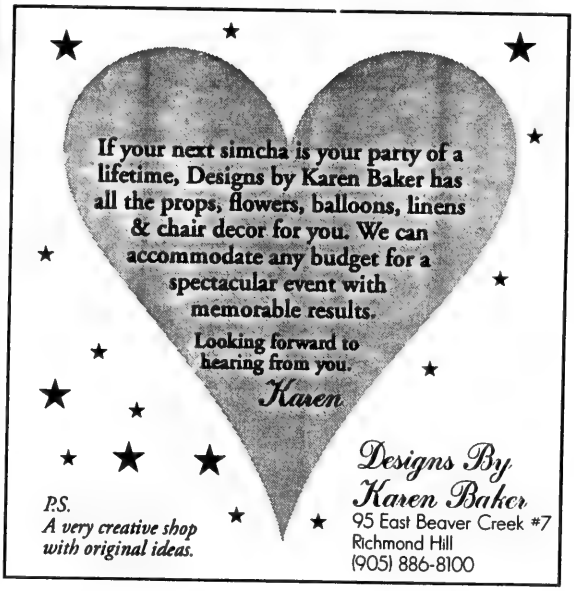
Syd Silver tuxedos are available through menswear and bridal shops across Canada and at a half-dozen Syd Silver locations in and around Metropolitan Toronto.



Tuxedo available at Syd Silver Formals.

Tuxedo available at Moores The Suit People Inc.

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By SYLVIA PAPERNICK
Special to The CJN

"I could have danced all night — I could have danced all night," and dance we did! Because we were at a simchah with one fantastic band.

There are some vibrant and entertaining bands available today and the choices of what they offer has never been better.

Kenny Simon and the Hourglass Orchestra (638-2549) have 25 years of experience performing at weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs and anniversary parties.

They have played with major bands such as Manhattan Transfer, The Nylons and Juno Award-winner Michelle Wright.

Their repertoire includes everything from show tunes, rock, ballads, Jewish standards, contemporary rock, big band, swing and '60s rock. They can also provide music for wedding ceremonies, typically flute and piano. Simon wears many hats, in addition to being bandleader, he plays bass guitar, keyboards and provides backup vocals.

This is a band that's played for royalty, namely Prince Philip, at the Duke of Edinburgh awards for Canada.

Members of the Reflections band (let to right) starring Eddie Staxx, Aubrey Mann and George St. Kitts.

A sound man regulates the music throughout the night, so the volume can be altered to suit the crowd. Simon's current vocalists and instrumentalists "have played with the best of the best in the world. Our singers are choreographed, they move around so it's almost like a show band."

If requested, the band will do floor shows.

Simon explains that sometimes, "the newlyweds may not want to be upstaged by the band — so the band may have to hold back. When they need music, the music is there." He gears the music to the group. "I'm very interested in keeping the people, whatever their ages, on the dance floor." A lot of songs they play will cover different age groups, such as *Unchained Melody*. "I try to play songs that everyone can get into."

Reflections (256-1801) is a band that can only reflect well on you.

Who is Reflections?

It's three vibrant singers and dancers, Aubrey Mann, George St. Kitts and Eddie Staxx, who joined forces in 1987 to create some electric sounds.

The three have at least 60 years of musical experience amongst them. They perform backed up by a full band, and create great vibes in pop, rock, jazz, and their specialty — rhythm and blues.

Spokeswoman Cassie Usher notes, "they provide incredible dancing music as well as a show for those who don't like to dance."

All three of the singers are solo artists, known across the country, and when they come together, it's explosive. They have 2-3,000 copies of music in their repertoire, including James Brown, Earth, Wind and Fire, Smokey Robinson, Luther Vandross, Michael Bolton and more.

They have performed at the Canadian Video Awards two years in a row and were nominated in 1989 at the Toronto Music Awards in the category of Best Toronto R & B/Soul/Rap Group/Artist.

Mann explains that their philosophy of performing is to play softly during the dinner hour, then after the speeches, and dinner has had a chance to settle, "we come and hit you hard in your backyard.

"The audience is the most important thing, we go and dance with the audience." This talented group can do requests on the spot without difficulty. They will also learn something specially requested ahead of time, such as a unique wedding song.

Murray Alter (223-1427 or 782-3931) knows the music business. As a bandleader, he definitely knows how to please a crowd.

Through many weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs as well as corporate functions, he has always sensed the pulse of the crowd. He's known when to speed up the tempo, when to play more softly, when to jazz down and when to boogie it up. Now he's sensing the pulse of the consumer. He has realized that there is a need in these sometimes tough times for a scaled down alternative in live music at a simchah.

Mila Kanev of the Mila Kanev Band.

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Murray Alter's Talent Associates Ltd. has several sizes, styles and price tags of groups to meet the public's needs. His experience enables him to make suggestions, that might not have otherwise been thought of. He has affordably priced combos that can fill a client's needs, from duos, trios and up. The Sky's the Limit, is one of his newer bands. It can meet all styles and ethnic demands, playing everything from Latin American to contemporary to Middle Eastern to Hispanic music. This band can deliver hot sounds, sure to put sizzle into any party.

The Mila Kanev Band (416) 665-2450) can add fun, sparkle and energy to any simchah. These are the qualities that best describe lead singer, Kanev. Her personality and singing talent combine to warm up most any crowd.

Kanev, who moved originally to Winnipeg from Kiev 15 years ago, is very happy to be able to perform at Jewish functions. She remembers in Kiev when singing in Hebrew and Yiddish was prohibited.

"The first thing I did when I came to Winnipeg was learn Yiddish and Hebrew songs."

The band can appeal to diverse musical tastes within the community.

Kanev sings in 15 different languages. She is also an actress and has appeared in feature film as well as on television, radio, stage and in clubs. This added talent enables her to bring out the spirit in the crowd. She gets them singing and clapping with her, providing them with tambourines and maracas, to create an instant secondary percussion section.

"Especially at a bar mitzvah, the kids really love to participate," adds Kanev.

The band can perform favorite tunes from the '40s to the '90s, from their constantly updated repertoire. They can also provide additional entertainers, such as fiddlers or strolling musicians during a break.

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in ✡ T.O. MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMEN

Welcome to another issue of inT.O. As we write this article, we welcome the festival of Shavuot, marking the giving of the Torah, a new era for the Jewish people. It is a time of new beginnings, both for the Jewish community as a whole, and for ourselves, as we embark on our new appointment as co-chairs of the Young Leadership Network (YLN).

For those of you who are new to UJA, YLN is the umbrella network of four divisions composed of people aged 22-40. YLN is committed to providing a forum of communication, leadership training, education and volunteer opportunities in the UJA campaign.

As always, this year promises to be interesting, rewarding and fun for YLN. Just a few examples of the calibre of our programming are a comedy and improvisational night, inspiring and topical speakers and an upcoming mission to the Czech Republic and Israel in July.

We invite you to get involved and "czech" us out and hope to see you at one of our future programs.

Robin Kachuck (left) & Miriam Rosenberg

in ✡ T.O. Did you Know?

✡ that thanks to the UJA-funded Joint Distribution Committee over two thousand Jews and non-Jews have been rescued from war-torn Sarajevo in the past eighteen months?

✡ that UJA now funds innovative programs in Israel such as a drug hot-line in Jerusalem, a hot-line resource centre for women victims of violence, and alcoholism prevention programs for new immigrants?

✡ that Misha Shmerkin, Israel's first athlete to ever compete in a Winter Olympics, made aliyah to Israel with the help of the UJA-funded Jewish Agency for Israel? He trains at the Canada Centre in Metulla, a recreation complex built thanks to Canada-wide UJA donations.

✡ that UJA provides funds so that Toronto families in need can send their children to camp for the summer? The subsidies are provided directly through the Jewish Camp Council and the Jewish Community Centre.

✡ that the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) receives all of its funding from UJA campaigns across Canada? The CJC provides a voice for Jews across Canada by helping fight anti-semitism and liaising with all levels of government as part of its mandate.

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The recession has been good to Antony Karabus.

The former chairman of UJA's Young Business Network is a profit improvement specialist. Not surprisingly, since 1991 when Canadians were severely suffering the recession's sting, business has been, as Karabus puts it, "dead solid."

From a one man operation in 1989, Karabus Consulting Inc. now employs 7 people to handle its influential clientele. That's quite a personal profit improvement for someone who arrived here from South Africa only 7 years ago.

In Cape Town, Karabus worked for Arthur Andersen & Co., a global accounting giant, but political insecurity forced him out of South Africa. Karabus knew he didn't want to live in the United States, yet he wanted to be within reach of American business centres. So Canada was a natural choice, and Arthur Andersen was ready to transfer him.

The transition wasn't exactly simple, but it wasn't wrenching either. And United Jewish Appeal, he remembers, made the move much easier by being "unbelievably welcoming."

For two years, Karabus was the captain of Arthur Andersen's profit improvement division in Toronto before leaving life as an employee in corporate Canada behind.

"I don't really like and respond well to bureaucratic rules," he admits.

The first year of independent business was probably a bigger upheaval than leaving South Africa. "We did only $6,000 in billings in the first five months," he recalls. Then, one of his friends bought a stock brokerage firm, hired Karabus to examine the operation, and Karabus Consulting began its own upward business cycle.

For recession-weary companies, there's a lot that Karabus can do.

"We help them come up with their own ways of increasing profits and cash flow," he says. "We go through every single step in the revenue and expenditure process and we emerge with the best possible method in the shortest amount of time with the fewest number of people."

Karabus believes many managers spend too much time "authorizing and reviewing, and too little time strategizing." He also thinks companies rely too heavily on across the board cost cutting, instead of making more selective judgements. But dealing with costs and concepts on paper is only part of the story. Even the most innovative profit improvement solutions won't work, warns Karabus, without support and involvement from front-line employees most affected by changes. That's why he draws them into the process.

Karabus loves to tell the story of one male worker with a "suit, tie pin and pony tail," who, in the course of a project, got the chance to make a detailed presentation to the boss about what was wrong and what should be done.

"He's happy as hell," Karabus enthusiastically relates, "and he's guaranteed a promotion."

It takes just seconds for a listener to realize that Karabus really loves what he does and excels at self-confidence. How else could you assess someone who insists that "once we get a customer, we never leave?"

When Karabus is not concentrating on his company, he devotes his time to UJA, which has helped him connect with his Jewish roots. His involvement originated in South Africa, but Karabus is more attached to the future of UJA and the role he intends to play.

"It is," he proclaims, "an incredible organization." ✡

Howard English

Antony Karabus

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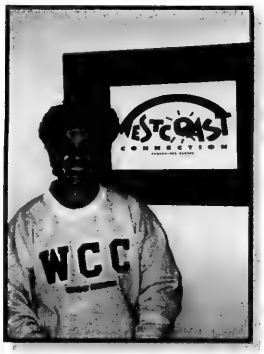
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BUSINESS *in ✸ T.O.*

A WEST COAST CONNECTION WITH AN EAST COAST FLAVOUR

Fran Grundman thought life was going pretty well 8 years ago, when an old friend from Camp Kennebec called to ask whether she was interested in getting involved with Westcoast Connection, a travel camp he had been running for the previous three years. Fran was always open to new ideas and told her friend, Stan Browman, to make her an offer. He did, and she promptly rejected it. Luckily, he came back with another offer, this time to make Fran a 50% partner in the company, and this time she accepted.

Together the two, who have known each other since they were ten years old, have grown the fledgling Montreal-based travel camp company to a camping powerhouse which ranks #1 in the category in Canada, and #3 in the competitive North American market. Now in its twelfth year, Westcoast Connection generates $2 million in sales from sixteen bus, outdoor and bike tours, and operates from offices in Toronto, New York, and Irvine, California, as well as Montreal.



Fran Grundman, co-owner of Westcoast Connection Travel Camp.

What has made Westcoast so successful? Fran thinks it is because she and Stan really put a lot of thought into what would make the best possible trip. They do extensive research; they train their staff thoroughly; they interview every single camper personally; and they know exactly where every trip is at every moment. Fran says that when you run all of the tours together from start to finish, the season lasts only 45 days. You don't have a lot of time to get everything right and, more importantly she says, you have to know your limitations. "You promise these kids and their parents a lot and you have to make the promises come true."

The other reason for Westcoast's success, in Fran's opinion, is the incestuous nature of the people involved. The "connection" in Westcoast Connection may very well refer to the aforementioned long-term friendship between Fran and Stan (so close that some campers can't seem to understand that they aren't married, despite the fact that they live in different cities.) Or it may also refer to the fact that of the five key people involved, four have known each other since Kennebec days, and two (Fran and Lori) are sisters.

How is it working with all of these old friends? "Great!" says Fran. "When you start a business, you look for people you know and trust to be involved." The only ones who aren't officially involved are Fran's husband, Doug, and their children. Even though Fran works out of her basement home office, Doug's main contribution is his generous support of a business which tends to take over the whole house and family. Her two daughters, Jody (5) and Ali (3), contribute by staying out of the office when Mom is working.

Fran thinks one of the most interesting things she has learned from being involved with Westcoast Connection is that kids are the same, no matter where they come from. The camp now draws teenagers from England, France, and Colombia, among other places, and "when they walk in the door, they're the same, they look the same, they listen to the same music, they dress the same…kids from Columbia, wearing lumberjack shirts tied around their waists!"

Not only are all kids similar in dress and manner, but in other ways too. They don't like to be bored (Westcoast keeps their trips action-packed), they like to be exposed to new things but still stay socially within a safe and familiar group, and finally, almost uniformly, they don't know how to do their own laundry. Well, on a Westcoast trip, they learn how to do laundry and a few other things too…like how to cook and clean up after themselves, manage money and be responsible.

The kids get exposure to responsibility in other ways as well. While Fran supports UJA and the Jewish community, she and Stan felt the camp should be affiliated with an organization kids would more readily identify with. To give something back to the community, Westcoast Connection attached itself to the Starlight Foundation, a charity involved with children.

Fran Grundman has helped to create Westcoast Connection, an east coast company with a heart. After talking to Fran for about five minutes, you'll think that Westcoast Connection is worth getting in T.O.! ✸

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UJA DOLLARS IN ACTION *in ✸ T.O.*

HELPING ENSURE JEWISH CONTINUITY A STRESSFUL TASK

In the world of communal service, a veteran leader like Aaron Brotman is not easily worn down. But Brotman's current assignment has, at times, come close to pushing him over the edge.

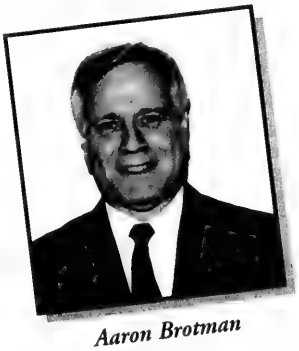
Brotman chairs the Task Force on Jewish Continuity, Assimilation and Intermarriage, also known by its shorter title: the 'Continuity Task Force.' It was formed by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

"This is, far and away, without exaggeration, the most difficult issue I've dealt with," Brotman confesses.

According to a Federation study, intermarriage in Toronto has increased tenfold from 3% to 30% over the past 30 years. The American experience shows intermarriage rates rising with each successive generation.

So, faced with what Brotman calls "a time of crisis and emergency," the task force, (originally 16 members and now 13) set out to discover the roots of assimilation and intermarriage.

Exhaustive consultations were held with over 40 organizations, rabbis and individuals. Focus groups were conducted and think tanks assembled. Consensus, says Brotman, was hard to find.



Aaron Brotman

"Everybody would say 'I'd like my children to marry Jewish,' but some people feel they can live with it if they don't."

Brotman admits there were no positions common to everyone consulted, although there was little animosity among those with opposing viewpoints.

The nearest common denominator was Israel, to which just about everyone professed loyalty. However, Brotman cautions that attitudes are changing. Despite the broad bridges separating philosophies about continuity, Brotman is determined to write a report with substance - even controversy.

"Some people are not going to like the things we say," he cautions.

The task force targeted its recommendations to different stages in the Jewish life cycle. These suggestions cover educational, cultural and social subjects. Most importantly, they will require community commitment.

"What we're recommending will cost money," he warns, "and we're going to have to find the money."

Brotman believes the ultimate success of the task force will not be measured in months or years, but in decades.

"We may not know in my lifetime how successful we were." ✸

Howard English

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WHAT'S ON *in* ✡ *T.O.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Below is a listing of just some of the upcoming UJA events of interest to readers of inT.O. For more information or to RSVP for a program, please call the inT.O. HOTLINE at 631-5700.

YLN'S 3rd ANNUAL MISSION TO ISRAEL

JULY 14-26, 1994

Experience a fabulous week-long mission in Israel; watch history in the making. An optional three days in historic Prague in the Czech Republic is available, for a total of 10 days dedicated to fun, friends and seeing UJA dollars hard at work around the world.

Cost: $1,895 with Prague stopover, $1,300 Israel-only; with a minimum $1,000 gift to the 1995 UJA Campaign.

1995 CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

To kick-off the 1995 Campaign, join 500 of your fellow volunteers in a moving and inspirational tribute to the people UJA dollars are helping around the world.

SUPER SUNDAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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OUTLOOK '95

SEPTEMBER 1994

The Accountants and Lawyers Divisions of UJA present their annual networking event…featuring a yet to-be-determined dynamic speaker from the business, sports or political world. Previous keynote speakers have included former External Affairs Minister Perin Beatty, Israeli Consul General Dror Zeigerman and McDonald's Canada President George Cohon.

ISRAEL FLY-IN

OCTOBER 10-17

Experience Israel as you never have before! Please call **Mark Freedman at 631-5698** for more information on this short, but action-packed, mission.

Cost: $1,375 per person, with a minimum family gift of $5,000 the 1995 UJA Campaign.

EVENT REPORTS

CANADIANS SPOTTED ON CAPITOL HILL

Fifteen members of Toronto's Jewish community recently took part in UJA's Ninth National Young Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

'Washington 9', held from March 19th to 22nd, focused on the theme of "Challenges to a New Generation." The Conference started with a visit to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and ended with meeting eight politicians on Capitol Hill. In between was a non-stop emotional and intellectual challenge for all 2,600 attendees that included plenaries on topics ranging from African-American/Jewish relations, to "Shaping a Pro-Israel Communications Strategy", to "Instilling Jewish Values in Family Life."

While the formal aspect was inspiring, the networking opportunities proved just as enriching. Knowing that you were connecting with people who share your values and commitment, and with whom you could be forging life-long friendships, made the three days an incredibly invigorating experience. ✡

Dr. H. David Burstein

Toronto was well represented at this year's UJA Young Leadership Washington Conference.

YOUNG LEADERSHIP NETWORK VOLUNTEERS PERFORM PASSOVER MITZVAH ONCE AGAIN

The Young Leadership Network (YLN), in an effort to involve its members in direct service activities, conducted its second annual "Mitzvah Program" in March.

Over 30 UJA volunteers spent a Sunday afternoon packing Pesach boxes for the Jewish poor in Toronto. The annual food drive is sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women and Jewish Family and Child Service.

YLN believes that it is important for fund raisers to "get their hands dirty" periodically and learn how important and satisfying an experience direct service can be. The participants agreed unanimously that this activity was really worth getting inT.O.!! ✡

Jeff Springer

A few of the YLNers who helped pack Passover food boxes.

UJA's Young Professional Network's first year ended with a bang as close to 250 young professionals packed the Primrose Club on March 13th for an entertaining evening of improvisational comedy featuring "The Chumps of Big City." Pictured right: YPN's 1994 Executive.

GOING PUBLIC WITH LAWRENCE BLOOMBERG

On Thursday, March 17, Lawrence Bloomberg, President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of First Marathon Inc. and Co-Chairperson of the 1994 UJA Campaign, spoke to the Young Business Network (YBN). The event, held at the Toronto Stock Exchange, was very successful.

Speaking of his journey to the top, Lawrence captivated the audience of approximately 100 business people. He spoke of growing up in a middle class family in Montreal and always aspiring for more. After receiving an MBA, Lawrence started working with Nesbitt Thomson 29 years ago. He was appointed Head of Research and subsequently Vice-President and Director of Institutional Equity Sales, before joining Pitfield Mackay Ross in a similar position in 1975. He was one of the founders of First Marathon Securities in 1979 (a name the founders attribute to their love for running).

From the time he spent speaking to the YBN group, one could clearly see that Lawrence is dedicated to everything he does. Besides being President of First Marathon Inc. and Co-Chairperson of the 1994 UJA Campaign, Lawrence is a dedicated family person and an avid runner and golfer.

His commitment to UJA has been fabulous! Despite a troubled economy, he and Co-Chairman Lawrence Fein have spearheaded the 1994 UJA campaign to record results. For the first time, they approached corporations for the campaign this year, and met with resounding success.

Lawrence is an inspiration to us all! ✡

Vanessa Stanley

First Marathon CEO, Founder and Director Lawrence Bloomberg (centre), flanked by members of The Young Business Network's 1994 Executive.

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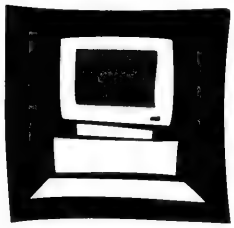

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Droege found guilty

ONTO — Wolfgang Droege and the neo-Nazi Heritage Front he founded, with two other followers, were found guilty of contempt of court here eek.

ege, Gary Schipper and Ken Barker will be sentenced June 22. They could ace a year in jail, while the Front could be fined up to $5,000 for defying rious court order to stop playing telephone hotline messages described as

The case arose from a complaint to the Canadian Human Rights Commission from Canadian Jewish Congress and the Native Canadian Centre. The commission later obtained a Federal Court injunction against the hotline.

Last fall, the commission charged the Front and the three men with attempting to circumvent the order by setting up a second hotline, called Equal Rights for Whites.

Fifty years after D-Day

Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella (left) and CJC executive vice-president Alan Rose take part in a wreath laying ceremony at Ottawa's War Memorial. [Michael Beigleman photo]

Jews' contribution to war effort recognized

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — Grey skies and showers did not dampen the sentiment at a ceremony last week at the National War Memorial in Ottawa to honor the Jewish war veterans in Canada.

More than 300 Jewish veterans, including a dozen men and women who served with the Russian army but now live in Toronto, came to the tribute organized by the Canadian Jewish Congress as part of its 75th anniversary activities. They were saluted by city councillors, members of parliament, ambassadors and military attaches from Allied countries that fought during World War II, members of the Canadian military and a Canadian Armed Forces band.

Although 16,000 Canadian Jews served with the Armed Forces during World War II, this was the first time their contribution to the war effort was recognized.

"A lot of people did not know there were Jewish people in the war and it's time that they found out", said Louis Wiseman of the Montreal Post of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada. "When we parade in Quebec, they are amazed to see the star of David [on our hats]."

The tribute was held a week before the worldwide commemoration of the 50th anniversary of D-Day, June 6, when Allied troops landed in Normandy and began what was ultimately the Nazi defeat. As they advanced, the soldiers discovered and liberated the concentration camps.

"Fifty years ago, " said Irving Abella, president of Canadian Jewish Congress, at the ceremony, "as the Allies began liberating the concentration camps, the world learned that events too horrible to be believed were not too horrible to have happened. The world, we learned, had failed the test of civilization. That must never happen again."

The best way to memorialize the Jewish soldiers who fought and died for Canada, added Abella, is to combat bigotry.

"The legacy of these magnificent men and women who took up arms to defend our democracy must be to stiffen our resolve and determination to advance the human rights of all Canadians, no matter their race, their color or their creed," he said.

Before leading the gathering in a prayer for lost soldiers, Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Machzikei Hadas Congregation in Ottawa, who was born on D-Day, reminded the crowd that according to Jewish teachings, saving the life of a single person is like saving the entire world.

"What then shall we say about those who have indeed saved an entire world ... They are heroes of freedom, heroes of humanity, heroes of Canada," said Rabbi Bulka.

Sam Pasternak, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada, praised the heroism of the veterans, but also lamented the separatist movement in Quebec.

"During the Second World War and the hell that was war, we Canadians stood as a united people. From the west, through Ontario, through Quebec, through the Maritimes, through Newfoundland, we fought, we bled, yes, and died together. What kind of madness is this that sweeps our nation today that we would talk of division?"

But like the rest of the veterans, Pasternak said he felt honored by the ceremony.

"To hear Kaddish and K'El Maleh Rachamim [prayers for the dead], never mind at the national war memorial, it was really something," he said.

Legion says no to kippot, turbans

Jews, Sikhs condemn vote

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Airforce veteran Joe Blumer, 72, is furious that some say he can't wear a kippah in a Royal Canadian Legion canteen.

Montreal resident Blumer said his "blood boiled" when he learned Legion members voted overwhelmingly last Tuesday against a by-law allowing Sikhs, Jews and others to wear religious headgear in Legion branches.

Claiming that heads must be bared to show respect for fallen comrades, delegates to the biennial Legion convention in Calgary voted 1,959 to 629 against the by-law adopted by the Legion's national executive in November 1993. The 1,750 branches will now set their own policies.

For Blumer, president of the Brigadier Frederick Kisch branch in Cote St. Luc, that policy will be simple. The 187 branch members, 184 of whom are Jewish, will now wear kippot to monthly meetings with the 14 area Legion branches.

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"Anyone who comes to our meetings and doesn't like what they see — the door's open for them to leave," Blumer told *The CJN*. "And if they don't accept us, we'll walk out."

Legion spokesman Gilles Bussieres said the Legion's governing body was disappointed by the Calgary vote, but the decision will stand. "The will of the members. . .becomes the policy of the Royal Canadian Legion." The Legion is a privately-funded organization with 525,000 members.

That policy is unusual among veterans' organizations. A spokesman for the American Legion, with 3.1 million members, told *The CJN* there are "no prohibitions" on religious headgear.

The 750,000-strong Royal British Legion deems Sikh turbans and other religious headgear "completely acceptable," said spokesman Jeremy Lillies from London. "As a matter of fact it is part of our uniform."

Canadian Jewish Congress and the World Sikh Organization have condemned the Calgary vote. The two organizations will meet this week to discuss "any and all political and legal options," confirmed Congress spokesman Steven Shulman.

"I'm really shocked," said World Sikh Organization executive director Anne Lowthian after the vote last week. The Ottawa-based organization represents half of Canada's 300,000 Sikhs, many of whom served in the British and Indian armies. "The whole mandate of the Legion is to support comradeship."

Comradeship is something Pritam Singh Jawhal will miss in the coming months. Jawhal, 73, fought for three years with the famed British Eighth Army in North Africa during World War II. But he won't enter a Legion branch to share war stories until the by-law allowing turbans and kippot is reinstated.

"If they change their minds, I'm prepared to go running, on foot, to join them," Jawhal said from his Surrey, B.C., home.

Like Jawhal, Sam Pasternak would like the situation resolved within the community of veterans. Pasternak, the president of the 2,000-member Jewish War Veterans of Canada, said he hopes Legion members "see the error of their ways and say 'It was a mistake.'

"What do they have to gain by aggravating a dying population," asked Pasternak, 69, who joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1943.

But Pasternak and others were further hurt by revelations last week that cowboy hats will be welcomed in certain Alberta Legion halls during the Calgary Stampede next month.

B'nai Brith Canada at first was careful to characterize the legion vote as simple ignorance, but "the 10-gallon hat issue has exposed the real issue," said executive vice-president Frank Dimant. "It smacks of racism, it smacks of tremendous bigotry and it smacks of anti-Semitism."

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MARCH FOR ISRAEL

Over 5,000 participants trekked down Bathurst Street during this year's UJA Community March for Israel. Organizers called it the best turnout in years. Approximately $100,000 was raised on behalf of teenage immigrants to Israel. [Jay Brodbar photo] Below: Leonard Shushan, owner of Lenny's Kosher Hot Dogs, was on hand to entertain marchers.

Rare Syrian Torah on display

Stunning in simplicity

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A remnant of a once-great Jewish community is often a sad thing to behold, but the last Torah of Aleppo, Syria is worth a trip to Beth Tzedec Congregation, where it's currently on display.

The Torah, penned in rich, black letters in the block-like Sephardi style and written not on parchment but on soft, supple leather — possibly deerskin — is a reminder of a community, dating back to the eighth century, that flourished under several different rules.

But the Torah, said to be between 200 and 300 years old and stunning in its simplicity, also tells the tale of modern Syria, which has been a brutal prison for Jews. For decades, Syrian Jews were mercilessly oppressed but could not leave the country. Ironically, it is still strictly forbidden to take Jewish religious artifacts out; any transgressor receives an automatic 15-year jail term. So the mere presence of this Torah at Beth Tzedec speaks volumes about courage and determination.

All that can be told is that someone in Aleppo, in northern Syria, wanted to thank the Beth Tzedec-based Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arab Lands, which since 1973 has collected funds and supplies for Syria's beleaguered Jews.

So the Torah, said to have been the last in Aleppo's dwindling community, was smuggled out in February inside a suitcase — at great personal risk to its carrier — and given as a gift to Judy Feld Carr, chair of Canadian Jewish Congress's National Task Force for Syrian Jews.

Its ornate silver case had to be left behind.

The Torah will be exhibited at Beth Tzedec's Ruben and Helene Dennis Museum until summer's end, when it will find a circuitous way back to its erstwhile owners: Carr plans to donate it to a synagogue founded by former Aleppo Jews in the Katamon district of Jerusalem.

Ever since Syrian President Hafez al-Assad relaxed travel for Syrian Jews in 1992, most of the country's Jews have come out. Today, there are fewer than 700 left, with no more than a few dozen in Aleppo.

Aleppo was once home to some 10,000 Jews but a 1947 anti-Jewish riot destroyed synagogues and heralded a long reign of terror.

A Hebrew inscription on the back of the Torah notes that it was acquired in 1814 "for the worship of my Creator."

Carr says the Torah will undergo testing in Israel to determine its precise age and origin.

Last Torah of Aleppo, Syria. [Ron Csillag photo]

Toronto rabbis divided over same-sex bill

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Except for the Orthodox, there seems to be little unanimity among Toronto's rabbis on the Ontario government's proposed bill to extend spousal benefits to same-sex families.

If passed in its current form, the controversial bill would alter the legal definition of spouse, allow same-sex couples to adopt children and offer gay and lesbian couples benefits now available only to heterosexual couples.

The legislation has unleashed a storm of protest, most notably perhaps, from the Roman Catholic Church.

A pastoral letter written late last month by Toronto Archbishop Aloysius Ambrozic urges Catholics to vigorously lobby their MPPs to kill the bill.

The bill passed first reading in the legislature and is now being debated in second reading. Many Ontario Liberals and Tories, as well as some members of the ruling New Democrats, say it goes too far.

But at least two Metro Reform rabbis have come out visibly in support of the bill.

Rabbi Irwin Zeplowitz of Temple Anshe Shalom in Hamilton and Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld of Temple Emanu-El in Toronto appeared last Thursday at a Queen's Park news conference with other clergy to announce their support for the proposed legislation.

"As rabbis who believe that all human beings are created in the image of God and therefore possess an inherent dignity, and as members of a people that have suffered the most subtle and blatant forms of discrimination, we will continue to oppose discrimination based on race, religion and sexual orientation," a statement issued by Rabbis Zeplowitz and Bielfeld said.

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Sephardi youth convention draws record numbers

Delegates come from around the world

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Joy Matathias, 18, bounces off stage and collapses in a fit of giggles.

The Long Island, N.Y., teen has just finished telling the 325 Sephardi young adults gathered for the annual Sepharad convention about the five summer weeks she spent in Israel learning more about her Sephardi heritage.

Matathias, flushed with excitement, says the Israel trip reaffirmed her identity as a Greek Jew and inspired her to start a young people's social club at her synagogue.

"I like to be with Sephardi people," she said.

Matathias was not alone in her feelings. Sepharad '94, held here over the American Memorial Day weekend May 27 to 30, boasted the largest number of participants of its six-year history.

Conventioners aged 18 to 36 came from Columbia, England, Israel, Mexico, Turkey and Uruguay, as well as from the North American cities of Chicago, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Miami, Montreal, New York, Toronto and Washington, D.C.

Toronto had 60 conventioners, Montreal 50. The largest single contingent came from the New York area, 80 in all, while the smallest group was two from London, England.

They met for three days of socializing, with educational Shabbat programs led by Rabbis Benito Garzon of Madrid and Amram Assayag, Mordechai Becher and Yehiel Benayon of Toronto.

Rabbi Garzon is the director of the Sephardic Educational Centre (SEC), an international organization that seeks to foster love for Judaism, Israel and Sephardi traditions in young Sephardim. Sepharad '94 was sponsored by the Toronto chapter of the SEC.

Convention chair Helene Drobenare, 25, declared Sepharad '94 a success, with 75 per cent of conventioners attending one of the five Shabbat discussion groups. Nearly everyone was on hand for a post-havdalah party at the CN Tower, a Sunday tour of Toronto's Harbourfront and an evening gala at Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla Congregation.

First-time conventioner Robert Mardca, 35, a Long Island architect, was impressed by the turnout. "It's good to see there are so many Jewish people like us eager to know each other. I feel among friends."

Fellow Long Islanders Avi and Rami Noy were at their sixth Sepharad. The Noys, born in Israel to Iranian parents, said they like being with Jews of any background.

But Avi, 29, joked that with his dark skin and short stature he also fits into the New York Puerto Rican community. "I'm not afraid to go into the Bronx [where he develops real estate with his brother]. I look local."

On the school buses transporting conventioners around the city, one could hear Spanish, Hebrew, French and Farsi being spoken. Sephardim from Los Angeles mingled with their Toronto counterparts, and business cards were exchanged as frequently as the good-natured barbs.

Drobenare, an Ashkenazi Jew, explained what makes the SEC conventions so much fun for her.

"It's a great movement," said the New Yorker. "It's open, warm, welcoming . . . it's really a place for everybody."

Next year's Sepharad is tentatively scheduled for Buenos Aires.

Between conventions, the SEC offers trips to Israel for youth aged 14 to 25 in cooperation with the American Zionist Youth Foundation and Dor Hemshech.

The SEC was founded 15 years ago by Dr. Jose Nessim. Nessim greeted the conventioners Friday afternoon, along with Toronto convention chairs Debbie and Jeff Beine and New York convention chair Vivian Mahlab.

Mahlab also spoke Sunday morning at the community-sponsored breakfast at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living. She implored conventioners to maintain family traditions and unwittingly told them about her domestic skills.

"I think about all those wonderful Iraqi dished my mother prepares, and I can't," she said to thunderous laughter.

Sports, social programs urged as forums to draw young Jews

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Advertising in the non-Jewish press, attracting young people through sports leagues, and offering programs that may not have a particularly Jewish content were some of the suggestions offered at a recent brainstorming session for broadening the appeal of the Jewish community to unaffiliated Jews.

Attracting people to events where they can socialize with other Jews could lead to further interest in community activities and serve to bring them closer into the Jewish fold, a number of speakers suggested.

The ideas were offered at the first meeting of the Canadian commission on Jewish identity and continuity, a forum held at a Toronto airport hotel under the auspices of the Council of Jewish Federations of Canada (CJF).

The forum attracted federation representatives from Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Ottawa and Calgary as well as rabbis from three streams of Judaism and spokespeople for Jewish students.

Concern over assimilation and intermarriage has prompted a number of communities to launch task forces to study the issue and report on methods of addressing the problem, said Sheldon Maerov, executive director of CJF. The CJF commission will co-ordinate their efforts.

The meeting was "meant to kick-start as many communities as possible," he said.

"Our role is to facilitate and stimulate, not solve the problems. That happens at the local level."

Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver have already begun to deal with the issue — the report of the Toronto task force is expected within weeks — and CJF is urging other

Sheldon Maerov

communities to address the issue as well.

According to Stanley Plotnick, national chair of the CJF commission, intermarriage rates in Canada range from the continent-wide low of Montreal's seven per cent to Vancouver's 35.4 percent. Based on 1991 Canadian Census data, the Jewish intermarriage rate in Canada is 16.2 nationally. Toronto falls below the average, with 11.3 percent. Winnipeg is next at 15.9 percent, Ottawa has a rate of 22.8 percent, and Calgary has a rate of 30.2 percent.

Federation CJA has achieved success through its ProMontreal program, said CJA spokeswoman Penni Kolb, which tries to keep young people in the city by helping them find jobs. It also creates social situations, such as three parties that averaged 1,100 participants each. "When you put this many Jewish kids in one room, something Jewish will happen," she said.

Gerald Fisher, a spokesman on leadership development for the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (JFGT), said the federation tries to attract the thousands of unaffiliated Jews in areas outside the heavily-populated Bathurst corridor and is urging the community's service-providing agencies to do the same.

The JFGT's human resources component can educate more people about the organized community and the services it offers, he said.

Fisher called for programs to help reach young people, inform them about the community infrastructure and what it may offer them.

Michael Frankel, treasurer of Federation CJA Montreal, suggested a variety of creative fundraising techniques to help finance the programs that may be adopted to attract Jewish people.

"Challenge" programs, where big donors match contributions from others, have proven successful, he said. Frankel suggested seeking out community foundations, government grants and families as new sources of revenue.

Rabbi Jeffrey Gale of Temple Shalom in Winnipeg said synagogues should reach out to those who feel "alienated from synagogue life" while Rabbi Reuben Poupko of the Beth Israel Beth Aaron Synagogue of Montreal said "we are now reaping the harvest of the universal ideas the Jewish community has championed."

These values have led to the acceptance of Jews in the wider community and hence to assimilation and intermarriage, he said.

In a brainstorming session, participants suggested programs that focus on contemporary issues like date rape and sexual abuse will attract people and serve as a lure to further programs.

Addressing family needs such as day care is another means of drawing unaffiliated into the community's net, another participant suggested.

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Immigration quotas said bad for Quebec

By DAVID LAZARUS
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MONTREAL — Although it is "understandable" for Quebec to try to attract as many francophone immigrants as possible to the province, it should not resort to quotas to do so, argues an eight-page brief to the Quebec government submitted by Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region (CJC-Q) and Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS).

The brief, submitted May 15 to the Ministry of International Affairs, Immigration and Cultural Communities (MCCI), which is now in a process of reassessing the province's immigration policy, focused on immigration levels for the years 1995 to 1997.

And according to the brief, that level should be brought back up to 45,000, the number Quebec fixed for 1993 before cutting it back to 40,000 in '94 because of a decline in the Quebec economy.

In the view of CJC-Q and JIAS, the province should be taking a long-term view.

"In view of the future demographic conditions we will probably face, we believe raised levels of immigration are essential," the brief says.

Earlier in the brief, CJC-Q and JIAS urged the ministry not to focus primarily on French-language skills as the basis for selecting independent immigrants.

While Quebec's desire to attract as many francophones as possible is understandable, the brief says, it should not do so by imposing quotas on the number of non-francophones who can immigrate.

"It would be unjust," the brief states, "to use this as the sole basis for accepting or refusing applicants. Language remains an important element, but it is not the most important aspect of the integration process."

What is more relevant, the brief suggests, is the immigrant's commitment to adapting to Quebec's "new reality," not linguistic or cultural origins.

More generally, the brief puts forward that immigration remains an "essential" part of preserving the province's "vitality" and, as the MCCI itself indicated last February, a response to the province's demographic decline.

Although Quebec wields more control over immigration than ever before, provincial and federal authorities have to continue to cooperate so that immigrant services won't suffer, CJC-Q and JIAS say.

Cultural communities also have an important, "partnership" role to play with government in the immigrant adaptation process, the brief suggests, because in many cases such communities constitute the immigrants' first real "societe d'accueil."

The Jewish community's efforts (through JIAS) with Quebec to bring in 100 Jewish families from the former Soviet Union (and another 100 announced recently), the brief states, is a "good example" of the collaboration that is possible between cultural communities and goverment.

JIAS has also played a role in ensuring that Russian immigrants function in French. The brief states it is important that new arrivals continue to be furnished with the resources to do so.

In the brief, CJC and JIAS also recommend that:

- The criteria for "family reunification" be more flexible and "enlarged" by making eligible the sponsorship of married children, brothers and sisters. The age limit for eligible children should also be raised beyond age 18, the brief says;
- Refugee claimants should not be judged on the same basis as "other categories of immigrants" in terms of their ability to adapt to Quebec society.

"Traditionally, refugees have proved that they can quickly adapt to a new environment," the brief says.

They also have to have "the necessary resources to live in dignity in Quebec while their claims are evaluated. This includes the ability to get a work permit, social and medical benefits, legal aid and French-language instruction," the brief states.

- In the case of independent immigrants, some of the criteria for selection should conform more to standards used elsewhere in the world.

For example, the "economic viability" of immigrants from eastern Europe are "often underestimated" here, the brief says. It "strongly encouraged" the government "to closely examine this question."

At the beginning of the brief, CJC-Q and JIAS criticized the fact that this year's immigration policy consultation process, by being restricted to economic, linguistic and community "sectors," prevented a freer and more open exchange of ideas.

"This type of demarcation, does not contribute to the development of the best possible immigration policy," the brief stated.

"The population is better served by contacts between important contributors whatever their specific orientations."

Vancouver's Jewish population growing

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Since 1991, when the last Canadian census was taken, the Greater Vancouver Jewish population has grown by three per cent a year to 21,170.

The 1991 census showed the population at 19,375, an increase of 31 per cent in 10 years, as compared to a Toronto increase of 26.4 per cent.

The current population figures are an estimate by the planning department of the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver based on an analysis by the Council of Jewish Federations, Statistics Canada and McGill University. A detailed analysis of each of the 11 federated Jewish communities in Canada is under preparation for release in the near future.

The Vancouver total represents 5.4 per cent of the Canadian Jewish population of 356,315. It makes up 87 per cent of the total British Columbia Jewish population, with Victoria accounting for another 6 per cent.

The Federation reports a mailing list of 5,504 households, with 68 per cent of them in Vancouver proper. The next largest concentration is in the Richmond area (Richmond, Surrey, Delta, White Rock and Langley), comprising 20.3 per cent of the mailing list. Other Greater Vancouver Jews live in the Burnaby area (4.4 per cent), and North and West Vancouver (7.1 per cent).

While half the Jewish population growth of Toronto and Montreal in the past decade is the result of immigration from abroad, the Federation reports Vancouver received more "movers" — interprovincial migrants versus immigrants. The trend continues.

Nearly 500 families registered their children in day schools in 1993 for a total of over 600 pupils. There are also day schools in the suburbs of Richmond, the Burnaby area and North Vancouver.

Singles of all ages make up nearly 20 per cent of the Greater Vancouver Jewish population, "many more than in the Canadian Jewish population as a whole," says the Federation report. Single-parent families account for 8.5 per cent of all Jewish families, but in Vancouver the percentage is 10.5 per cent, as compared to the overall Vancouver percentage of 9.7 per cent.

Vancouver has the highest rate in Jewish Canada of intermarried couples. The estimate is 24.5 per cent.

Monument to Christian victims said being planned at Auschwitz

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The former Carmelite convent at Auschwitz, which was finally ordered closed by Pope John Paul after a long dispute, is again in the eye of a storm.

There are allegations by a Canadian Catholic survivor of the death camp that a huge monument is to be erected to 70,000 Christian victims of Auschwitz on that same property, and that the building is being used by "ultra right-wing nationalist squatters" to disseminate racist propaganda.

These charges are denied by Krzysztof W. Kasprzyk, Polish consul general in Vancouver, where Sigmund Sobolewski, the Catholic survivor, distributed leaflets signed by 200, protesting these actions in front of the consul general's office.

However, Sobolewski told *The CJN* he has copies of the minutes of the council of the city of Oswiecim for October 1933 and April 1944, when the monument was discussed. He also has copies of stories about the monument proposal which appeared in three editions of the local Oswiecim newspaper.

The use of the former convent by the Christian organization, Association of War Victims (AWV), is still in dispute and is before the courts. Nathan Leipciger, chair of the Holocaust remembrance committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, and a member of the International Advisory Council on Auschwitz, said recently that the former convent should become a museum.

The Polish consul general said: "The Association of War Victims is the tenant in this building on the basis of a rental contract signed between its board of directors and Carmelite nuns who previously had resided there. Currently, the ownership litigation has been ongoing in the city court for Oswiecim and will be resolved by means of lawful property rights. No matter how the AWV organization is characterized, Mr. Sobolewski's statement about its dissemination of racist, anti-Semitic, and anti-Gypsy ideology is the pure product of his imagination."

Kasprzyk denied protests in the leaflet about the lack of recognition in Auschwitz that the majority of victims were Jewish, and that a plaque presented by Canadians honoring the Jewish martyrs who revolted and destroyed a crematorium at Birkenau is still lying unused in a basement.

The consul general said the International Council has agreed to regulations which bar such a plaque at Birkenau, but Sobolewski, who has made six visits to the death camp, claims he has been unable to get a copy of these regulations. He also cites many other examples at Auschwitz of what he describes as a "downplaying" of the fact that most victims were Jewish.

He claims that, though 90 per cent of the victims were Jewish, 90 per cent of the plaques installed at Auschwitz honor Christians.

Sobolewski alleges that Janus, the organization of war victims which now occupies the former convent, sent a protest note to the Vatican when the Pope ordered the Carmelite nuns to vacate the convent. He also says Janus is connected to the group which invited Russian nationalist Vladimir Zhirinowsky to Poland in March. "According to Polish journalists, the former Carmelite convent is now a hub of neo-Nazi, right-wing extremists who on weekends assemble there for conferences," he said.

From left, Avner Regev, JNF executive vice-president; Alan Posluns, immediate past president; and Sid Halpern, newly elected national president.

Winnipeg Zionist elected JNF president

MONTREAL — Sid Halpern of Winnipeg, a longtime Zionist and community leader, was elected national president of the Jewish National Fund of Canada (JNF) at its annual meeting recently in Montreal.

Succeeding Alan Posluns of Toronto, who held the position for three years, Halpern brings a wealth of leadership experience to the position.

"The Jewish National Fund has greatly benefited from his involvement over the years on a local and national level," the organization stated in a release.

Halpern is a chartered accountant and executive vice-president of Rice Sportswear. He is president of the Manitoba Fashion Institute of Manitoba Apparel Makers.

Halpern is married to Esther, who shares her husband's keen interest in Israel and in the work of JNF.

In his acceptance speech, Halpern stated that JNF is fortunate to have people committed to working together to bring the organization "from strength to strength."

Also at the meeting, JNF bid farewell to Morris Zilka, retiring executive vice-president and welcomed his replacement, Avner Regev.

Regev, described as an expert on Arab affairs, has a background in administration, organization and public relations.

SCHOOL AIDS MAZON CANADA

Mazon Canada was the beneficiary of some major fund raising by some mini-donors from the United Synagogue Day School — Bathurst Campus in Toronto. The senior kindergarten class undertook a school first — they held a bake sale for the rest of the school. Holding the cheques are (from left) Amy Soberano, Sarah Levitt, Chaz Firestone and Spencer Sonshine. Looking on are teacher Judy Litvak and Marilyn Aarons-Guttman, executive director of Mazon Canada.

El Al offers bonuses

MONTREAL — El Al Canada is now offering major flight bonuses to parents of participants in the Canadian Zionist Federation's (CZF) Youth and Hechalutz Israel summer programs.

El Al Canada general manager Yona Nechustan said each parent whose child flies El Al will receive a $200 bonus to be used towards round trip flights between Oct. 1, 1994 and March 31, 1995.

"It shows a tremendous commitment to Canada-Israel relations on the part of El Al and I'm quite impressed," said Rabbi Reuben Poupko, national co-chair of the Youth and Hechalutz Department.

"But even more impressive is that this move will influence parents to both send their children to Eretz Israel and visit our historic homeland themselves."

The CZF has been operating its "original Israel experience" summer programs for approximately 25 years. Most are geared towards educating young people about Israel's history, culture and Jewish heritage.

Enrolment for this summer is extremely limited. For more information on the programs, call (514) 486-9526 or visit the Israel Program Centre nearest you.

Diamond goes to Baycrest campaign

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Charles Diamond is resigning as national executive director of Canada-Israel Securities Ltd. (State of Israel Bonds) after 2½ years on the job.

Diamond is stepping down June 15 to become campaign director of a drive, beginning in 1995 and to stretch over several years, to raise $60 million for Toronto's Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Diamond, 53, told *The CJN* he leaves Israel Bonds on a high note: last year, the organization sold $106 million worth of bonds and notes in Canada, and it was under Diamond's tenure that Bonds topped the $100 million mark in Canada for the first time.

But there have also been some rocky moments. Last year, Israel's finance minister created a stir when he suggested that the future of Israel Bonds be reassessed in light of cheaper U.S. loan guarantees.

After a storm of protest, the minister backtracked and assured purchasers that the government has no intention of dismantling the Bonds organization, founded in 1951 to fund Israel's infrastructure.

Charles Diamond

Also last year, Likud MK Meir Shetreet proposed abolishing Israel Bonds, saying they cost too much to finance.

In some circles, the Bonds organization is still under fire as outmoded, costly and one that burdens Israel with onerous interest payments and a bloated bureaucracy worldwide.

Earlier this year, many rabbis in the United States admitted they have been pressured by congregants not to make a pitch for Bonds purchases, as a protest against Israel's peace initiative.

Despite all that, Bonds topped the $1 billion global sales mark a few years ago. On the other hand, sales in the United States have slipped markedly.

Diamond, a former president of Toronto Jewish Congress (now Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto) is leaving because "an incredible opportunity opened up at Baycrest."

He will oversee a campaign whose goal is to raise money for research into Alzheimer's disease, community education and awareness, and referrals, intake and assessments.

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Hebrew U's president

Hanoch Gutfreund

Hanoch Gutfreund, president of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, has faced difficult professional challenges in the past 19 months. The former rector of the university was vaulted into the role of acting president following the death of his predecessor Yoram Ben-Porath in a motor vehicle accident in October 1992. Gutfreund was formally named president in June of last year.

Most recently, the 73-day-long country-wide strike of university teaching staff demanded Gutfreund's concentrated attention, both as university president and as chair of the council of university presidents in Israel. He has also had to cope with allegations of rampant cheating at the Hebrew University, following an article which appeared in the Jerusalem Report *early this year.*

Gutfreund continues to guide the financial recovery of the university begun by Ben-Porath. His professional goals include promoting secondary school science education.

Gutfreund was born 58 years ago in Krakow, Poland, and immigrated to Israel in 1948. An alumnus of the Hebrew University, he is a theoretical physicist who has served on Israel's National Committee on Science Education and the Pedagogical Council of the Ministry of Education. He has been a faculty member at the university since 1968, following postdoctoral work at Standford University.

While in Toronto recently, Gutfreund spoke to CJN *reporter Frances Kraft.*

CJN: *How is student morale at the university since the recent professors' strike which ended in March?*

Gutfreund: It's not been the best year for the Hebrew University or for higher education in Israel.

The strike affected the entire system, and the ones who were affected most were the students. During the strike, there were several attempts on their part to express their frustration and bitterness. A group of them occupied my office for eight days and nights, but they were not very effective in their progress because only a minority participated.

However, at the end of the strike, when they came back to campuses, they were united behind the demand for a waiver of exams, which was finally granted to them as an option. I think it's to their credit that most of them waived that waiver and took the exams.

Now we are back to normal activity. The fact that I am here means that I felt I could leave.

CJN: *Will students have to attend classes over the summer?*

Gutfreund: We extended [classes] well into the summer, which is another heavy price that they are paying, because that means that they cannot earn [much] money to fund next year's tuition and expenses.

[However] we also postponed the beginning of the next academic year by three weeks [to the end of October] so that their vacation will not be too short. [Students will finish classes on July 23 instead of June 17.]

CJN: *What was your role during the strike as Hebrew University president and as chair of the council of university presidents?*

Gutfreund: I found myself [during] this ordeal confronting the faculty when I thought that their initial demands [for salary increases] were excessively high, but also confronting the government on the grounds that it was my belief that the academic faculty at the Hebrew University was grossly underpaid and they did deserve an increase. I played a major role in the negotiations on behalf of all the universities.

CJN: *When the strike was settled, it was agreed that pay raises of more than 70 per cent would be paid out over several years. What is the mood of faculty members now?*

Gutfreund: I believe that most are satisfied with the settlement. It is perceived by many as a significant achievement. I'm confident that we shall emerge from this crisis with renewed strength and determination to pursue our mission.

CJN: *Are the Hebrew University students asking for money from the university?*

Gutfreund: All students are asking for some kind of compensation — not necessarily from the university. They did file legal suits in the courts.

CJN: *Has the Hebrew University or any of the other Israeli universities done anything to compensate the students?*

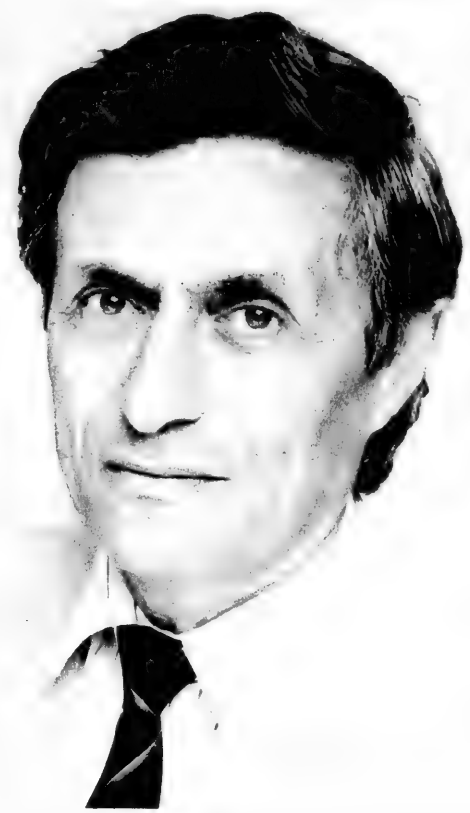
Gutfreund: I cannot speak for all universities, but at our university there was a feeling that we should offer a special gesture after the students were deprived of classwork for such a long time.

[In addition to] the waiver of exams, [there were] increased hours of personal assistance and help in overcoming the backlog. We are also not charging the students in the dormitories for the extra weeks [in residence] because of the extension of the school year.

CJN: *Does this apply to overseas students as well?*

Gutfreund: The overseas students were not [affected]. We succeeded in convincing the association of professors to exempt the School for Overseas Students from the strike.

We felt that these students come for a limited time, and it would be difficult or almost impossible to compensate them for any such loss. The strike leaders accepted that argument.



CJN: *How much of a problem is cheating at the Hebrew University, and how do you deal with it when it does occur?*

Gutfreund: I would say that we have about 50 cases a year, but of varying degrees of transgression. In many cases the students are found not guilty. In others punishments are imposed.

We have a student body of 23,000 students. On the average, everyone takes a dozen exams a year, so you have something like 150,000 exams per year. If you find 50 cases of [cheating], this is not such a problem.

CJN: *Have the allegations of rampant cheating in the January 13* Jerusalem Report *article hurt Hebrew U's image?*

Gutfreund: I don't think so. It may have offended the people who were interviewed for that article, who felt that they were grossly misquoted.

[The magazine subsequently ran a correction of the remarks of one faculty member.]

CJN: *Is the council of university presidents examining the issue of cheating?*

Gutfreund: No. The council of presidents of all the universities is not looking at any such questions which every university should deal with through its own institutions and academic procedures.

CJN: *How did the reality of your first year as president compare to your expectations?*

Gutfreund: When I accepted this position, I did not expect that during this first year, the university would be embroiled in such a crisis [the strike] and certainly it diverted my energy and attention from the issues which I felt I should have addressed [and which] are still a challenge.

CJN: *What are your priorities right now?*

Gutfreund: The priorities, in very general terms, are academic planning for the university in a very rapidly changing world — on both a national and a regional level, and also in the Jewish world. We do consider ourselves the university of the Jewish people, and we have developed institutions and projects which reflect and demonstrate that.

CJN: *How has the peace process had an impact on the university?*

Gutfreund: In many ways. Our scholars have been involved, both as partners in cooperative projects with Egyptian, Palestinian, Jordanian and Moroccan institutions and scholars, and also by studying problems relating to the peace process and making the results of those studies available to the negotiating teams.

A Hebrew University professor of economics [Efraim Kleinman], for example, has been a member of the team which has negotiated the agreement on financial and commercial relations.

With Egypt we have a joint project studying the marine biology and ecosystem of the Gulf of Aqaba. We have a joint project on tropical diseases.

We have projects with Palestinians on issues of water. These are fairly new projects, because they're a corollary of the [peace] process.

CJN: *What percentage of the student population at Hebrew University is Arab?*

Gutfreund: We don't know, because we never asked them. Nowhere on our application form is a student asked to identify his religion. The nationality, yes, but Arab students are Israeli citizens, so you cannot tell by that.

There is a fair percentage. I would say that we have about 7 per cent. Between 1,200 to 1,500 Arab students would be my guess.

CJN: *Does Hebrew U have any projects concerning road safety in Israel?*

Gutfreund: Yes. There is one in the planning stage. We formed a study group [after Ben-Porath's accident]. Actually there were two scholars who [had] studied certain aspects of road accidents before that, but after that there was a feeling that we should launch a coordinated interdisciplinary effort. We are particularly [interested in] the human element. There is the technological element — the quality of roads and cars, but there is also the educational, psychological, human decision element, the cognitive part, the fatigue, all of that, and we thought that we could contribute something.

CJN: *Reports following Professor Ben-Porath's death indicated that the university had just emerged from financial crisis. How is the financial situation now?*

Gutfreund: At present we face a deficit of something like 5 per cent of our entire level of activity in all our budgets. We have to adapt our activity to the available resources. We are not the only university in the world that faces this problem. We cannot do everything. We have to be selective, and that's part of [our] planning process.

The situation has improved significantly. A few years ago, we faced a major financial crisis which forced management of the university and the board of governors to implement a recovery plan in 1987. It's a matter of one to three years [until I expect the university to be debt-free].

CJN: *How has the Hebrew University addressed the needs of new olim in recent years?*

Gutfreund: We initiated several programs offering opportunities for retraining to professions which are in greater demand in Israel. Hundreds of new olim went through those programs, and that facilitated their absorption.

The school for overseas students plays a dual role. One is [to offer] academic programs, the other one is to serve as a preparatory school for those who immigrate to Israel but lack the necessary skills required for admission, like Hebrew language, or English.

We did not relax our admission requirements for olim. Whoever applies has to compete for the available places with all the others.

CJN: *Have you had any Ethiopian students go through that program?*

Gutfreund: Very few. With Ethiopians, it's not just the language. Much more is needed. But we do have a few Ethiopian students who have already graduated from the Hebrew University.

CJN: *Is the university doing anything to promote science education in Israeli high schools?*

Gutfreund: The university is doing a lot. The university is training teachers, developing course work and curricula, but also on campus, we have constructed science laboratories where high school teachers can go with their high school students to perform experiments which are part of the curriculum.

CJN: *Are you doing anything specific to encourage female students to pursue careers in science?*

Gutfreund: I don't think you have to do anything specific for that. I believe that if you let it alone, it will happen.

CJN: *Are there women scientists on staff at the Hebrew University?*

Gutfreund: Yes, but not to the extent that we would like to see. It certainly does not reflect the proportion of women in society.

I don't think that one should do anything artificial to change it. Our attitudes are changing. Society's attitudes are changing, and it's reflected in the ever-increasing percentage of women on the university faculty.

CJN: *What message do you bring to Canadian Jews?*

Gutfreund: Just to continue their very generous support and involvement. I'm very impressed with the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, and I'm particularly impressed with the fact that I find here a generation of young people who are assuming leadership roles in the community and on behalf of the Hebrew University. This disproves the myth that compassion and understanding for worthy causes in Israel is declining and will disappear after our generation has made its contribution. I find that, at least in Canada, there is ample evidence that this is not going to be the case. That is something very encouraging.

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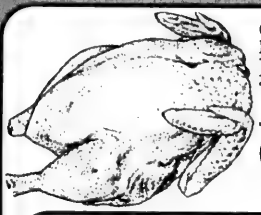

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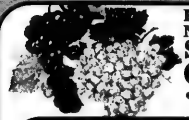

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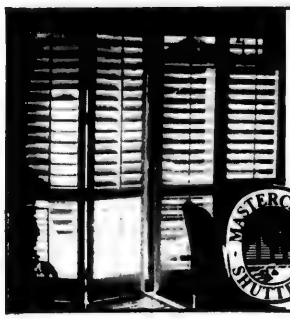

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Waldheim says CIA files reveal coverup by Americans

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

VIENNA — Former Austrian President Kurt Waldheim wants the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to make public its files on him, in the wake of new charges that the United States helped cover up Waldheim's Nazi past.

"I support the publishing" of the CIA files, Waldheim told the Austrian daily *Der Standard* recently. "I have nothing against it."

Waldheim was reacting to recent allegations that he had cooperated with the CIA during the early 1960s and that as a result, American authorities covered up his service in a German army unit linked to World War II atrocities.

In 1986, while Waldheim ran for president of Austria, the World Jewish Congress (WJC) launched an inquiry into his wartime activities with the Germany army, or Wehrmacht, in the Balkans during the war.

Despite the inquiry's conclusions that Waldheim had lied about his past, the former two-term UN Secretary General was elected president in June of that year.

Waldheim went on to serve as Austria's president, a largely ceremonial post, for six years, but was regarded as a pariah by most of the international community.

During that period, he remained on the U.S. watch list barring people of questionable background from entering the United States.

Waldheim's background was again brought into question following a recent report in *The New York Times*, which disclosed confidential documents from the U.S. Embassy in Vienna between 1961 and 1968.

According to the report, nearly identical wording was found in cables sent to Washington when Waldheim was appointed Austria's U.N. ambassador in 1966 and again in 1968, when he took up his post as Austrian foreign minister.

In the cables, Waldheim was described as an "outstanding personality in the Austrian Foreign Ministry" and as "highly cooperative and helpful in supporting U.S. interests."

The *Times* questioned why the United States had supported Waldheim's election as UN secretary-general in 1971, even though his name could be found on a list of "suspicious people" dating back to 1948 in connection with his wartime duties in the Balkans.

The CIA carried out a security check on Waldheim in 1972, but found nothing unusual in his background. That fact is being taken as proof of his prior cooperation with the State Department.

Waldheim told *Der Standard* that the *Times* story was "a continuation of the defamation campaign" against him in a new guise.

"If I had a friendly attitude toward the U.S.A., it does not mean that I was an agent, or spying," he said.

Waldheim added that nothing "more than a friendly attitude toward the U.S.A. could be filed about me, because there was no more to be said, as nothing exists of that sort."

In March, the Justice Department released a formerly secret report leveling accusations that Waldheim participated in war crimes under Nazi command during World War II.

Kurt Waldheim

The report, written in 1987, concludes that "Waldheim assisted or otherwise participated in persecution because of race, religion, national origin or political opinion."

The report also states that in memoranda contesting the attempt to bar him from the United States, Waldheim "offered explanations of historical events which are so completely inconsistent with documented facts as to smack of rank distortion."

Waldheim failed to rebut the case against him or otherwise demonstrate he did not take part in activities of which he's been accused, the report says.

It is not known why the former Bush administration kept the report from the public.

The WJC had long sought to make the report public so that the story of Waldheim would be known.

The report states that, as a lieutenant for the German army between 1942 and 1945, Waldheim was involved in the deportation and deaths of nearly 3,000 Greek Jews.

He also played a part in the transfer of civilian prisoners to the SS for use as slave labor, the mass deportation of civilians to concentration and death camps, the utilization of anti-Semitic propaganda and the mistreatment and execution of Allied prisoners.

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Survivors, gays clash in Israel at Yad Vashem

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Holocaust survivors and a visiting international group of gay men and lesbians clashed at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial here last Monday, as the gay community held a ceremony to honor homosexuals who perished under the Nazis.

Holocaust survivors greeted the group of about 100 gay and lesbian activists with protest banners as they arrived at the memorial.

But worse was to come inside the cavernous Hall of Remembrance after a Reform rabbi, himself gay, began reciting Kaddish.

A bearded man with a heavy Russian accent screamed, "My grandfather was killed for refusing to have sexual relations with the camp commandant. You are desecrating this place, you homos!"

The group of homosexuals did its best to continue, reciting the Kaddish and singing Hannah Senesh's "Eli, Eli" poem, many of them in tears. Some were attacked by the protesters and had to be restrained by their friends from fighting back.

The ceremony marked the first time the Nazi persecution of homosexuals had been commemorated at Yad Vashem, and it had aroused controversy in the days leading up to it.

A full-page advertisement placed in *The Jerusalem Post* by a group of 19 rabbis called the ceremony an "abomination" and threatened a boycott of the Holocaust memorial.

The ceremony was sponsored by the Society for the Protection of Personal Rights, Israel's principal gay rights group, as the kickoff for a month of events in Israel for and about gay men and lesbians.

Many of the participants, here for the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations, were deeply upset by the reception they received at Yad Vashem.

A young delegate from England said sarcastically: "This makes us feel very much at home in Israel!"

World

Arafat claims Jerusalem as Palestine capital

Jewish Telegraphic Agency and Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — As the newly named members of the Palestinian governing authority prepare to arrive in Jericho, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat has again sparked controversy by naming Jerusalem as the capital of "Arab Palestine."

The bombshell, contained in an interview with Radio Algeria last Wednesday, came hard on the heels of Arafat's now-infamous remarks in Johannesburg last month, when he called for a jihad (holy war) to "liberate" Jerusalem.

Arafat later said he used the Arabic word to refer to a peaceful struggle.

During his Johannesburg speech, and in subsequent remarks, Arafat also implied he could break the agreement between the PLO and Israel whenever he pleased.

In last Wednesday's interview, Arafat said United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 specifically recognizes that Jerusalem is an integral and indivisible part of the territories Israel conquered in June 1967.

"It is on that basis that we went ahead with the Madrid and Oslo talks," said Arafat, referring to negotiations that preceded the signing of the Palestinian self-rule accord.

In a letter the PLO leader sent to the heads of the world's non-aligned states, who met last week in Cairo, Arafat said that remarks about Jerusalem made this week by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin violated the autonomy agreement signed in Cairo last month.

Earlier last week, Rabin said Jerusalem would remain the undivided capital of the Jewish people "forever."

He added that Israel will take steps to prevent the establishment and operation of any Palestinian autonomous agencies in Jerusalem.

"Someone in Tunisia [Arafat] said something today. So he spoke," Rabin said. "You see Jerusalem is united. It is our capital, the capital of the Jewish people and will remain this way forever," Rabin told Jewish National Fund leaders in Jerusalem.

Libya's official press agency wrote that Rabin was humiliating Arafat over the Jerusalem issue.

According to the Declaration of Principles signed last fall by Israel and the PLO, Jerusalem was to be the subject of "final-status" negotiations, to begin in no later than two years.

Preparations are meanwhile underway for the arrival in Jericho of some of the senior members of the newly formed Palestinian governing authority, which will have overall responsibility for Palestinian affairs in the autonomous regions of Jericho and the Gaza Strip.

Among those expected in Jericho, perhaps by this week, are Nabil Sha'ath and Ahmed Karia, both of whom hold economic portfolios.

Some 18 offices have already been prepared for the members of the authority, which will be led by Arafat.

Also being set up in Jericho is a special office to assist victims of the intifadah.

The arrival in Jericho of the council members will be the first test of their popular standing at a time when there is sharp criticism of many of the nominations.

Critics are charging that veteran Palestinian leaders who stayed in the West Bank and Gaza during the difficult years of the intifadah have been overlooked, and that plum posts have been given to many whose sole qualification is their closeness to Arafat.

In Gaza last week, a leader of Arafat's mainstream Fatah movement told the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz* he "felt sorry" for the members of the Palestinian authority.

"They have to fulfil promises without having the means to keep those promises," said Hisham Abd a-Rajek.

He was referring in particular to the council's desperate lack of funds. A number of foreign countries had promised aid in the wake of last fall's signing of the self-rule accord, but the money has so far not materialized.

Last Tuesday, Arafat appealed to U.S. President Bill Clinton to encourage those who promised aid to honor those pledges.

Earlier last week, Israel paid, for the last time, the salaries of the tens of thousands it had employed in the civil administration of Gaza.

Rabin had warned earlier that a financial crisis serious enough to disrupt the progress of Palestinian self-rule would occur if the promised foreign aid did not arrive soon.

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IDF, Hezbollah clash at Lebanese border

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — A tense calm prevailed on both sides of the Lebanese border last weekend, after Katyusha rocket attacks forced Israel's northern residents to spend Saturday and Sunday in bomb shelters.

Amid ongoing clashes in the security zone, the Israel Defence Force (IDF) has boosted its forces along the border and in the zone, primarily with tanks and long-range artillery ready to strike back if U.S. mediation efforts to restore calm should fail.

Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai, who toured towns and villages in the North on Friday, said IDF and South Lebanese Army troops were on full alert and prepared for any eventuality.

Meanwhile, Hezbollah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah last Friday threatened to wage suicide attacks against Israel, declaring that the extremist Shi'ite organization's battle with the "Zionist enemy" had entered a new phase.

Nasrallah spoke at a mass funeral in Beirut for several of those killed in the Israel Air Force strike on a Hezbollah training base in Lebanon's northern Bekaa Valley before dawn last Thursday.

As many as 45 Hezbollah activists, many of them young men due to undergo training in terrorist tactics and guerrilla warfare, were killed in the raid and scores more wounded.

"Victory for Islam and death to Israel," chanted hundreds of mourners at the funeral ceremony in Beirut, where coffins and in some cases bodies were held aloft and passed over the heads of the crowd.

"Yesterday we had dozens of suicide attackers. Now we have not hundreds, but thousands. We have decided to cut the hands of the Jews from the Muslim lands," said Nasrallah.

The rocket attacks retaliating against Israel began last Thursday afternoon, with several salvoes to the Western and Central Galilee.

Rockets fell in other parts of the region, including the Galilee Panhandle. The last attack occured early Friday morning, when a number of rockets fell harmlessly.

There were no Israeli casualties in any of the attacks, and damage to property was minimal, although in some areas, explosions from rockets started fires, which were quickly extinguished.

Israel maintains that the air strike on a strictly military target was legitimate, whereas the rocket attacks by Hezbollah and other organizations on northern settlements were a violation of mutual understandings.

Despite the rocket attacks, schools throughout the North were open on Friday, although most residents opted to spend the night in security rooms and bomb shelters as a precaution.

There were also clashes between Hezbollah gunmen and soldiers from the Fijian contingent of the United Nations peacekeeping force.

One Fijian soldier was killed and three others were wounded in the clashes in which a member of the Hezbollah was also killed.

THE PUZZLE OF LIFE

Actresses Tzippy Shavit (left) and Yona Elian, together with some children suffering from cystic fibrosis, are seen at the opening of a fund raising drive to raise a million shekels for cystic fibrosis research. Behind them is the Puzzle of Life that will be used in the drive. The drive will try to sell individual parts of a thousand piece jigsaw puzzle at 1,000 shekels each. At present about 300 children in Israel have the disease. [Israpet photo]

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

ORTENBERG — HUBERMAN

My correspondent's maiden name was Ortenberg, which she describes correctly as the name of a town in Germany near Frankfort-am-Main. She enquires whether there may be another origin for the surname of her ancestors who lived in Ukraine and Russia. The name is quite common in Odessa, Ukraine, although it probably originated in Germany and was carried intact on moving to Ukraine.

Huberman (a variation of Haberman) derives from the German and Jewish word for oats and probably describes a dealer in oats.

FOX

Abraham Shusterman, rabbi emeritus of Temple Shalom in Naples, Fla., asked me how Fox became a Jewish surname. There are several explanations.

The houses in the ghetto of Frankfurt had no numbers, but were identified instead by symbols. The best known is Rothschild — red shield, from which sprang a world-renowned dynasty. One of the houses bore the insignia of a fox.

"Fox" may also have been given as a nickname to designate a cunning or red-headed person.

League hopes to challenge vote

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The League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada is working with the Ontario Gurdwaras Committee, an organization representing 11 Sikh temples, to find ways to challenge the decision.

"The cowboy hat issue is an affront to everything," said veteran Murray Davis, 71, of Sault Ste. Marie. "It's assinine and childish."

Davis, a veteran of the Italian campaign, is one of six Jewish members of Legion Branch 25. He said his 1,650 fellow branch members have welcomed his presence, even suggesting that a rabbi preside over the rededication of the local cenotaph three years ago. In January, Davis proposed Sikhs and Jews with covered heads wear a black poppy inside the hall to show respect for the dead.

"If you're out of the place, what good are you," he explained. "If you're inside, no matter how you got in, they'll learn about you. The bottom line is, did you get in? You can't fight a battle from outside."

Rabbi Reuven Bulka is the Jewish chaplain for the Legion's Dominion Command. Rabbi Bulka, 50, said he believes Legion members voted out of ignorance, not racism. "It's a mistake to believe all legionnaires are bigoted," he said from Ottawa. "The issue is there is an injustice that has to be corrected."

The News in Brief

AI Calls for Vanunu's Release

OTTAWA — Amnesty International (AI) has called on Israel to release Mordechai Vanunu, the former nuclear technician who has been held in solitary confinement by Israeli authorities, after they abducted and tried him in secret eight years ago.

Vanunu is serving an 18-year sentence after being convicted at an in camera hearing of treason and espionage for providing a British newspaper with secrets about Israel's nuclear program in 1986.

AI says Israeli authorities acted illegally when they kidnapped Vanunu in Italy and when they held him in solitary confinement, which AI says is "cruel, inhuman and degrading."

AI says that in Vanunu's case, Israel "has shown a determiniation to go far beyond what is legitimate under international human rights law."

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Hungarian Jews to Get New Centre

BUDAPEST — As the result of an initiative begun two years ago by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Hungarian Jews will soon have a new community centre here.

The building that will house the centre — a pre-existing structure in downtown Budapest — is being renovated for community activities and is slated to open Sept. 1.

Costs for the new centre are being paid in part by a $300,000 grant from the London-based Central British Fund/ World Jewish Relief.

The new community centre will house a Shalom Club for Holocaust survivors, who number about 30,000 in Hungary. It will also house a social club, cultural centre, library and a computerized educational system connected to all Hungarian Jewish schools.

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German Soldiers Investigated

BONN — German authorities are investigating allegations that soldiers in the country's most elite honor guard shouted neo-Nazi and anti-Semitic slogans on a bus near here.

Reporting an incident that took place in mid-May, eyewitnesses said seven soldiers who were apparently drunk began shouting anti-Semitic and xenophobic slogans on a bus on their way back to their barracks near Bonn.

According to the witnesses, the soldiers, who were dressed in civilian clothes for an evening out, shouted "Jews should be gassed" and "foreigners out."

The police are also investigating claims that the soldiers physically attacked one passenger who tried to quiet them down.

When the soldiers got out of hand, the bus driver reportedly closed the doors to the bus and called the police, who held five soldiers for questioning.

Two of the soldiers got out of the bus before police arrived but they too were later brought in for questioning.

The soldiers were members of Germany's most prestigious honor guard, which greets foreign heads of state.

A spokesman for prosecutors in Bonn announced last week that charges would be pressed against one soldier at least, and that the investigation would continue regarding the other six.

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Proposal on Jewish Facilities

BERLIN — In the wake of the vandalism of two Jewish cemeteries in the central German state of Hesse, a spokesman for the leftist Green Party in the Hesse state parliament has proposed that Jewish graveyards and synagogues be classified as historical monuments.

Fritz Hertle said last week that he made the proposal "in order to strengthen the cultural interests of the authorities and to protect" Jewish institutions.

Local police said all 11 gravestones were overturned and some of them broken during the recent attack on one of the cemeteries, in the town of Beerfelden.

Hertle said that in the western German town of Wiesbaden, the Green Party had set up a citizen's initiative to have Jewish cemeteries and synagogues in Germany put under protection.

He called on Germans to pay more attention to the historical importance of Jewish cemeteries and to help prevent "such shameful attacks by anti-Semitic right-wing extremists."

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New Zealand Jews Upset

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — The New Zealand Jewish community has reacted angrily to an announcement that the government has granted residence to a South African white supremacist leader, Jan Smith.

Wendy Ross, president of the New Zealand Jewish Council, said last week the council wrote to New Zealand's immigration minister opposing the granting of residency to Smith.

Smith, a former leader of the South African Church of the Creator, immigrated here last month.

Immigration Minister Roger Maxwell said there is no basis in law to deport Smith.

The Church of the Creator, a pseudoreligious group belonging to the neo-Nazi Christian Identity movement, preaches "racial holy war" against blacks and Jews.

Smith established the South African section of the church in 1979.

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Doctors in the House

JERUSALEM — The immigration wave from the former Soviet Union has doubled the number of trained doctors in Israel, but only a quarter of the arrivals have found work in their field, the Absorption Ministry said last week.

The 12,000 doctors who have arrived since late 1989 are equivalent to the number of those already practicing in the country, the ministry said in a statement.

Of the new arrivals, some 3,000 physicians have found work in their field and now constitute a fifth of Israeli doctors. Another 5,000 passed equivalence exams, but have not found medical positions.

The statement said that despite the saturation of their job market, 15 of every 1,000 immigrants currently arriving are doctors and 29 are nurses.

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Delegation From Cuba Visits

JERUSALEM — A two-member Cuban delegation arrived here last week for a visit their Israeli Communist Party hosts said was aimed at warming ties that were severed over 20 years ago.

Maria Dolores Ortiz Diaz and Eduardo Mereros Gonzalez, officials from the Cuban Institute for Friendship Between Peoples, were scheduled to tour Israel for 10 days, Gonzales said.

Boaz Modai, a Foreign Ministry spokesman, said no ministry officials will meet with the two, and that relations with Cuba, one of the last communist strongholds, remained unchanged.

"It's only a first step which we hope will facilitate eventually reestablishing diplomatic relations," said Yoram Gozansky, an Israeli Communist Party spokesman.

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What's Bugging Them?

JERUSALEM — A swarm of mosquitoes has succeeded in doing what politicians, idealists and peacemakers have often dreamed about but rarely achieved.

The pesky insects have feasted on residents of the Jewish town of Othniel and Arab town of Rabud, who last week held a joint demonstration against the mosquito invasion that has plagued the area.

About 100 people joined forces along a main highway, about 16 km from Hebron, to demonstrate against the common enemy.

Explaining their gripe, protester Avia Kedari of Othniel told Army Radio that tens of thousands of mosquitoes breeding in a sewage-filled stream had infested their homes.

Kedari said the 10-year-old problem is particularly acute this year.

"Our children cannot sleep" because of the smell and the buzz of mosquitoes, said Mohammed Taleb Ktat of Rabud.

Asked whether the cooperation is acceptable to both communities, Ktat replied, "This isn't a problem. We have a common emergency."

"We want to find a solution to this so we can all sleep peacefully," added Kedari.

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Argentina Blanks Israel

TEL AVIV — Some 40,000 soccer fans packed Ramat Gan's National Stadium last Tuesday night to witness two-time world champions Argentina beat Israel 3-0.

Argentina, with the great Diego Maradona at the helm, took the lead midway through the game. Then, in the second half, they completely overwhelmed the Israelis with two more goals.

The atmosphere in the stadium took on a distinct South American air, as thousands of Argentinian fans cheered on their team with their banners draped over the length of the touchline barrier.

Prior to the match, Maccabi Haifa midfielder Eyal Berkowitz was crowned Israel's footballer of the year by President Ezer Weizman.

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Three Companies Fined

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Commerce Department fined three companies last week for allegedly complying with the Arab economic boycott of Israel.

A total of $54,000 in fines were levied against SSC Medical Instrumentation, Inc. of Concord, Mass.; the Los Angeles branch of Habib Bank AG Zurich; and World Trade Venture, Inc. of Berkeley Heights, N.J.

The companies each agreed to pay the fines, but they neither admitted nor denied the allegations.

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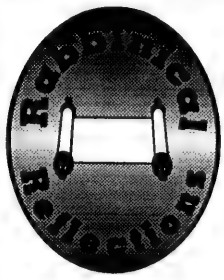

By RABBI DAVID J. GOLDBERG

Being a transplanted American on Canadian soil, I cannot help but compare the rebellion of Korah, about which we read in this week's Torah portion to the signing of the American Declaration of Independence, whose 218th anniversary will be celebrated in about three weeks. They were both founded on seemingly the same foundations; the freedom of the individual to play a role in creating the law. But the Americans succeeded and Korah failed. Why did Korah not succeed if his claims were just?

The Torah does not hold it against Korah that he led a rebellion against Moses. The reason for his downfall was that his true motivation was ultimately unjust.

On the surface it appears that Korah argued for a noble cause — a more democratic society — just as the American colonists did when they rose up against England and as did Thomas Jefferson when he authored the Declaration of Independence. Jefferson said that "All men are created equal." Korah likewise said to Moses, "You take too much upon yourself, seeing that all the congregation are holy, every one of them and the Lord is among them." Thus Korah, like Jefferson, argued for a people's democracy.

But the rabbis of the Talmud and Midrash concluded that Korah's rebellion was an "unholy controversy" and thus doomed to failure. The commentator Malbim comments regarding this, "Our sages wished to point out that in a holy or heavenly cause both sides are united by one purpose to further unselfish, divine ends. However, in a controversy pursued for unholy ends, for personal advancement and the like, then even those who have come together on one side are not really united. Each is governed by their own calculations of what they stand to gain and are ready to cut each other's throats if it serves their own interests."

The Midrash strives to prove just this point. According to the rabbis Korah was really interested in becoming the High Priest. He was upset that he had been overlooked for that position by Moses, who was his cousin, and that he had not been made the chief of the Levitical clan of Kehat. That job went to another cousin, Elizaphan. Korah's cohorts, Dathan and Abiram, also had personal axes to grind. They were from the tribe of Reuben, who, as the firstborn of the patriarch Jacob, were entitled to the highest offices of political and spiritual leadership of the Israelites. Instead, they complained, those positions had been given to the descendants of Levi, Judah, and Joseph. The 250 princes that Korah gathered around himself also argued that the priesthood should not be given out as a hereditary title, but according to individual prestige and distinction.

This is what Korah meant when he said that "all of them are holy." This is an assertion that the individual's selfish ambitions outweigh their group mission to be a "kingdom of priests and a holy nation." Korah and his followers interpreted their role of being "chosen people" to mean that they could have superiority and privilege, rather than meaning that they agreed to shoulder extra responsibilities.

And while Korah pretended to represent the poor and deprived masses, the Midrash tell us further that his past was not what it seemed. In Egypt Korah was the treasurer to Pharoah. In this capacity he acquired a considerable fortune for himself, which he carried into the desert.

Korah's rebellion failed because of its impure motives and corrupt methods. But some of the ideas of this first rebellion against an establishment remained behind and produced better results in later generations.

In contrast to Korah's uprising, the American revolution succeeded precisely because it was not the invention of one man who was seeking personal gain, but because a nation was fed up with not being able to decide its own fate. George Washington had no great ambition to become the first president of the United States. He was actually called out of retirement from his Virginia farm because the Continental Congress trusted him the most. The American revolution was fought by people for all of them, not for the greater glory of a few wealthy leaders who were miffed because they felt that they deserved more.

There are certainly wrongs to be righted and people to be helped who cannot speak for themselves. But we must be vigilant when it comes to deciding who to allow to speak to them. The motivation of leaders, whether appointed by the community or self-appointed, should be carefully scrutinized. For those who cloak their self-interest with apparent concern for the masses will eventually tread them downward even farther and cause great anguish in the end as did Korah.

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Courts say immigrants are Jewish

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Israel's Interior Ministry has agreed not to refer new immigrants to rabbinical courts to determine their Jewishness for purposes of civil registration.

The decision is seen as a victory for champions of the separation of religion and state here, while the fervently Orthodox are calling the development dangerous.

The ministry agreement was presented by the Attorney General to the Supreme Court late last month, in response to a petition filed by the Reform Movement's Religious Action Center.

The petitioners alleged that the ministry's Population Registry was making referrals to the rabbinical courts, which is illegal.

In documents, David Efrati, director of the Registry, denied his division was registering new immigrants to the religious courts.

And the head of the rabbinical courts, Rabbi Eliyahu Ben Dahan, submitted affidavits agreeing that rabbinical courts had no jurisdiction in the matter.

The Supreme Court "has long established the principle" that the Law of Return — which grants certain rights to immigrants determined to be of Jewish descent — and the population registry are civil matters, said Rabbi Uri Regev, head of the Reform center.

As such, they are not based on Halachah and halachic definitions of who is a Jew, he added.

Rabbi Regev said he had been seeking redress on the matter from the Attorney General's office for more than two years.

He has maintained that the rabbinical courts only have the "incidental authority" to judge Jewish status in matters squarely under their jurisdiction, such as in marriage.

Meanwhile, the fervently Orthodox press greeted the legal agreement with strong criticism. It said a "red line" had been crossed in the increasingly difficult effort to determine the Jewish status of immigrants.

It should "cause sleeplessness to all Jews" concerned about the "enormous assimilation of gentiles into the Jewish fold," the World Rabbinic Committee on Conversion was quoted as stating.

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Front Line

Jerusalem meeting plants seeds of cooperation

By BRAHM EILEY
Special to The CJN

Last year Professor Ron Pundak and Yair Hirschfeld, both Israelis, inadvertently made history, when the informal talks they had begun with Abu Allaa, the PLO finance minister, concerning possible spheres of economic cooperation became the official channel to negotiate the Declaration of Principles between Israel and the PLO.

Informal get-togethers in the interest of resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict are becoming more common in Israel. And as has long been the case in this region, it is in the business arena that mutual benefits — political, social and economic — are most readily found. Since the PLO-Israeli talks became public, there have been a number of business agreements established between Israelis and Palestinians.

Shortly before the Hebron massacre, one such gathering occurred. Its purpose was to help initiate a meeting between Palestinians and the mayor of Jerusalem. The purpose of the proposed meeting was to discuss cooperation in building schools, housing, medical facilities and industrial areas in East Jerusalem (which is part of the West Bank), the majority of which is inhabited by Palestinians.

The gathering was held at the apartment of Zeev Baran, a Jerusalem architect and planner, who has been working with Arabs for twenty years. Baran first worked for the Israel Civil Administration in the West Bank, and later on his own independent projects. He specializes in building medical facilities, and recently returned from a meeting in Cairo organized by Yasser Arafat's brother, Fathy Arafat, who is expected to be Palestine's first health minister. Baran had been invited to serve as an advisor on the future Palestinian state.

Although he is Jewish and of Eastern European descent, Baran resembles King Hussein of Jordan and is no less elegant and refined in manner. His dexterity at putting people at ease comes from an acute attentiveness to his immediate environment. But it is his passion for peace which led him to spend many an hour in meetings like this one, where discussions that people can only dream of both inside and outside of Israel really do happen.

On the far wall there is a collection of fine glassware and paintings of Israel and France by Baran's friends and a rare multicolored kilim. The spacious apartment is warm, full of wonderful wood finishings and specially designed rooms. On this damp February morning in Jerusalem the fireplace is crackling. What these men are discussing is a common subject in this apartment.

Osman Hallak, a West Bank businessman and chief editor of East Jerusalem's *An-Nahar* (one of two Arabic dailies in Israel and the Territories) is getting irritated.

"Don't be like 67," he cautions Farouk Otman Halad, a Palestinian-Jordanian businessman with residence in Jerusalem. Halad is well-dressed and sports a thin moustache. He has brought along another man who remains silent. The man appears to understand Arabic perfectly, but looks Northern European.

"You must not talk about unity, because unity is impossible," Hallak continues and then adds: "Remember, with or without the peace agreement we must move ahead with building East Jerusalem."

As the two argue, Amir Chesin, who has been in charge of Arab affairs for the Mayor's Office of Jerusalem for twenty years first under "liberal" Teddy Kollek and now under Likudnik Ehud Olmert, says to the group in a jovial way: "See how well they get along." Hallak, who is in heated discussion with Halad, overhears Chesin's comment and brushes it aside with his hand. It was Chesin who earlier introduced the idea of arranging a meeting between Palestinians and the Jerusalem Mayor's Office.

Chesin is a heavy set Jewish Arab with big hands, a wide mouth and a strong presence. In front of him on the table, by the Turkish coffee and sweets, is his portable telephone which he keeps adjusting every five minutes or so.

Halad finally backs down; it will not be possible he laments to wait for a unified position on Palestinian construction policy in East Jerusalem. At this moment Baran glides into the conversation. He has been carefully watching the two men and waiting for the drop in their voices. Quietly, yet directly he says: "So, let us agree that we will meet with the Mayor's Office."

Baran looks to Hallak, Halad, the Northern European with the goatee and Chesin for their approval. With it, he says he will begin to draft a letter that will be general enough so that all those who are invited will feel it represents them.

"But will the new mayor be open to this?" Halad asks still doubting the situation. The idea of such a letter is a direct challenge to Israeli policy. Economic development and business cooperation between Palestinians and Israelis take some adjustment.

"He has to be," Chesin says adamantly. They both play with their worry beads.

"Let us not go over the obvious," Baran interjects. "What we must establish with the new mayor is that East Jerusalem will be maintained and built like any other part of this country. If it will not be, then we need to know this as well."

As the group chides each other over who will be invited to the meeting and have their name on the letter, it becomes clear that if the mayor is not open to working with this group of wealthy Palestinians, they will not build in East Jerusalem.

The difficulty for Palestinians in obtaining building and business permits from the Israeli government to build in their own villages is a highly disputed issue which stretches back to policies instituted by Israel after the War of 1967. Even the most casual observer can see the difference in development between Israel and the Territories.

Historically, the mayor must provide a small amount for building in East Jerusalem. It would seem foolish, with the new peace agreement, if he did not capitalize on the Palestinians' interest. Time will tell however, if the Palestinians have the leverage to gain a real change in policy.

When the meeting ends, Baran introduces me to Hallak who must leave soon. He suggests we go to the den to talk.

"I think business must lead the way and when it comes to what we must do, it is obvious that we must be like the Jews," Hallak says straight off, his wiry frame full of energy. "We lack a pragmatism, a sense of pride and a sense of doing for ourselves and like them we need to create this in ourselves. That is not to say, Israel's policy has helped. Their policy — and they should know better — has been stupid! If you let people live like rats in a maze, as in Gaza or East Jerusalem, how else do you expect people to react and feel psychologically. That is why if the Israelis are going to be involved in this process it has to be done slowly and covertly or else it will damage our development process.

"As for East Jerusalem," he continues without much of a breath, "it is not just a question of property values. It is not just a question of how much profit we can make in building, because profit, the way it looks right now is not so large. Of course if the situation eases, property values will go up. But profit is not my motivation. With or without the peace agreement, we need change."

Baran's perspective mirrors Hallak's quite closely. On the one hand, he feels it is time for the Israelis to wake up and treat the Palestinians as equals. On the other hand, he is frustrated with the Palestinian leadership. On many occasions, Baran has urged the PLO's representative in the West Bank, Faisal al-Husseini, to run in the Jerusalem elections. But Husseini has told him, that if he ran it would be "admitting defeat and therefore be too dangerous."

"In the end, it is the Israelis who will be most involved with the Palestinians," Baran explains after everyone has left the meeting. "The idea some people have that we are somehow going to be separated is fantasy. We are tied together by geography, history and economics. Once the international money disappears, who else is going to invest with the Palestinians or buy from the Palestinians and who else has any real interest to?"

Baran knows full well what he is speaking about. A map, which he prepared for the Israeli government on Israeli and Palestinian settlements in the West Bank shows a world of intertwined communities. Jerusalem itself is a city shared between two peoples and there are hundreds of thousands of Palestinians living throughout Israel proper. It is only in Gaza, where Palestinian children know of the Israelis as the men in green with machine guns, that there is less of a mixture.

The Gaza Strip is a forty-minute drive from Tel Aviv and economically has little option but to be involved with Israel. Despite the often exploitive relations by the Israelis of the Gazans and the Israeli military presence, it is the Palestinians of Gaza who will tell you how, since the intifadah and being cut off from Israel they have had little source of revenue.

Dr. Haider Abdel-Shafdi, a highly respected native of Gaza, who led the Palestinian delegation at the 1990 Madrid Peace Conference was recently asked what Gaza was like before the Israelis? His reply, was that it was no better, that it had always been under-developed.

Less than a week after this get-together, the Hebron massacre occurred. The reaction of the Palestinians who were to meet with the mayor was complete devastation. Future meetings were delayed because of mourning. Nevertheless, in late March, a meeting was finally arranged for May between the mayor and the Palestinians to discuss the prospects for building in East Jerusalem.

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Broadway offers plenty of Jewish folk lore

By ARNOLD AGES

The late French minister of culture under Charles de Gaulle was once asked what had replaced the great tradition of French classical tragedy in France's intellectual life. He replied: "Politics."

A survey of New York City's current theatre scene suggests that there is a universal truth in that reply, but it requires some fine-tuning. Politics dominates Broadway theatrical productions this year but the tragedies, for the most part, have been replaced by comedies and musicals.

Among the 60 or so offerings along the Great White Way this season, there is moreover a cluster of comedies that revel in politics and, for want of a better word, Jewish folklore.

Jackie Mason, ever unrepentant, is now featured in a production called *Politically Incorrect*, a two-hour monologue in which this former rabbi and Catskills comedian delivers acerbic taunts against a variety of ethnic groups.

Mason's approach is to retail stereotypical views of the latter and to defend his caricatures by alluding constantly to the hallowed doctrine of free speech. Mason's machine-gun delivery and the sharpness of his observations ("I have no prejudice against any group as long as it belongs to the human race; that's bad enough.") are striking responsive chords among theatregoers who are packing his performances in sold-out numbers.

The redeeming feature of Mason's assault on ethnic groups is that he reserves the majority of his fusillades for Jews as he explodes the inanities of affirmative action. "Is it discrimination if there are no Jewish jockeys or hockey players?" he asks. Mason has a weighty political message to deliver but his heavily accented Yiddish-English lightens its content and makes it very palatable.

Mort Sahl's humor is light years away from Mason's but it shares a common matrix, that of the Jewish intellectual reflecting on society. In *Mort Sahl's America*, the man who 30 years ago was the darling of the campus scene and college lecture circuit, shows that he can still strut his stuff with a polished professionalism.

Arnold Ages

Sahl has the unusual distinction of being the classical outsider who was also an insider. Known as the quintessential liberal in the 1950s and '60s when he made his mark at San Francisco's The Hungry i, Sahl has had the unusual fate of becoming a kind of mascot of the conservative side in American politics, all the while retaining his liberal sympathies. His successful striding of these polarities has occurred because Sahl is a fearless and literate inconoclast who satirizes hypocrisy, puffery and insincerity wherever he finds it.

Where Jackie Mason uses a sledge hammer to drive home his comedy, Sahl uses gentle irony and involuted jokes. The architecture of his humor is based on surprising and unexpected turns of the phrase. "No one seems to be getting married anymore these days," he laments, "except the occasional Catholic priest."

Sahl reports that former president George Bush was confronted by a Japanese ambassador who refers to Hiroshima in an attempt to make a moral point. Bush says to the ambassador: "What has that got to do with trade negotiations?" The ambassador retorts: "We never destroyed any of your cities." Bush replies: "What about Detroit?" It should be noted that Sahl reserves some of his most mordant commentary for Jews who attempt to assimilate.

Assimilation is also the provocative theme in Wendy Wasserstein's *The Sisters Rosensweig*, which gets my vote for one of the best plays on the New York circuit this year. Jews who try to forget, bury or hide their past seem to be a mini-leitmotif on Broadway. The protagonist of Arthur Miller's *Broken Glass*, for example, is in retreat from his Jewish roots.

The main character in *The Sisters Rosensweig* (played magisterially by Michael Learned) is an international banker who tries to rise above her Jewish origins by aping upper-class English habits in her London home, where she is raising a rebellious teen-age daughter.

This grand design is thwarted by the daughter and by a member of an American Jewish Congress delegation, a handsome widower who is passing through the British capital. Add to this plot two more sisters, one of whom is leading a women's group trip to England (and who is always quoting her rabbi).

The ingenious plot gives playwright Wasserstein the delicious opportunity to offer some wonderfully comic observations about the Jewish conditions in this last decade of the 20th century. Wasserstein's inventive humor is a vehicle, as is the case with all great writers of comedy, for communicating bitter-sweet truths about alienation, failed marriages, spinsterhood and the trauma of growing up — all this enveloped in a particular Jewish ethos. Wasserstein may be the Jewish Chekhov of our century.

Neil Simon's vast talents as a playwright and comedy writer have made him the dean of the Broadway theatre. Many of his plays deal tangentially with Jewish themes used as context rather than as the central focus. This may also be said for his current work *Laughter On The 23rd Floor*, a highly original scenario in which Simon has reconstructed the ambience of the comedy writers of his youth, who are seen in a small room preparing gags for a Jewish comedian (a composite of Sid Caesar, Milton Berle and Jack Benny?) who is having some problems with his network television sponsor.

The play, set in the 1950s has the spectre of Senator Joe McCarthy and his anti-communist witch hunt pervading the atmosphere as the comedy writers exchange, during the course of the play, more than 200 jokes, puns, barbs and witticisms — all delivered with missle-like speed and often with the same explosive power.

When cultural historians of the future look back at the Broadway scene in 1994, they will undoubtedly be astonished by the pervasive Jewish input that is so dominant in the theatre.

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Legionnaires' disease

Respect is a word that has been bandied about a great deal since the vote by the membership of the Canadian Legion to overturn a directive from their top brass permitting religious head coverings in Legion canteens.

Respect for those who died "for King and Country" and respect for "Canadian tradition" have been offered as reasons why heads must remain bare; in a dazzling display of logic, respect for "Western tradition" has been offered as the reason why heads may be *covered* with cowboy hats during the Calgary Stampede.

This bit of nastiness — particularly grating during the week in which Canadians prepared to commemorate D-Day and Jewish war veterans were honored at the National War Memorial in Ottawa — has very little to do with respect, and a great deal to do with bigotry.

Anyone who doubts that had only to listen to the arguments made during the bitter debate in Calgary. "This [his Legion branch] is my temple," one Legion member thundered. "And in my temple, they don't wear turbans!" He received enthusiastic applause.

This kind of bigotry is insidious. Supporters of the ban on religious head coverings claim that there is no prejudice involved, because anyone who is willing to follow their somewhat capricious definition of respect is welcome. The minority who refuse are "disrespectful." We are divided into "good Jews" and "bad Jews," "good Sikhs" and "bad Sikhs" — not by *our* definitions, but by the definitions of others.

This is bigotry. Freedom of religion means nothing if (except in matters of criminal behavior) we are free to practise only what others say we may. This is *not* what Canadians and their allies fought for 50 years ago.

To the Legion members who understand that those who refuse to remove turbans or kippot are, in truth, refusing to dishonor fallen comrades by dishonoring their own faith — may we drink a L'chaim together.

To the rest — we'll pass.

A hi-tech victory

The recent announcement of a ground-breaking agreement between Canada and Israel — the founding of the Canada Israel Industrial Research and Development Foundation (CIIRDF) — should be heralded as a major step for Canada into the global marketplace.

The $6 million research fund is designed to supply financing for hi-tech joint ventures between Israel and Canada. CIIRDF, a non-profit organization, will fund 50 per cent of research in areas like telecommunications, microelectronics, software, biotechnology and aviation. Two per cent of sales will go towards repaying the grant if the new product is successful. Funded by Industry Canada and the Israeli Ministry of Industry, each government has pledged $1 million in R&D funding for each of the next three years.

A win-win situation?

If this agreement is as successful as the $150-million Bi-Lateral Research and Development program (BIRD) that has operated between Israel and the United States for the past 15 years, the odds are favorable.

The immediate advantage to Canadian and Israeli firms are obvious. First, risk-sharing: those companies that enter into joint ventures under the agreement will be sharing the financial risks and any problems caused by technological setbacks. More importantly, each successful product will hit the marketplace faster than if the venture was a solo undertaking.

Israel knows full well the benefits of such deals; it has already established similar agreements with Holland, Germany and France.

Opponents to the deal will find ammunition scarce. The talk of lost employment and industry infringements do not apply as they did to the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) or the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) arguments.

The long-term benefits of the deal are more in Canada's favor than Israel's. While Canadian firms can match, and in many cases, exceed Israel's hi-tech capabilities, Canada cannot open further foreign markets to Israel. For Canadian firms, Israel will act as an international bridge.

Israel is the only nation in the world that has free trade agreements with the European Common Market (EEC) and the United States. However, the usefulness of Israel is not limited to the access it offers to these markets. International entrepreneurs will appreciate the country's strategic location relative to countries in the Pacific Ocean region. As well, with the phasing in of the peace accord, Israel will become a base for economic activity as the business potential of the Middle East is realized.

It took three years for CIIRDF to come to fruition.

It's worth noting that Israel imported $24 billion worth of goods and services last year; if Canada wants to progress and be recognized as a major player within the global economy, a free trade agreement with Israel should not take another three years.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

A typographical error in Dr. David Saul's letter in the May 26 issue left the impression that he is a survivor of the Holocaust. Dr. Saul wrote "any survivor's arm, not "my survivor's arm."

COMMISSION ON CONTINUITY

Thank you for sending Paul Lungen to report on the Canadian Commission on Jewish Identity and Continuity's national meeting on May 29.

In the article which was titled "Community mobilizes over continuity issue," there were two items that we feel require clarification.

The national commission consists of chairpeople of local commissions (of both federated and affiliated communities) together with rabbis representing Orthodox, Conservative and Reform congregations, CJF member agencies, Canadian Jewish Congress, Jewish Immigrant Aid Society and United Israel Appeal, and delegates from campus and young adult organizations, boards of Jewish education, CRB Foundation and the Canadian Zionist Federation.

A clarification is required regarding the demographic figures cited in Paul's article. Fifty thousand people identify themselves as Jews by ethnicity; however, they also indicated that they identified with a religion other than Jewish.

We look forward to future articles on the Commission's important and challenging task.

Stanley Plotnick, Chairman
Canadian Commission on Jewish Identity and Continuity

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HOLINESS IN JERUSALEM

A photo caption in your Feb. 24 issue reads (in part): "Revered as a holy place, Jerusalem is also a secular city — where people live, work, eat and look for a parking space." You should know that holiness and daily living in Israel are *not* mutually exclusive — one does not become secular as soon as one picks up a sandwich and resume being religious once the meal is finished. The Torah focuses on how to elevate the mundane activities of life to a level of holiness. One way of elevating the mundane is, as your caption heading suggests, "to live in Jerusalem."

Eliyahu Shiffman
Beit Shemesh
Israel

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YIZKOR BOOKS

Re Travel Talk by Bill Gladstone, *CJN*, May 12:

Mr. Gladstone refers to Yizkor Collections. His comment, "The best source of Yizkor books in Canada is Toronto's Robarts Library," should be corrected. In fact, the best source for Yizkor books in Canada is to be found at the Jewish Public Library in Montreal with a collection of over 1,000 Yizkor books.

The Jewish Public Library has two copies of each of these Yizkor books, one which circulates and the other kept in our special Yizkor collection. This is a most unique and outstanding collection recognized all over the world and second only to Yivo in New York and of course Yad Vashem in Jerusalem.

I think you should alert your readers to this fine collection within our own Jewish institution and to the Jewish travel guides we have in our library as well as general travel guides.

Claire Stern
Jewish Public Library
Montreal

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QUESTIONS CONSERVATIVE RABBIS

Re: "Report on Sex Concerns Rabbis" (May 19):

The Rabbinical Assembly's pastoral draft report cited in *The CJN* states that gays and lesbians are to be supported with regards to "civil equality," welcomed into congregations "as all Jews," and that "violence against gays and lesbians" is to be "deplored." Several of Toronto's Conservative rabbis have only intensified these problems by bashing homosexuals from the pulpit, remaining silent on the issue or focusing on explosive controversies. The result has been an avoidance of the real issue of basic human rights.

To my knowledge, there has not been one Conservative rabbi who has publicly supported the NDP's same-sex rights bill. By doing so, a rare positive message would be sent to gays, lesbians and bisexuals, which would be read as a welcome into Conservative congregations. It would also alleviate homophobic verbal and physical assaults.

It seems that Conservative rabbis, like most rabbis in Toronto, have chosen to vocally engage in volatile dialogues around religious same-sex unions or gay/lesbian clergy, rather than implement a policy that promotes a true sense of acceptance for gays, lesbians and bisexuals as individuals. The pastoral proposal would be a monumental step *if* it is even carried out once enacted.

As this avoidance of basic issues continues, gays, lesbians and bisexuals (especially the dwindling number who remain in congregations or those who are still struggling with their sexual identity) will continue to feel alienated from Judaism and the Jewish community. As well, the parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles of gays, lesbians and bisexuals will continue to be subject to the torturous ordeals of seeing one of their family members ostracized. Since part of the synagogue experience is the coming together of families, the process of marginalization of one family member expands beyond just the individual.

As Conservative rabbis continue to mechanically utter the phrase, "We accept the homosexual, not the act of homosexuality," perhaps their rhetoric can begin focusing on acceptance of the individual and how this can be achieved, rather than the condemnation of sexual acts. This is a move that even a small (very small) minority of progressive Orthodox rabbis have undertaken.

Mitchel Raphael
Toronto

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NOT FAIR TO ISRAEL

Yeshayahu Anug in his column (*CJN*, May 19) states "the future of the corrupt and messy Soviet Empire was as doomed as was apartheid in South Africa, as was the imposition of Israel rule over the Palestinians."

He evidently seems to have forgotten how this "imposition" came about. Never mind the fact that the combined Arab states' armies were bent strenuously on Israel's annihilation since the creation of the Jewish State, launching several wars against Israel, including the 1967 one which imposed that "imposition" on Israel.

Clumping Israel with Soviet Russia's and South Africa's apartheid regimes is tasteless and offensive.

Isaac Josy
Toronto

Dry Bones

THE FIRST STEP TO PEACE WAS WHEN ISRAELI TROOPS...
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Opinion

Germany today is not the land I used to know

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

I grew up in Germany at a time of enormous changes.

First there was World War I, which I remember vaguely. Then came the 1918 revolution, (which overthrew the Kaiser) of which I have some memory, and this was followed by the kind of inflation which I hope no one will ever see again — when the mark lost its value from one day to the next with stamps costing millions, and the only thing to do with yesterday's currency was to paper the wall in the WC with it, so you could contemplate your financial fate sorrowfully and alone.

Thereafter came the steep rise of Nazism and the accession of Hitler and our eventual emigration.

During World War II, as a chaplain with the American army, I returned to Germany, which was then hardly recognizable because of the immense destruction that had taken place. When we opened the first concentration camp, at Dora, I saw the devastation the Nazis had wrought — and in the years that followed I refused to return to the land of my birth.

But as the country changed I felt it was worth another look. Ever since, I have followed its development with great interest. The reason is simple: Germany is the very heart of Europe, and as Germany goes, so goes the continent. In addition, some 30,000 declared Jews live in the major cities, and probably again as many have not publicly acknowledged their descent.

Rabbi Plaut

The major role which Jews play in the country today is to keep alive the memory of yesterday, for their own communal development has been hesitant, unsure, and without any distinct character. What is beyond doubt, however, is the changing nature of the country itself. The Germany of today is fundamentally different from the Germany I used to know when I was young.

Then, it was a land with a homogeneous population. We Jews — 600,000 of us — did not seem to fit the perceived fabric of the nation. Though we had lived in the country for more than a thousand years we had insisted on being Jewish. We had developed the major movements which to this day govern most of Jewish religious life, from Israel to the Diaspora: from the Agudah to modern Orthodoxy, from Conservatism to Reform (Chassidism of course, had its origin in Eastern Europe, and Reconstructionism was created in the United States).

The fact that Hitler had no problem directing the unhappiness of the country toward Jews was in part due to our visibility as the only "strangers" in their own land. But no longer.

Today, the "other ones" are two and a half million Arabs and Turks, against whom the recent outrages were committed. The interesting thing is that in the last three years some 50,000 indigenous old-line Germans have become Muslims, and this number includes only those who have been registered so far. The general conviction is that there are many more, for there is no obligation to announce one's religious conviction. Thus one finds a strange sounding name like Hartmut Mohamed Herzog — a combination of German and Muslim traditions — as the chairman of the Berlin-Islamic Society of German Speaking Muslims. According to one of its spokesmen, what they like about their new religion is the absence of pastor and pope and the direct responsibility that each believer feels toward God. There is no clerical hierarchy.

I wonder how many of those who have fallen in love with this kind of relationship to the Divine are aware that Judaism has preached this for a very long time. We need rabbis as the respository of Jewish knowledge, but we do not need them to establish our relationship to God. The rabbi counts for only one in a minyan, just like anyone else.

Two and a half million Muslims in Germany — even as I write down these figures I find them hard to believe.

Kibbutzim adopt two approaches to modernization

By RUTH LACEY
World Zionist Press Service

Menachem Begin once called them "millionaires with swimming pools," but the events of 1985 changed everything for Israel's 270 kibbutzim.

Already plunged into debt in the early 80s by soaring interest rates and high inflation, they began investing in the stock market to save their shrinking shekels. The stock market crash of 1985 decimated these savings and forced many kibbutzim to re-evaluate their most basic premises. In the process, they discovered inefficiency, unprofessional management and uncontrolled spending.

With fervor for internal reform sweeping the kibbutz movement, the business of advising kibbutzim has been booming. Almost every kibbutz has turned outside for help. But two kibbutz-based consultancy groups dominate the field, each with a vastly different approach.

Vector was set up as a working branch of Kibbutz Merom Golan in the late 1980s by Yehuda Harel, after he failed in a bid to head the United Kibbutz Movement and instigate changes from above.

"We were the first company of its kind," said Harel from his Tel Aviv office. "We invented the terminology that dominates the post-debt-crisis kibbutz movement — 'change,' 'profit centres,' 'board of directors.'

"But there was always an inherent conflict in my mind — and in the company — between being a business, motivated by profit, and a purveyor of change. My view was that it was possible to be both."

Vector had a small, hand-picked team — a model of the autonomous profit-centre which is part of the Vector vision of the new kibbutz. "We were always anti-establishment, encouraging independence on every level — from the individual kibbutz to the individual kibbutznik. That was our trademark. It was the reason we attracted business."

The dozen kibbutzim with which Vector worked all instituted major changes. But none, in Harel's view, went far enough. Vector stresses the separation of kibbutz business from pure communal functions. Thus a business can concentrate on making profits and a community is free to run according to its own value system, without extraneous considerations.

The community, too, says Harel, should provide labor in return for payment, while safeguarding the rights of kibbutz workers. The community should also be a shareholder, elect a board of directors and receive dividends when there's a profit.

Some 200 kibbutzim have set up boards of directors as recommended by a consultant, 100 have established personnel departments which try to match job demands with personal preferences, and kibbutz industry is on the upswing. But, said Harel, "Until you have people lining up to be accepted to kibbutz and until kibbutz is a real social alternative, we have failed."

Vector is in fact on the verge of closing up shop.

Rafi-Ben Yosef, general secretary of Kibbutz Kadarim in the Galilee, has worked with Vector. "They tried to sell a ready-made package. Our kibbutz adopted its central premise, separating the business sector from the community, and running each sector independently. But I can't accept that any one package can suit every kibbutz. No two kibbutzim are alike."

The Institute for Organizational Consultancy is located in the heart of the United Kibbutz Movement (UKM) complex in Tel Aviv, but is independent of the UKM. Its aims are less grandiose than Vector's. "Our approach is simple and clear cut," claims institute head, Yeshiahu Gavish. "We answer specific requests — if it's converting a traditional work branch into a profit centre or giving advice about floating shares. We run seminars on specific issues from different dining room models to private car ownership." Unlike Vector, the institute takes no particular stand or responsibility for the results of its work.

Despite not having a comprehensive model, the institute does have a guiding philosophy of value-laden 'oughts.' For example, a kibbutz ought to live within its means; each work branch ought to take responsibility for its own success; and the individual ought to be given more autonomy to choose how much money he spends and on what, and more freedom to choose where he works.

"I came to the institute with my own ideas," said Ben-Yosef. "My kibbutz was interested in establishing a relationship between days worked and personal income. I asked the institute for advice about implementation and process. Yeshiahu pulled out his graphs and his surveys and tried to convince me it would fail, that we should concentrate on setting up profit centres. Personally, I'm convinced that his resistance was ideological rather than practical. I'm also convinced that at this point we need to go things alone."

Iris Levy's Tel Aviv-area kibbutz has been working with the institute for nearly three years. A large, established community, it turned to the institute at a time of deep economic crisis. The conflicts she describes illuminate the problem of defining the client and the whole question of external intervention.

"I've felt all along that the consultant we're working with is pushing an agenda. And despite the upheaval and conflict it has caused here, the institute will claim no responsibility. There is an overcentralization of power, and the profit centre's hiring and firing practices contradict even the most basic labor laws. Consultancy companies need an internal system of review. And they have to be prepared to take the blame as well as the credit for what they cause."

"We are careful to work with a committee for reform that includes kibbutznikim of all shades of opinion," counters Gavish. "There'll always be those who object, but in my eyes if the proposal is accepted democratically — it's legitimate."

Harel disagrees. "I believe that it's possible to effect change without conflict, to deal with inherent contradictions — such as the inevitable tension between freedom and equality, individual and collective — through negotiation and compromise."

The institute's piecemeal approach to reform, however, does appear to be doing better than Vector's all-encompassing one and Gavish is presently working with over 60 kibbutzim on specific projects. Profit centres abound; nearly every kibbutz has privatized some element of consumption; and most have set up pension funds for members as a way of guaranteeing personal financial security.

Nevertheless, Harel insists on having the last word: "There is a danger in not addressing the whole picture. A change is needed in the fundamental thinking of kibbutzniks — a cultural, ideological change. No one kibbutz can institute change like this alone.

But the last word belongs to sociologist Avraham Pavin of Kibbutz Ginnegar in northern Israel. In his new book on organizational consultants, he concludes that there has been a decline in kibbutzim's use of their services. "Some consultants have been dismissed, fewer are being called in and there is a tendency to restrict consultation to specific areas rather than using a global approach. All this seems to reflect the more realistic expectations of kibbutz members concerning the potential contribution of external intervention, as well as the consultants' awareness of their limited capability to effect change."

It may also mark the beginning of a new era of autonomy where kibbutzniks feel that independence ought to extend to their kibbutz's own internal processes.

Just send a cook with those groceries, please

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

I am extremely fortunate in having a supermarket that delivers. It not only delivers, it takes faxes. So, most Thursday mornings, I send it a fax. Then, as if by magic, sometime Thursday afternoon, a man appears with an invoice and bags of groceries. Bliss.

This doesn't cover all of my grocery shopping, but it covers a lot. Of course, I still plunder the big warehouse store once every couple of months and I still make weekly runs to the kosher bakery, the kosher butcher and the neighborhood all-kosher mini-mart, but my supermarket fax covers the essential basics.

My list stays on my computer and I update it, depending on what we need. It is pretty straightforward, but every now and then I wish I could order up some additions, like this:

TO: Market
FROM: Mrs. R
Please send:

3 onions (We like the sweet ones, like Georgia Vidalias. And while you are at it, please peel and chop.)
1 head garlic (You could mince those, if you would.)
1 stalk celery (Clean, chop.)
1 bunch parsley (Clean, chop.)
2 leeks (Clean and slice in rounds.)
6 large potatoes (Peel and cube.)
1 pkg. onion soup mix (Dissolve in boiling water, add all above. Simmer two hours and salt to taste.)
1 box brown sugar
1 pint of strawberries (Just wash them, hull them, throw out the mushy ones and sprinkle with ¼ cup brown sugar.)
3 cucumbers (Peel, dice.)
3 tomatoes (Seed, dice.)
1 purple onion (Peel, mince.)
2 green peppers (Trim, dice. Toss them with cukes, tomatoes, onion, olive oil, lemon juice, salt and pepper. You'd save me a world of time.)
3 boxes frosted cookies
3 9-carton packages of 8 oz. boxed apple juices
2 loaves sandwich white bread
1 jar peanut butter (Please select a kosher brand with no sugar, no fat, no salt, no peanuts.)
1 bag of apples (Wash. Buff.)
1 bunch carrots (Peeled, cut into sticks.)
1 package brown paper lunch bags
1 package sandwich bags (Put 4 carrot sticks each in plastic sandwich bags. Now make 15 sandwiches of the bread and peanut butter. Remember, child number one wants the crusts off, child number two wants the sandwich quartered, and child number three won't eat anything anyway. Place each sandwich in a plastic bag. Put in paper bag, and add a box of juice, an apple, carrot sticks, and a cookie — wrapped. Whew, that's lunches for a week. Thanks.)
1 large can coffee (Just perk it and give me a wake up call because I know I'm dreaming.) Imagine, having groceries arrive already prepared. What fantasy could be more unlikely?

Erica Meyer Rauzin

Actually, there are people we encounter every day who get their groceries already chopped, sorted, packed, and cooked: small children.

However, this miracle, like youth itself, is wasted on people who do not appreciate it at all. They pick, they complain, they are as idiosyncratic as movie stars. My kids do cook, now and then, mostly desserts, but they cook when, where, what and how they want to, without concern for the fiscal, environmental or nutritional impact.

I just hope that when I'm 80 and they are struggling to prepare their own humble repasts — confronted with mountains of produce that is not yet peeled, washed, sliced, diced or mashed — one sibling will look at another and admit, "You know, Mom was a pretty good cook, after all."

And I'll smile, as I watch them work, and then PB make them bring me another plateful.

Features

Denying the undeniable

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Denying the undeniable is the stock-in-trade of a new and growing breed of anti-Semites — Holocaust deniers.

These propagandists, whose range of sophistication varies, claim that the "myth" of the Holocaust enabled Jews to "steal" a fortune in reparations from Germany and to displace the Palestinians in the creation of Israel.

But denial, writes Deborah Lipstadt in *Denying the Holocaust* (The Free Press, $22.95 U.S.), a comprehensive and lucid account of this phenomenon, is not just an assault on a central event in Jewish history. More than that, "it poses a threat to all those who believe that knowledge and memory are among the keystones of our civilization."

Employing a strategy of deceit and distortion, these malevolent scribblers have, to some extent, succeeded in winning converts. In a recent survey, 25 percent of American high school students said they thought it was possible that the Holocaust never occurred. In Brazil, a book denying the Holocaust posted sales of 200,000 copies.

Lipstadt, a professor of history at Emory University, warns that the falsifiers may score yet more points in the future. As time passes and fewer Holocaust survivors can personally challenge their assertions, their campaigns will only grow in intensity. As she puts it: "Their objective is to plant seeds of doubt that will bear fruit in coming years, when there are no more survivors or eyewitnesses alive to attest to the truth."

At its core, Holocaust denial is not only a manifestation of age-old animus toward Jews. It is an attempt to rehabilitate fascism. As long as that ideology is inextricably linked with Nazism and its offspring, the Final Solution, its appeal will be strictly limited. But if the Holocaust can be separated from fascism, its chances of being resuscitated are vastly improved.

One of its earliest proponents, a French fascist named Maurice Bardeche, claimed that some of the evidence regarding the concentration camps had been falsified, and that the deaths there had been primarily the result of war-related privations.

His bedfellow, Paul Rassinier, a former Communist who had been interned in two concentration camps, claimed that the Holocaust "myth" was concocted by Jews in order to "make Germany an ever-lasting milk cow for Israel."

In the United States, Harry Elmer Barnes was one of the first major deniers. A history professor, he claimed that Allied atrocities surpassed those of Nazi Germany.

Austin App, a professor of English, became one of its chief ideologues. Going much further than Barnes, he asserted that the figure of six million was "a bloated libel" and a "smear terrorizing myth." He also said that there was not a "single document, order or blue-print" that proved the Nazis intended to exterminate the Jews.

App's magnum opus, *The Six Million Swindle: Blackmailing the German People for Hard Marks with Fabricated Corpses*, published in 1973, claimed that the Holocaust "hoax" was a plot jointly inspired and nurtured by Communists and Jews.

App's themes were eagerly picked up by a panoply of deniers, from Robert Faurisson in France to Bradley Smith in the United States:

- Emigration, not annihilation, was Nazi Germany's plan for solving the "Jewish problem."
- The majority of Jews who supposedly died in German captivity were actually subversives, spies, saboteurs and criminals.
- Gas chambers never existed, and the gassing installations found in Auschwitz were really crematoria for cremating Jews who had died from a variety of causes.

Lipstadt pays considerable attention to Arthur Butz, whose 1977 book, *The Hoax of the Twentieth Century*, is one of the classics of denial. In her estimation, what differentiates Butz — a professor of electrical engineering in Illinois — from his predecessors is the veneer of scholarship and the impression of seriousness and objectivity he conveys.

Cleverly, he does not whitewash Nazi crimes, and concedes that as many as a million Jews may have died at the hands of the Nazis. But on closer examination, Butz is just another denier. Claiming that the Holocaust is basically a hoax, he declared that the Germans and the Austrians have been the real victims of World War II.

Jews, he wrote, manipulate governments, control war crimes trials, govern the media and determine other nations' foreign policy, all in the name of furthering "Zionist ends." Amazingly enough, Butz claims that the Holocaust is perpetuated by forged documents.

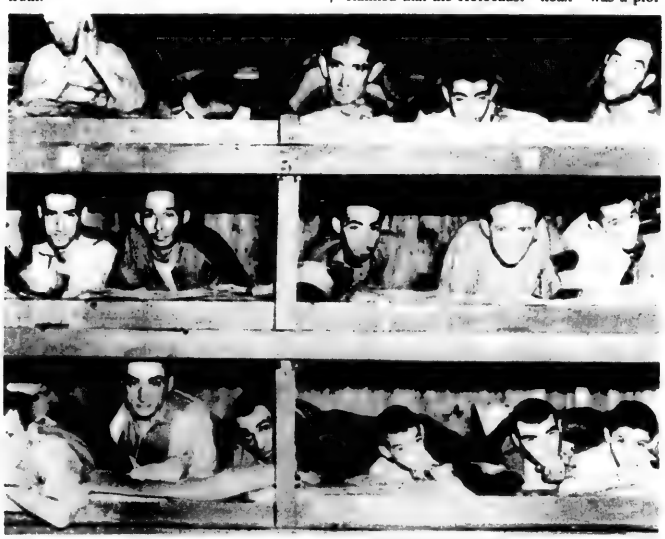
Lipstadt devotes a chapter to the Los Angeles-based Institute for Historical Review, with which Butz and his ilk are associated. Its main supporter, Willis Carto, has been described by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith as the most important and powerful professional anti-Semite in the United States. Carto is the founder of the Liberty Lobby and maintains close links with the hate-spewing Noontide Press.

Lipstadt demolishes the credentials of Fred Leuchter, the author of *The Leuchter Report: An Engineering Report on the Alleged Execution Gas Chambers at Auschwitz, Birkenau, and Majdanek, Poland*, which was commissioned by Toronto denier Ernst Zundel. She demonstrates, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that Leuchter is a fraud whose testimony at Zundel's trial was rejected as "gross speculation."

Clearly, deniers are purveyors of outright, malicious lies. For years, they questioned the authenticity of the diary of Anne Frank. For many readers, it is often their introduction to the Holocaust. In response to the litany of attacks, the Netherlands State Institute for War Documentation subjected the original diary to a battery of rigorous scientific tests.

The final report vindicated the diary and, thereby, made asses of the deniers. The paper, glue, fibers in the binding and ink were judged to be in use in the 1940s, when the diary was written. Once again, the deniers' claims had no relationship to the most elementary rules of truth and evidence.

So what else is new?



Holocaust survivors immediately after World War II.

The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

It sounds innocuous enough, but in reality, it's a Trojan Horse used to further the nefarious cause of Holocaust denial.

The Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust, headed by Bradley Smith, has set its sights on American university campuses.

In the past few years, Smith has placed paid ads in campus newspapers to proclaim that infectious diseases claimed the lives of most Jews during the Holocaust; that the gas chambers, if they existed, were used only as "life-saving" fumigation chambers to prevent disease and delouse clothing; and that several hundred thousand rather than six million Jews perished during the war, the victims of Allied bombings.

Bradley's camera-ready polemics have been accepted by about 20 newspapers at universities ranging from Rutgers and Duke to Cornell and Notre Dame. Twelve newspapers, including those at Yale and Harvard, have refused to print the ads.

Bradley, a 64-year-old former construction worker from Visalia, California, claims that he is not an anti-Semite and that he is solely motivated by intellectual honesty and the pursuit of historical truth.

Claiming he is defending the American ideal of the First Amendment, which sanctifies free speech, Bradley argues that "Stalinist Jews" fabricated the story of the Holocaust "to legitimate" the Soviet occupation of Eastern Europe after World War II.

Campuses targetted by Holocaust deniers

According to Bradley, the United States and Britain used the Holocaust to stifle debate about the crimes they committed against German and Japanese civilians during the war.

And furthermore, he alleges, Zionists appropriated the Holocaust to justify their "invasion" of Palestine and their demand for U.S. aid to Israel.

Bradley, who never attended university, says he is simply trying to generate an open debate that historians have avoided because they fear the wrath of "organized Jewry."

As he put it in an interview: "I'm looking for an audience and I'm not looking for a bunch of middle-age professors who have betrayed the standards of their own universities. I'm looking for young people who aren't carrying the baggage of 50 years of the state-supported line and still have the remnant of an open mind."

Although he fancies himself as an independent crusader whose only desire is to correct falsehoods, Bradley's real agenda is readily apparent.

Bradley and like-minded propagandists want to distance themselves from blatant anti-Semites and thus portray themselves as respectable bearers of the unadorned truth. By doing so, they hope to reach, and convert, more Americans.

The stakes are high. If Bradley and company succeed, even partially, they may achieve their foremost objective — diluting, if not eradicating, the impact of Hitler's genocidal policies.

Bradley has been involved in Holocaust denial for about the past 15 years, ever since he read Robert Faurisson's article "The Problem of the Gas Chambers or the Rumor of Auschwitz." Faurisson, a French academic, is one of the chief theorists of Holocaust denial, as well as an associate of Ernst Zundel, the German neo-Nazi who lives in Toronto.

Inspired by Faurisson's rantings, Bradley started a newsletter called *Prima Facie*, which he dedicated to "monitoring Holocaust cultism, censorship and suppression of free inquiry." He founded the Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust in 1987, a year after his first campus newspaper ad was rejected by the *Daily Nebraskan* at the University of Nebraska.

Ironically, some of the campus editors who've published Bradley's broadsides have been Jewish.

In December 1993, students at Brandeis University destroyed thousands of copies of *The Justice* after editor Howard Jeruchimowitz printed an ad entitled A Revisionist's View of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Earlier this year, Andrew Wallenstein, who edits *QC Quad* at Queens College in New York, came under fire for running the same ad.

Like it or not, Bradley is making inroads into respectability. His devious message may be getting through.

Survey of monuments published

By RUTH GRUBER
Jewish Telegraphic Service

A New York-based monuments preservation organization has published a survey of historic Jewish monuments in Poland — the first full-scale survey of existing Jewish relics in contemporary Poland.

Including much previously unavailable or unknown information, the survey describes the current condition and status of more than 1,000 Jewish sites throughout Poland, mostly cemeteries and synagogues.

The illustrated survey is a report of research carried out between 1991 and 1993 by the Jewish Heritage Council of the World Monuments Fund on behalf of the United States Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad.

The commission, founded by Congress in 1985 to work with the U.S. State Department, negotiates agreements for the inventory and preservation of endangered monuments, historic buildings, archival material and cemeteries associated with the foreign heritage of American citizens.

The survey of Poland, whose published report is the first in a planned series funded by the commission and focusing on Central and Eastern Europe, was undertaken to encourage government and private strategies to protect and preserve these relics.

"This report should remind government and private citizens that preservation and restoration of Eastern and Central European cultural landmarks is of the utmost importance to many Americans," said Rabbi Arthur Schneier, the commission's chairman.

1,000 Jewish sites throughout Poland are described

The survey includes a listing of all the approximately 300 known extant synagogue buildings in Poland, their dates of construction (if known), and present use.

The synagogues range from ruins, to buildings now used as cinemas, warehouses, shops, cultural centers, museums and other secular uses, to a handful still used as synagogues.

The survey also lists approximately 700 of the 1,000 Jewish cemeteries or sites of former cemeteries identified during the survey, with information including number of tombstones, condition, present use, and threats from vegetation, pollution, erosion, vandals and construction. Many of the cemeteries listed have no visible tombstones.

Information about these sites has been installed in a computer database at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington.

"Of the once vast number of cemeteries, synagogues, communal buildings and other significant sites associated with the distinctive cultural and spiritual center of Judaism in Poland — arguably the most important of its kind in Europe — only a small number exist today," the survey states.

"Most are not recognizable for what they once were. The Nazi destruction of Jewish buildings and cemeteries with the goal of eradicating every trace of Jewish existence was followed by half a century of neglect of most of the places that managed to survive. Despite recent profound and welcome change, an enormous task lies ahead to halt and reverse deterioration, and to correct the effects of mindless and inappropriate change," it says.

The survey also includes chapters on the historical background of Jewish heritage in Poland and a discussion of Poland's historic preservation law and its application vis-a-vis Jewish historic sites.

Winnipeg skinheads join anti-racism rally

'Attack on pride'

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — An anti-racist skinhead participated in a multicultural rally against racism in Winnipeg, despite a death threat from a Neo-Nazi group of Northern Hammerskins that are trying to establish a foothold in the city.

"I felt the threat made it even more important for me to be here," said Denise, a teacher of Aboriginal origin. "Racism isn't just an attack on others' cultures and religions. It is also an attack on pride. We have to educate people to have pride in ourselves."

These skinheads are typical of a number of groups who, while they shave their heads and wear the traditional garb associated with the name, are in fact anti-racist, unlike the majority of their counterparts.

Denise was one of four young members of the recently formed United Against Racism Collective (UARC), made up of skinheads and other youth against racial prejudice, and several other speakers from Winnipeg's ethnic and labor communities who addressed the crowd of about 150 on May 26 in front of Manitoba's Legislature, to protest the presence of Northern Hammerskins in the city.

A second UARC member named Jen explained that the true skinhead culture is a combination of Jamaican and British working class cultures which means that true skinheads can't be racist.

"Bear," a third skinhead, stated that UARC is open to all young people who are anti-racist, whether or not they share the skinhead philosophy.

The fourth UARC speaker, who identified himself as Yaron Walter, reported that he was a founding member of the group and that he is the grandson of Jewish Holocaust survivors. "We advocate a non-violent aproach to confronting racists," he said. "We believe in strength of numbers."

The rally was organized by the Manitoba Coalition Against Racism and Apartheid (MCARA) and it was MCARA's leader, Helmut-Harry Loewen who first reported the Hammerskin death threat against Denise. He also noted that some Northern Hammerskins were driving around the Legislature just before the rally. He praised UARC members for their courage in fighting at the ground level and encouraged everyone to support their efforts.

Loewen sounded the alarm about a racist rally organized by Wolfgang Droege's Heritage Front and scheduled for Metcalfe, Ontario, just outside Ottawa, on May 29. He described the worldwide network of hate groups and called upon Winnipeg to put a dent in that network.

Michael Lazar, chair of the B'nai Brith League for Human Rights, Midwestern region, also referred to the "Aryan Summit" in Metcalfe. He compared Canada's racists with Hitler and the Nazis' early days when they too were dismissed by many as a lunatic fringe. He said the goal of groups such as the Northern Hammerskins and the Aryan Nation is to destroy Canada as we know it and urged his audience to fight back with education, tolerance and understanding.

"We will soon be commemorating the 50th anniversary of D-Day, the Normandy landing," he said. "Our soldiers fought to liberate the world from Nazism. We must continue to fight against evil, intolerance and inhumanity."

Grade 11 student Melissa Hyman described her experiences as a participant on The March of the Living. "Evil triumphs when good people sit back and do nothing," she said. "We all must take action against the evil in the world today. There is no such thing as an innocent bystander."

The Master of Ceremonies for the rally was Black activist Wade "Kojo" Williams. He and speakers Jim Bear of the Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg and Dr. Ahmod Randeree, formerly the representative in Winnipeg of the African National Council, spoke not only of blatant racist but of the more subtle systematic racism that pervades Canadian society.

"We need to redouble our efforts," he said "and tackle racism in Manitoba on all fronts."

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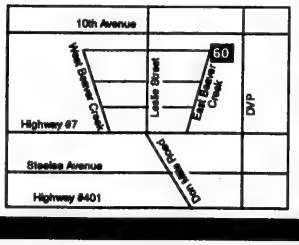

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At the Israel Bonds luncheon honoring Mike Harris are (from left) Eli Shvili, co-chair of Bonds luncheon; Mike Harris; Jules Kronis, legal counsel Canada Israel Securities; and Fred Guth and Mark Freedman, luncheon co-chairs.

Ontario PC leader lauds Israel's economic growth

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Mike Harris says he felt more secure in downtown Jerusalem on a recent visit to Israel than he does in some cities in Ontario.

The leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservative (PC) Party said he found an atmosphere of economic growth and confidence in Israel that he says is missing in his own province.

Speaking under a banner reading: Israel Bonds — A Strong Economy for a Strong Israel, Harris praised the work of Israel Bonds and urged the 450 people at a luncheon at the Sheraton Hotel to invest in them.

The luncheon was sponsored by the Construction and Development Division of State of Israel Bonds and featured Harris' reminiscences of his trip to the northern border regions, to the West Bank, his stay at a kibbutz, the "miracle" of the Jordan valley, and the emotions he and his family felt on visiting Yad Vashem. At all times, he said, he felt "secure" among the people of Israel.

As a result of his four-day visit, Harris now understands the intricacies and difficulties of the peace process, Dror Zeigerman, Israel's consul general, said. "He understands the determination of the Jewish people that Jerusalem will be the capital of Israel."

The consul general said of the accord: "We are doing it for ourselves, not the world."

Presented with a State of Israel Bond, Harris signed it over to Yad Vashem of Canada, which sponsored his trip to Rome and Israel, and of which he is a board member.

Just before the PC leader spoke, co-chair Eli Shvili announced that as of May 31 the interest rate on the Canadian Floating Rate Issue Bond is 6 per cent, up from 4.75 per cent. "I've only been here half an hour and look what I've done," joked Harris.

Co-chair Mark Freedman reminded the audience that State of Israel Bonds are now approved for investment in RRSPs.

On his way from Tel Aviv to the airport, Harris said he was amazed to see 10 or 20 construction cranes out one window of his cab, and another 10 to 20 out the window on the other side. "That's a sign of confidence and growth, something we have't got here in Ontario. You would have to go up pretty high in the air to spot 10 construction cranes in Toronto."

Bemoaning the lack of investor confidence in Ontario under an NDP government, Harris declared, "Here in Ontario, we roll out the red tape, not the red carpet. If you can figure out a way to make a buck, we'll figure out how to get it away from you."

Launching an unofficial start to his campaign for the provincial election, expected in 1995, Harris promised to create 725,000 new jobs in the private sector, repeal Bill 40 which places restrictions on strike-bound operations, to cut provincial income taxes by 30 per cent, cut Workers' Compensation Board fees by five per cent, freeze Hydro rates for five years, and scrap payroll health taxes on small business.

He also pledged to fully balance the Ontario budget, to cut the number of MPPs in the Ontario legislature from 130 to 99, a 15 per cent reduction in the number of bureaucrats, to cut tax-free allowances and pensions of MPPs, and pledged a saving of $450 million by eliminating "educrats," whom he described as people outside the classroom.

As part of his "common sense revolution," the PC leader said he would cut $6 billion from spending. His five-point plan has come up with means of securing $5½ billion in savings, and he appealed to his audience to come up with ideas for the rest.

Harris told a questioner he would scrap the social contract of Premier Bob Rae, but not the savings. "We're not throwing the money back into the pot." In answer to another question, he said he believed one tax should replace the GST and PST, and "I'll fight vigorously to lower the rate."

Three members of the PC caucus at Queens Park, Charles Harnick, Cam Jackson and David Turnbull, were introduced.

Jules Kronis, general counsel for State of Israel Bonds, did the Hamotzi, while co-chair Freddy Guth thanked the speaker. Others at the head table were Charles Diamond, Barry Feiner, Alex Grossman and Larry Waller.

TREK ACROSS CANADA

The 5-kilometer, non-competitive walk in the recent Baycrest Challenge doubled as the kick-off event for the second half of 80-year-old Eleanor Mills' trek across Canada to raise awareness of osteoporosis. At the start line, she joins Denise Pilon, her partner on the walk, and Ida Farber (right), Baycrest client and Challenge participant.

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Family Matters

by

John Syrtash, B.A. (Hon.), LL.B.

Who will pay for the Thibaudeau decision? *(third of three parts)*

In previous issues I've examined the reasons for the recent Federal Court of Appeal ruling that Mrs. Thibaudeau, a single mother receiving child support payments, did not have to pay taxes on them. If the case is upheld by the Supreme Court of Canada or if the federal government moves to eliminate an ex-husband's ability to deduct such payments from his taxable income, then the Gates of fiscal Hell could open. The ex-husband may then be able to claim a serious "material change" in financial circumstances that could trigger lower support payments. First, the ex-wife would have more disposable income. Second, the ex-husband would lose his ability to deduct.

Accordingly, whether or not this "double whammy" effect occurs, ex-husbands may now attempt to renegotiate and relitigate their support agreements. Conversely, women who will suddenly benefit may find themselves in Court to defend the current payments they are receiving. If "push comes to shove", women will be arguing various defenses. I have no doubt that many will argue that expenses have increased in excess of the original "gross-up" calculated for taxes since the original calculation was made. Others will claim that the original amount awarded was far too low.

Mothers are highly unlikely to agree to have their payments reduced. And in many cases, ex-husbands will not wish to continue to pay as much if the Courts could lower their payments, particularly if the deduction will be taken away from them. The result could be a flood of defended lawsuits which will swamp our already overburdened family law courts and legal aid programs, considerably beyond their distended limits. Women who are awaiting court dates to determine child support payments for the first time could be waiting a lot longer if the caseloads of the courts increase. (In the Newmarket motions Court I recently was attending on one of sixty-four cases listed for a hearing by a single judge, all in one day. Needless to say, most of the cases were adjourned by the Court to another day. When I returned a week later, there was another lengthy caseload and I was not much further ahead. This is not an unusual scenario given the current budgetary restrictions of the Ontario government).

Since custody/access disputes are often interconnected with support disputes, this decision may create a potentially chaotic situation that could lead to a partial breakdown of the family court system. It reminds me of the Isaac Asimov story in which he depicts the logistical nightmare of returning property to millions of souls when Moshiach (the Messiah) comes and the dead return to the world of the living.

Every child support agreement or Order made in which taxes were taken into consideration could now be open to renegotiation and litigation as a result of Thibaudeau. The Federal and Provincial governments must immediately address these practical issues.

For the moment, advising my clients and former clients will be quite difficult since the rules have disappeared overnight and there's a great deal of money involved!

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Israeli journalist calls Syria key to peace in Middle East

By BEN ROSE
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TORONTO — Syria is the key to peace in the Middle East, an Israeli journalist said here recently at a meeting sponsored by the Canada-Israel Committee and other groups and attended by a large crowd at Holy Blossom Temple.

"This year there can be peace with Syria," said Akiva Eldar, chief of the Washington Bureau of the Israeli newspaper *Ha'aretz*.

"Syria will bring along the other Arab countries," he said. "The ultimate dream of Israelis is to stop for lunch in Damascus on a motor trip."

This year offers a "window of opportunity" for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to reach a deal with Syria over the Golan Heights, Eldar said. "In two years there will be an election, and in the year of an election you don't offer concessions." He added that he does not believe Rabin is ready to announce a deal yet.

One audience member objected strongly to Eldar's description of PLO chairman Yassar Arafat as a "clown who could not be trusted."

The questioner, who opposed the accord with the PLO, said Arafat "is a brilliant leader, not a clown. Fifty years ago someone else was being described as a clown. That clown killed one-third of our people. I have the sense that this meeting is like a meeting in Poland before the war. I see the decline of Israel." Scattered applause greeted the last statement.

In response, Eldar asked the questioner, "Are you willing to transfer the Arab population?" "Absolutely," was the reply. "Then I rest my case," the journalist said.

Eldar, who covered the peace talks in Madrid and the signing in Washington, said there is no desire by the Rabin government "to rush to settle the Jerusalem issue," though ultimately it will be Israel's responsibility.

Jews should be able to continue to live in Hebron, he said. "I don't believe in apartheid and I don't want Israel to be the last country practicing apartheid."

He said he was in favor of "territorial concessions" and opposed to a multinational society in Israel. "Israel is not Bosnia."

At the outset, Eldar said a recent poll in the United States showed 88 per cent of Jewish people support the accord with the PLO. He asked who in the audience supported it, and when a considerable number raised their hands, said "that's very impressive. Sometimes you can trust the pollsters."

Eldar himself supports the accord. "We did it because it is in our (Israel's) interests, not out of love or trust." Israel will benefit from this "new strategy of peace," he predicted, stating that it has already resulted in President Hafez Al-Assad of Syria paying his first visit to Cairo.

Though the territories were once considered a "bargaining chip" they have turned into a "liability" for Israel, he said. "Too many people who want the accord to fail have access to weapons."

Donald Carr, vice-chair of the Canada-Israel Committee, chaired the meeting while David Rotenberg, chair of the Ontario region Israel Affairs Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress, thanked the speaker.

Other groups sponsoring the meeting were Holy Blossom Temple, B'nai Brith Canada's central region Israel Affairs Committee, Canadian Zionist Federation and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Federation honors volunteer

TORONTO — The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto is bestowing a new honor on veteran volunteer Judy Gwartz.

She is this year's winner of the Ben Sadowski Award for extended, extensive and distinguished community service. She has already received the federation's Leadership Development Award.

Gwartz currently chairs the federation's Human Resources department. She was a former chair of the UJA Women's Campaign; the Holocaust Remembrance Committee's Anne Frank Exhibit; the Women's Advisory Committee of the Bequest and Endowment Fund; and the Jewish Information Service Advisory Committee. She was also founding president of the Jewish Women's Federation.

Gwartz also has been associated with Mount Sinai Hospital, Baycrest Centre and the United Way. She is a University of Toronto graduate who enjoys skiing, tennis and classical music.

Metro police make arrest following 'sexual assault' near Jewish school

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A 35-year-old man was charged with sexual assault last week in regard to an incident near the Viewmount branch of Eitz Chaim Day School, just off school property, on May 26.

The incident falls into one of the least physically intrusive categories of sexual assault, a term which defines a range of offences including sexual gestures and unwanted touching, as well as sexual intercourse.

Shortly after classes were dismissed for the day, a man approached a junior high school student, told her he loved her and kissed her head, which she had covered with her coat. The student was with three friends who witnessed the occurrence.

A staff member at the Orthodox school called police when the girl and two of her friends ran back into the building. With the help of a detailed description, police proceeded to identify and arrest a man who lives in the neighborhood of the school (Viewmount Avenue and Bathurst Street).

The girl was not hurt, said Rabbi Shlomo Jakobovits, the general studies principal. He noted that no violence was involved in the incident.

The arrested man is currently in custody, undergoing psychiatric assessment, and is scheduled to appear in court on June 30 for a hearing to determine his fitness to stand trial.

A few days before the incident Eitz Chaim had sent parents a streetproofing questionnaire supplied by the Metropolitan Toronto Police to raise awareness of street safety issues. The questionnaire included questions such as, "Have you ever discussed with your child what abnormal behavior is?" and "Does your child know when to reject adult authority?"

Rabbi Jakobovits noted that he has an "enormous" file of safety notices which have been sent home with students, and that police officers have visited the school on a number of occasions to educate students about safety.

Following the incident, a short notice on street safety was included in a list of announcements sent home to parents. It read in part, "The incident imparts additional emphasis to the importance of street-proofing your sons and daughters — all ages. There is always the possibility, at all locations, of more severe threats. The school will of course continue its long-term vigilance, and its various safety programs, and constant liaison with the relevant government safety and law-enforcement agencies."

It was also noted that the arrested man is "known to be . . . somewhat disadvantaged."

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Tel-Aide reaches out to help gay, lebsian and bisexual Jews

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — As a young teenager living in Winnipeg's close-knit Jewish community a decade ago, Jana felt isolated. She thought no one in the community was like her, and had nightmares for months about family, friends and acquaintances discovering she was a lesbian.

Jana, along with three other panelists, spoke recently at a meeting of Tel-Aide, the Jewish Distress Line, to help sensitize and inform the volunteers who answer the phones about issues concerning gay, lesbian and bisexual Jews.

Also participating in the discussion were gay male students Mitchel and Lawrence, co-founders of York University's Coalition for Jewish Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students, and Bernie, the father of a lesbian daughter.

Tel-Aide began in 1985. Trained Jewish volunteers now field almost 3,000 calls a year from people who are lonely, depressed, angry, confused or stressed. Among the callers have been a number of young people unsure of their sexuality, said Tel-Aide chair Bonnie Kates.

To keep up to date, Tel-Aide volunteers meet with experts in other fields such as geriatric psychiatry, Kates told *The CJN*.

Jana admitted that it probably would never have occurred to her to call a Jewish distress line "because I had no idea you were sensitive to this issue."

Most people seeking help look within their own community first, believes Mitchel, who is studying gay literature and gay theory as a graduate student.

Mitchel said future copies of the Coalition's literature will include the Tel-Aide number. "People [should] know the volunteer will be sympathetic, understanding and informed."

Mitchel noted the wide variety of resources available to the Jewish gay community in Toronto: the Jewish Support Group for Families and Friends of Gays and Lesbians, which meets monthly at Holy Blossom Temple; Congregation Keshet Shalom, a gay/lesbian synagogue; the Jewish Queer Culture Committee; Holy Blossom's Jewish AIDS Assist program (which is for anyone affected by AIDS); Jewish Bisexual Lesbian Feminist Discussion (Nice Jewish Girls); and the Jewish Feminist Anti-Fascist League, a political action group.

An extensive index of Jewish gay/lesbian archival material is available at the Ontario Jewish Archives, noted Mitchel, adding that the gay/lesbian Glad Day Bookshop has an excellent selection of Jewish gay and lesbian literature.

"I hope attitudes will change toward gays and lesbians," Jana told the volunteers. Her own feelings as a young teenager mirrored attitudes she encountered among the people she knew. "It was hard for me to call myself lesbian because of the negative stereotypes which I didn't perceive as applying to me," she recalled.

A gay male friend of hers wondered how he could be gay and still be Jewish, Jana said. When she cofounded a Winnipeg group for Jewish gays and lesbians, she was stunned to see 16 people at the first meeting.

"I realized 'I'm not the only Jewish lesbian,' and I started to accept myself."

Parents of gays and lesbians also need to know they're not alone. "If someone had said to us, 'That's a common situation,' our road to recovery, or whatever you want to call it, would have been a heck of a lot faster," said Bernie, whose lesbian daughter came out to him and his wife in the late 1980s.

"If I had heard in *The CJN* about a Jewish support group, it would have been wonderful." (At that time there were no Jewish support groups for parents of gays and lesbians, and Bernie and his wife were among the first members of the Holy Blossom group.)

"We were quite devastated," Bernie recalled. He noted, though, that coming out was beneficial for his daughter. "A tremendous weight had lifted off her shoulders. She no longer had to live a lie."

What's important to Bernie, he emphasized, "is that my daughter's happy, that she has someone who cares about her and who she cares about, [although] I wouldn't have been able to say this the first week."

Lawrence, who, like Mitchel is a graduate of Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT), was involved with York University's Jewish Student Federation (JSF) for four years before he felt ready to start dealing with being gay, he said.

When he first attended the campus gay/lesbian support group, he discovered that over half the people there were Jewish.

"This is crazy," he remembered thinking. "Why is everybody denying their Jewish identity and just focusing on their gay/lesbian identity?"

Lawrence, Mitchel and one other student proposed and organized the Coalition as a JSF committee, and it continues to run a weekly support group for young people in their teens and 20s. Each support group meeting is facilitated by a social worker from Jewish Family & Child Services.

To contact Tel-Aide, call 636-9610. Hours are Monday to Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Fridays 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and occasional Sundays. Volunteers are available to discuss issues and/or provide information.

Gay/lesbian community centres in large cities across Canada should also be able to provide information on local chapters of Jewish lesbian and gay groups.

Same-sex bill divides rabbis

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"Like most communities, Jews are deeply divided on the issue of paying the equivalent of spousal benefits to gays and lesbians, and not just by whether they are Orthodox, Conservative, Reform or unaffiliated," the statement said. "Within every synagogue and perhaps within most families, there are thoughtful persons whose spiritual values lead them to different conclusions."

Rabbi Zeplowitz told *The CJN* both he and Rabbi Bielfeld attended the news conference not as rabbis but "as individual Jews," and also as members of a movement whose parent body, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, last year issued resolutions calling on the United States and Canada to extend same-sex spousal benefits.

Rabbi Zeplowitz said he feels "very strongly" that the bill would not grant additional rights but simply extend rights to individuals who have been "excluded."

The Toronto Board of Rabbis (TBR), which represents Reform, Reconstructionist and Conservative rabbis, has not issued a statement on the bill because there has been "so much difference of opinion" among members, says board president Rabbi Wayne Allen.

Any statement now from the TBR "would be more divisive than helpful," Rabbi Allen added.

Toronto's Vaad Harabonim, representing the city's Orthodox rabbis, did issue a statement, signed by Rabbi Moshe Stern, urging all provincial legislators to defeat the bill.

"The government must not allow itself to be intimidated by a vocal minority and must act in a responsible way that upholds time-honored traditions that lend stability and dignity to our lives.

"This bill, if approved, will add legitimacy and sanction unnatural same-sex relationships, which will further erode the social structure of our society and which violate basic biblical injunctions [which] prohibit a homosexual lifestyle," the Vaad's statement said.

Earlier, Rabbi Stern told *The CJN* the Vaad "is encouraged that members of the local Conservative rabbinate saw fit to disassociate themselves from the [recent] proposals of the Rabbinical Assembly's Commission on Human Sexuality..., which regards homosexuality as fulfilling some sort of will of G-d.

"We hope that the entire Rabbinical Assembly convention will reject this proposal, for all it does is legitimize lifestyles that are contrary to Torah law and Jewish tradition."

Speaking, he stressed, not on behalf of the TBR but as an individual, Rabbi Allen said the bill is "pretty much a dicey issue. No one is in favor of condoning violence [against homosexuals]."

On the other hand, "we as Jews look to marriage and procreation to replenish our ranks. It's anomalous for us to look at relationships from which children would not [naturally] result.

"We believe the relationship between a husband and wife is a different calibre [than a homosexual relationship]. And if the intent of this bill is to [sanction] ceremonies of commitment, then that's something that would give us serious concern."

Rabbi Allen added that he has received a letter from Congregation Keshet Shalom, Toronto's synagogue for gay and lesbian Jews, asking rabbis to support the bill.

"That's something in good conscience I cannot do," he said.

No one from Congregation Keshet Shalom returned *The CJN*'s calls.

Just last month, the Rabbinical Assembly, the umbrella organization for Conservative rabbis, issued a controversial and much-resisted draft pastoral letter on human sexuality (to which the Vaad Harabonim's statement refers).

The draft, expected to come under much revision, reaffirmed the movement's traditional support for heterosexuality but reiterated that as Jews, gay men and lesbians are welcome as members in Conservative congregations.

In 1990, Conservative rabbis passed a resolution that endorsed full civil equality for gays and lesbians.

The whole issue of homosexuality has caused a split between American Conservative leaders and their more traditional Canadian counterparts.

Rabbi Lawrence Pinsker of Congregation Darchei Noam, Toronto's only Reconstructionist synagogue, told *The CJN* his movement is on record as advocating complete equality of all people, both in civil terms and in synagogue life.

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Organizations and People

Senior Care launches apartment building

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Some lucky Jewish seniors (age 59 plus) have a chance to get low-rental apartments with George Brown College, Casa Loma and the posh Casa Hill houses as their neighbors.

The sod was turned May 31 for the 59-unit, $6.5-million, low-income geared Habayit Shelanu (Our Home) sponsored by Senior Care, with occupancy a year from now.

There is a waiting list of 40 already for Habayit Shelanu but officials are not discouraging applications (call Arnold Foss at Senior Care, 635-2860).

Motorists speeding by will have trouble spotting the lot on Kendall Avenue just south of Davenport Road where the 5½-storey building will rise.

It is now a small parking lot, but its location is in the big leagues. Besides benefiting from the amenities of the college nearby and its health-care services for seniors, residents will overlook the luxurious Casa Villa row houses, some of which have their own private elevators. The subway is a short walk away.

Eighty per cent of the apartments will be subsidized, and 20 per cent will be rented at market value. The building includes 45 one-bedroom units, five bachelor units with a small bedroom, five two-bedroom units and four barrier free (wheelchair accessible) spaces.

Single people, couples and two people living together will be eligible, and couples with a note from their doctor stating a second bedroom is necessary will be considered for the larger aparments.

"The project will be a home for persons primarily in their 70s and 80s faced with coping with some degree of reduced mobility, agility, vision or hearing," said Dr. Les Richmond, president of Habayit Shelanu, at the sod-turning.

Prospective tenants will be those already aging-in-place in the comunity, Richmond said. A full range of support services will be made available for those who require assistance. There will be no doctor or nurse on the premises, but there will be 24-hour supervision with in-house staff.

Richmond thanked the Kehilla Residential program for its assistance.

Among those at the sod-turning were George Brown College chair David Pratley, Angela Eliosof, David Herlick, Larry Schwartz and Maurice Rotfarb of the Habayit Shelanu Board of Directors, Michael Scheinert, executive director of Senior Care, Arnold Foss, project co-ordinator and architects Jerome Markson and Ernie Hodgson.

At the sod-turning for the 59-unit Habayit Shelanu Seniors Residence sponsored by Senior Care opposite George Brown College are from left Councillor Howard Levine, Zanana Akande, MPP, Ruth Margles, president Senior Care Board of Directors, Patrick Dion, assistant to Barry Campbell, MP, Dr. Les Richmond, president of Habayit Shelanu. It will be ready in the Spring of 1995.

Ethiopian law student has big dreams in Israel

HAIFA — At 24, Dasa Itzik has already overcome one of the biggest obstacles standing in the way of his dream.

Itzik, a first-year law student at the University of Haifa, is the first Ethiopian to enter an Israeli law school.

In Ethiopia, Itzik wanted to be a rabbi like his father, but changed his mind after making aliyah 10 years ago. He journeyed from Ethiopia to Sudan on foot in order to join his parents, who had gone on ahead.

Once in Israel, Itzik learned he would have to go through the conversion process to become a rabbi because Ethiopians are not considered real Jews by some. Itzik already thought of himself as a Jew, so instead chose a career in criminal law.

"Besides," he smiled, "I want it to be just like *L.A. Law*!"

In Israel, law is studied on the undergraduate level. After serving three years as a medic in the Israeli army, Itzik entered Haifa University in the mechina (preparatory) program to improve his Hebrew. His biggest obstacle, though, was the law entrance exam, akin to the American SAT, and mandatory for many areas of higher education in Israel.

"Every person is allowed to take the exam in their mother tongue, but we [the Ethiopians] have to take the exam in Hebrew."

Itzik chose Haifa University to be close to his parents in Upper Nazareth. He said the faculty is supportive, and hopes his example will encourage other Ethopians to "work hard for what they believe in.

"The only time I look back on my life in Ethiopia is when I want to remember how lucky I am here. I don't feel like I'm alone in my work; I feel like I have a family here."

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Disabled veterans provide teenagers with glimpse into realities of war

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The reality of war came home to Jewish day school students during a recent encounter with disabled Israeli veterans and the preteens didn't even blink.

"They're just like normal people, but they were in the army," said one Grade 8 student at Bialik Hebrew Day School.

Nineteen veterans, three of them women, were in Toronto last month for a two-week visit hosted by Beit Halochem Canada, the Holy Blossom Temple and Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation.

The vets toured the city, met Lt.-Gov. Henry Jackman at a Queen's Park reception and visited Bialik and Leo Baeck day schools.

At Bialik, four of the vets held court on the plastic chairs of the school library. Grade 6, 7 and 8 students filed in to listen to their stories, told in a mixture of Hebrew and English.

Chaim Friedman, 45, was injured in the head during an air force intelligence mission near the Suez Canal in 1971. Mildly paralyzed on his right side and walking with a cane, Friedman was the most visibly injured veteran in the group.

Hanan Altman, 42, on the other hand, covers the scars from his Yom Kippur War head injury with shoulder-length hair.

The students laughed when Avi Hatum, 55, recounted the day he proposed to his girlfriend.

Beit Halochem hosts visit to Toronto

His left arm was injured in the Yom Kippur War and she wouldn't marry him until she saw him do a handstand. The wedding took place soon after.

The quartet's unofficial spokesman was Kobi Caspi, 38, financial manager for Beit Halochem in Israel.

Caspi was a reserve tank captain when he was called up during the 1982 Lebanon invasion. A rocket attack left two of his crew dead, and him with burns to 45 per cent of his body. He finished his accountancy exams while recovering in hospital.

"The mind is what leads you, so if you feel healthy, you are healthy," Caspi told the students.

Beit Halochem runs three privately-funded rehabilitation and social centres in Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem. Bialik's Grade 8 students raised $1,500 for the organization and Caspi said the money would go towards physiotherapy equipment.

Not all of Beit Halochem's clients were injured in combat. Riki Ben-Shabbat, 37, spent a year recovering from a car accident in which her right leg was almost severed.

Ben-Shabbat, then a newly married policewoman, was chasing a suspected drug dealer. The man got away "and I spent my honeymoon in the hospital," she says wryly.

Ben-Shabbat, like most of the others on the tour, was not visibly scarred. As a result, the students said they didn't think of them as disabled.

That thinking may be the same in Israel. Adena Farkas, 12, said she saw soldiers with canes and crutches when she was in Israel. "People don't stop and stare," she said. "It's normal there."

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Restaurant loses COR in fee dispute

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Hakerem Restaurant, one of the first kosher eating places to serve the new northern Jewish area, has lost its COR kashruth certification.

And owner Moshe David is furious.

"They [the Kashruth Council] are supposed to serve the community. When they took away my certification, I lost my business. The Torah doesn't allow that."

But Rabbi Mordechai Levin, executive director of the Kashruth Council, said that David has been given every consideration.

The problem, David and Rabbi Levin both agree, has nothing to to do with the intricacies of kashruth, but is entirely related to the cost of supervision.

(Businesses supervised by the Kashruth Council are required to pay a fee to cover the cost of supervision. The amount varies according to the halachic requirements and the amount of supervision needed. For instance, restaurants like Hakerem, that serve meat, involve more detailed and constant supervision than, for example, bakeries.)

"I agreed to pay a lower cost," David says, "and they lowered the price, but it was still too much."

Rabbi Levin countered that "the Kashruth Council is non-profit. We only want to cover our costs, such as Canada Pension Plan and unemployment insurance contributions. Why should the mashgichim (those doing the supervision) suffer financially?"

Community funds, he said, can't be used to subsidize private enterprises.

"He pays rent and hydro, but he expects us to be a charity. We aren't."

The dispute came to a head about three weeks ago, David says, when he was called and told that his hechsher was being revoked. Shortly afterward, Rabbi Avraham Lowinger, the chief mashgiach of COR, came to the restaurant to take away the certification plaque.

"Rabbi Lowinger said that it's just like a mortgage, that if you don't pay the mortgage, the bank takes your house away," David said.

David also accused the Kashruth Council of coming down harder on him because he is a Sephardi.

"Before I got the hechsher six years ago, they said they couldn't give it to because they didn't know who I was. They said I had to prove I was Jewish."

Rabbi Levin was obviously upset by the suggestion that he is harder on Sephardim than on anyone else.

"Never in my life have I done that. I worked for years in Montreal, where there is a large Sephardic community, and I studied in Israel, where I saw how Sephardim weren't always treated well and I determined that I would never act like that."

David says he wants a full apology for the way he has been treated and for the removal of supervision.

The Kashruth Council has bent over backwards to help David out, Rabbi Levin says, giving him every latitude, including financially.

"We told him he had to be shomer shabbat for half a year before he could get the hechsher [approval]. He opened before that anyway, but we saw that he was being shomer shabbat, so we looked the other way.

"He had a good friend, a competent mashgiach, who was willing to cut his fee for him, so we said all right to that too."

Rabbi Levin said that there have been strained relations between David and COR since the restaurant opened, and that there have been problems collecting the supervisory fee for some time. Indeed, he said, David has not paid for a year.

He noted that COR sent David several letters warning him that they would remove his hechsher.

David is also angry that COR ran an ad in *The Canadian Jewish News* (May 19) saying that his restaurant is no longer under their supervision.

The ad, Rabbi Levin notes, does not suggest that kashruth was the problem. "If it was, we would have worded the ad to indicate that. . . It just says that we have withdrawn our supervision. How else are we supposed to protect the community."

Rabbi Levin says that he is willing to keep negotiating with David, but David wants the hechsher sign back first.

David says he would be willing to abide by the decision of a beth din (rabbinic court) as to whether they had the right to remove his kashruth certification.

While Rabbi Levin says he doesn't see why the situation is a matter for a beth din ("it's not a question of rights; it's simply a matter of payment for services"), he told *The CJN*. "If he decides to call us to a beth din, of course we would go."

In the meantime, David says, there is a competent mashgiach on the restaurant premises.

While Rabbi Levin said he could not comment on that aspect of the situation, he said that the Kashruth Council does not recognize private hashgachah (kashruth supervision).

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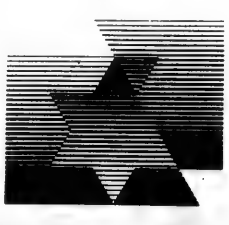

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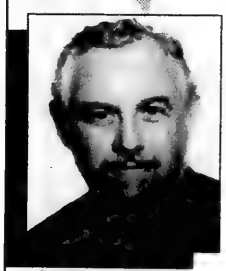

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Reena launches review to modernize services

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Twenty years after its founding as the Jewish community's provider of services to developmentally disabled adults, the Reena Foundation is undergoing its first full "strategic review."

The review of all aspects of Reena's services is aimed at modernizing its approach and getting it ready for the 21st century, officials say.

For years, Reena has been faced with tighter community and government dollars, while demand for services has increased. Aging parents of people with developmental disabilities are becoming worried about what will happen to their children, who traditionally have had little say in how their lives are lived.

The need for frugality and compassion, coupled with the full force of other modern realities, have led Reena to reassess its whole approach.

Last autumn, the organization struck a strategic planning committee to map its future. Members of the community at large were invited to submit proposals. Reena heard from over 130 clients, families and staff, as well as other agencies and government officials.

The result has been a series of recommendations based on "climactic" changes over the years, says committee chair, Rob Berkovitz.

Among Reena's most pressing concerns is its waiting list. Some 200 families — and growing — currently await spaces in residential and day programs. About 20 are expected to come off the waiting list in the next six to eight months.

Relatively speaking, that's still better than the situation Metro-wide, where there are far more people with developmental disabilities on waiting lists than are actually receiving services.

Reena currently provides services and programs for 200 adults in residential care and about 100 in day programs. Roughly 60 per cent of the clientele is Jewish, and they receive Jewish programming. The organization maintains 22 homes throughout Metro.

The thrust of Reena's recommendations, Berkovitz told *The CJN*, centres on greater input from families — in terms of both involvement and money — and identifying those who need services at an earlier age.

Concerns expressed in the consultation process included aging parents, Reena's financial stability, quality of life for clients, family involvement, waiting for services and how Reena will manage change.

According to Reena chair Hy Eiley, Reena has "had to take a long, hard look at services. The age of entitlement is changing. We are looking for shared responsibilities and at moving from programs of support for individuals to a more customized fit."

The final recommendations, to be presented to officers as "a vision of Reena in the year 2000," is "not a retreat," Eiley insists. "It's a bold statement.

"We want the client to have a greater say. Another basic concern is will the family be there to help plan before it's too late?"

The vision for the Reena of the future includes:

- continuing to transmit Jewish values;
- providing support that is "consumer centred" rather than program centred — in other words, giving clients more control over their lives, as well as providing a greater breadth of services. Those who have developmental disabilities should have more "typical" lifestyles and relationships;
- being committed to lifelong support, or as long as a client requires services;
- striving for financial stability. While governments will continue to be the primary source of funds, Reena flatly concedes it will have to look for other sources for help, such as families of clients.
- having no more waiting list and becoming a "partner" with families, beginning when children are young;
- supporting more family involvement;
- integrating with other communal agencies

The final recommendations will be ratified later this month and presented at the Reena annual general meeting June 28.

Simcha Cricket Club wins championships

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Florida Panthers almost made the playoffs in their first year of operation. San Jose, in its third year in the NHL, got to the second round before being eliminated.

Well, change sports and ratchet down the calibre a notch or ten and the Simcha Cricket Club can still lay claim to quite an achievement in its first year of existence. The club recently won the in-house championship at Action Cricket, an indoor winter cricket league.

The boys at the Simcha Club were league-leaders during the regular season, posting a 12-2 record overall. In their first playoff encounter, they beat a team called The Classic, advancing to the championship game. They prevailed in that matchup winning a 94-93 nailbiter over Eight Imposters.

The victory was the result of a total team effort, said Elkan Reuben, captain and guiding force behind the team. Reuben, a native of India, said Simcha batted last and overcame the competition by registering 30 runs to lay claim to the league title.

Emmanual Joseph, who has represented India at the Maccabiah Games' cricket competition, scored several key runs late in the game to push Simcha to the championship, Reuben said.

For a club whose history goes all the [illegible] November 1993, that's quite an achievement. Reuben said the club was formed after several people responded to an article in *The CJN* calling for cricketers. The team has a complement of 15 guys, most of whom hail from England and India. One member of the team, Daniel Reynolds, was a veteran of Canada's gold medal baseball team at the last Maccabiah. He was named MVP of the championship game, Reuben said.

Russell Showman came to the team with plenty of cricket experience, having been named to England's Maccabiah team. Unfortunately, his move to Canada put him out of the lineup for that tournament but he was named Simcha's season MVP, Reuben said.

With this first hurdle behind it, Reuben said the team still aspires to one day form the nucleus of a Canadian entry in the cricket competition at the Maccabiah Games. In the meantime, Simcha is seeking more players for this summer's outdoor season as well as sponsors to help the team obtain badly needed equipment.

Simcha expects to play in the Toronto and District Cricket Association this summer, the city's elite league which also serves as a feeder for Canada's national team, Reuben said.

"We are building ourselves up to the international level. It's just a matter of practice," he said with a combination of hope and confidence.

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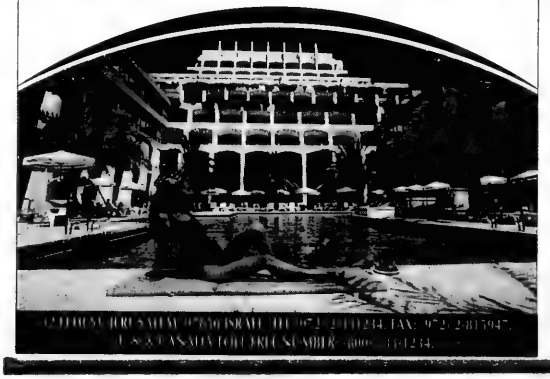

A streetside cafe in Jaffa.

A selection of Jerusalem's restaurants

By SARA WAXMAN
Special to The CJN

For the observant North American Jew, Jerusalem offers a gastronomic revelation, a culinary miracle with a feast of foods and traditional dishes from over seventy countries. There is a new awareness of fine cuisine.

Israel's fois gras is cherished in France — its fresh herbs considered the best by Montreal's top chefs. While it was once seen as decadent to enjoy dining out, "cafe society" has suddenly blossomed in Jerusalem.

Some restaurants do not follow the rules of kashruth, but many do, and like the following, proudly display certificates that state Kosher under Rabbinate Supervision, or the more scrupulous, Glatt Kosher Limehadrin.

In 1992, 39,500 Canadians visited Israel. They ate well.

• **Kohinoor** — Jerusalem Hilton Hotel, 581-367

In this dazzling jewel of a restaurant with subdued lighting, fresh flowers, elegant decor and authentic Indian cuisine, we're served by well-versed waiters who patiently describe each of the over fifty dishes in detail.

Vegetarians will delight in the complexities of basmati rice cooked with nuts and fruits, soups of lentils, almonds or curried vegetables. From the tandoori oven, fresh breads, a whole fish stuffed with herbs, skewered chicken breast seasoned with coriander and mint, and lamb kabobs. Spicing can be ordered mild to fiery. Moderate.

• **The Cow on the Roof** — Sheraton Jerusalem Plaza Hotel, 47 King George St. 259-111

This lovely dining room has curtained tables for privacy, which makes it a favorite of VIPs. The night I was there Prime Minister and Mrs. Rabin dined at the next table.

Chef Shalom Kadosh's culinary alchemy fools the experts. It's hard to believe that his menu is impeccably Glatt Kosher: carpaccio with green salad, walnuts and sherry vinaigrette; filet of seabass and fresh vegetables prepared in a Chinese bamboo steamer; filet of veal wrapped in smoked goose breast served on risotto with bone marrow. The hot almond souffle with pistachio sauce would rate three stars in Paris! Expensive.

• Just outside the bustling Yehuda Mahane market, there are a number of small, meticulously clean restaurants, mainly Kurdish or Iraqi.

One of the best is **Hashipudia**, 3 Haarmonim St., 244-036, for charcoal grilled chicken, lamb or duck served with salads and made-to-order Iraqi bread. Soups, salads and stuffed vegetables are deliciously seasoned. An adventurous diner might want to try Yerushalmi mixed grill of organ meats: brains, heart, liver, bulls' testicles. Inexpensive.

• **Mama Mia** — 38 King George St. 248-080

One of the first houses built this century outside of city walls, now beautifully restored, is the new home of the best Italian kitchen in town.

Monique and Ely Ben Zachian make fresh pasta daily with extra virgin olive oil. Thyme, oregano, basil and sage are hand picked and simmer in sauces and soups. Fresh fruit gelati is made in state of the art equipment. Dairy only, and it's amazing how we don't miss the meat. Inexpensive.

• The ancient stone buildings on Yoel Salomon Street have been restored and are filled with a variety of charming restaurants and unusual shops.

Friday afternoons and Saturday nights (pre and post Shabbat), young people hang out at **Etnachta** and **Roquefort** pubs. The crowds spill over to the cobblestoned pedestrian mall. You'd think you were in Toronto's Yorkville.

Off the Square: (Dairy) #6 and (Meat) #17 present attractive and authentic, moderately priced Israeli dishes.

The Yemenite Step #10, 240-477 has cool, white plaster, arched walls, decorated with carpets and old family photos. Authentic dishes from Yemen — mellawach, a filo pastry cup of salad, and other pancake and pita-like breads go well with this cuisine's mainstay, vegetable soups filled with beef or chicken. Grilled liver and offal (shaweeya), baked Jerusalem artichoke and chicken, get lots of pizzaz from hilbe and zehug, breathtaking sauces which folk-medicine says cleanse the blood.

Inexpensive **Tavlin**, #16, 243-847. A terrific spot for people-watching, especially at breakfast. Comfortable dark wooden tables and chairs against white walls and an easy to deal with dairy menu makes this a popular meeting place for locals as well as tourists. Noam, who opened this spot in 1983 is on hand to greet guests and make suggestions. The kitchen makes terrific vegetable pies, broccoli and almond, artichokes in cream, for example, and a variety of crepes, including Bulgarian cheese. Blintzes with nuts, chocolate and whipped cream are a cut above what Mom made. Inexpensive.

• **Zoosha** — 10 Rehov Halamed Hei Wed., Thurs. and Sat., 8 p.m. to midnight.

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Sara Waxman is an award-winning food writer whose restaurant reviews appear weekly in the Toronto Sun *and the* Financial Post.

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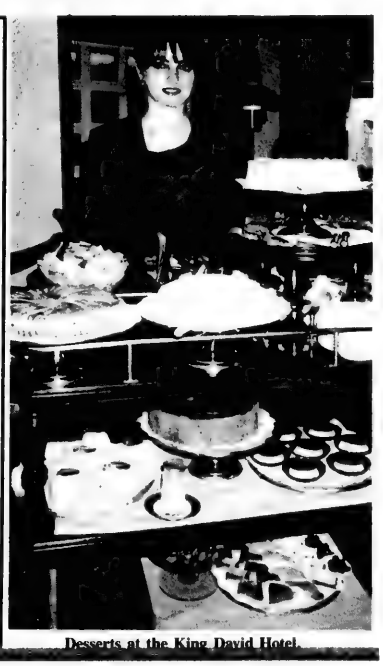

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The Bell Caverns still retain a special aura of mystery

By CARL ALPERT

HAIFA — An enterprising travel agent wanting to offer tours for those who have already seen all the usual Israeli sights would do well to organize an exploration tour of the country's underworld.

No, this has nothing to do with crime. I am referring to the many fascinating sights located beneath the surface. For those of you who have already been to Israel more than once, how many of these places have you seen?

The enormous Bell Caverns, near Bet Guvrin, found by chance in 1928, and since excavated further. They were occupied by man in early history, but what they were used for is still a mystery.

The Carmelit subway in Haifa, an underground cable car which whisks passengers quickly from the top of Mt. Carmel to the city below, with four stops en route.

The underground vaulted pool of St. Helena, in Ramla, built in 789 C.E., the time of Haroun el-Raschid, the Caliph of Baghdad. Try rowing a boat around the mysterious arches.

The stalactite and stalagmite Soreq caves in the southern Judean hills — strikingly illuminated.

The network of Bar-Kochba hideaways, known as the Hazan caves, on the grounds of Moshav Amatzia, on the Jerusalem-Ashkelon road.

The Cave of Zedekiah, near Damascus Gate in Jerusalem, discovered in 1852, and said to be the quarries for Solomon's buildings.

Burial cave

Jason's Tomb, a burial cave on Alfasi Street in Rehavia, Jerusalem, decorated with drawings of ships. Discovered by chance in 1956 during excavations for a building.

The Zichron Yaakov Wine Cellars, with a taste of wine for the visitor.

The Hospice of St. John, which covers a large underground area in the old city of Acre.

The catacombs of Beth Shearim, near Tivon, outside of Haifa, with a wealth of historical associations and many old sarcophagi.

The sea-washed grottoes at Rosh Hanikra, at Israel's northern tip, reached by a descending cable car. A thrilling experience.

The Tomb of Queen Helena (the Jewish Queen) erroneously called the Tomb of the Kings, at the foot of Nablus in the northern end of East Jerusalem.

The long tunnel at Megiddo, built more than 3,000 years ago. Modern visitors can walk from the top of the mound to the exit far below.

Elijah's Cave, located at the foot of Mt. Carmel, where the spiritually attuned claim they can feel the "vibes."

The Carmel Caves of Stone Age man, off the Haifa-Tel Aviv road, where a sound and light show helps carry the visitor back to prehistoric times.

The elaborately painted ancient Roman burial cave at Ashkelon, closed to the public of late to preserve the vivid colors.

The recently opened extension of the Western Wall, leading far under the Old City of Jerusalem.

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By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

ISRAEL — Yehuda Avni dreams of saddling up one of his 20 horses, riding around the Sea of Galilee and across the international border to Amman, the capital of Jordan.

"When peace will come, and if it will be a real peace, then I would like to do it," says the Chicago-born Avni.

Avni is the proprietor of Vered Hagalil, a horse ranch and guest farm north of the Sea of Galilee. Vered Hagalil is Israel's oldest, and perhaps finest, establishments for equestrian pursuits.

Until true peace comes, Avni and other riders at Vered Hagalil must content themselves with the beautiful trails through the Galilee and neighbouring regions. Riders, accompanied by guides, may venture from the 40-acre ranch for as little as an hour or for as long as a week.

A popular excursion is the ride around the Sea of Galilee — known also as Lake Kinnereth — which takes a full day. The area is known for its scenic beauty and many sites of historical and archaeological importance.

"If they choose, people can ride for half a day, then sleep outside, and finish the ride the next day," says Yona Avni, Yehuda's wife. "We give them dinner at night and bring them breakfast in the morning." The cost of a full-day ride, accompanied by a guide, is $70 (US).

Popular excursion

Until the stones of the intifadah began flying, parties of riders used to leave Vered Hagalil regularly for Jerusalem, staying away for a week at a time. Now the most adventurous and hardy riders must content themselves with the five-day trek to Haifa.

Not all the ranch's clients are foreigners. Israelis are great riding enthusiasts, the Avnis claim, and many local children are enrolled in their Western-style riding school.

Approaching 70 years of age, Yehuda Avni grew up in the old west side of Chicago and came as a volunteer to Israel in 1949. "I felt very much at home here and decided to stay," he says. He met his wife on a kibbutz, and together they established Vered Hagalil (Rose of the Galilee in Hebrew) in the early '60s.

Western-style riding school

Now Vered Hagalil boasts a stable with fine Arabian quarter-horses and 18 guest cabins of varying sizes. Prices for double occupancy on weekends range from $50 for a small bunkhouse to $119 for a cosy cottage-apartment with kitchenette. Breakfast is included with all stays, and additional meals may be enjoyed in the restaurant (not kosher). "I think we were the first place in Israel to offer water to guests when they arrive," boasts Yoni.

Yehuda is proud of his Chicago roots, and still maintains strong connections to his native city, which he visits about every three years. Astute visitors may detect various Chicagoan memorabilia at Vered Hagalil, such as street signs; the guestbook contains the signatures of many prominent members of Chicago's Jewish community.

"Horses were always my hobby," Yehuda says. "Ever since I was a little boy, I used to skip school and go to the stables. I read all of the Zane Grey books."

Israel, being so compact, offers riders dramatic changes of scenery within relatively short riding distances. "You can ride through various regions of the country in a short time," he says.

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Isrotel chain opens luxurious hotel on Eilat's beach

EILAT — The Royal Beach Hotel, belonging to the Isrotel chain, has opened in Eilat.

The luxurious 380-room hotel is right on the beach and boasts, as part of its accommodations, 30 family rooms and 20 suites with all rooms overlooking the Red Sea.

Among the hotel's amenities are eight ethnic restaurants, three outdoor swimming pools and a spa. The Royal Lounge is for the use of all Royal room guests.

In addition, the Royal Beach also offers a number of convention facilities arranged around the hotel's multi-purpose conference hall that can seat up to 1,000 guests. The convention centre has five separate halls with adaptable stages, movie and sound projection and an advanced lighting system with internal communications.

Isrotel also runs the Riviera apartment, King Solomon Palace, Sport and Lagoona hotels. These properties are also situated in Eilat.

David Lewis, owner of the Isrotel chain, was among the first to introduce a new type of holiday concept into Israel, specifically Eilat.

This new concept focuses on non-stop entertainment of the highest standard, a range of fine restaurants at reasonable prices and a friendly young staff.

The decision to establish the chain in Israel was made because of the country's potential as an attractive tourist destination. The tourist season in Israel is particularly long, as it is all over the Mediterranean, but when coupled with Eilat's advantages, the tourist season expands throughout the year.

Israel's geographic versatility is also an added advantage — from the rolling hills of the Galilee in the north to the wild desert landscape in the Negev, from the peaks of the Judean Mountains to the northern tip of the Red Sea.

The managing director of the Isrotel chain, 48-year-old Raphael Sadeh is a veteran hotelier and a graduate of the Hotel and Management School in Lausanne, Switzerland. Throughout the years, Sadeh has held several senior positions in the largest hotel chains in Israel, as well as in the hotels of Europe and the United States.

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Incentive market a 'fragile flower'

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

ISRAEL — It's an established fact: almost three-quarters of all Canadians who travel to Israel, including Jewish-Canadians, do so as part of tour groups sponsored by communal organizations, church and synagogue groups, and archaeological, agricultural and other professional associations.

Until recently, however, the Canadian and American business communities have largely shied away from the Middle East, preferring to bring their conferences and incentive groups to locales in Europe, Asia or the United States because they appear politically less troublesome.

"The incentive market is extremely sensitive to a country's safety and security image," says Rafi Berri, executive director of Dannie's Tours, a Tel Aviv-based travel company specializing in incentive tours.

"So whenever there are headlines, the incentive market is the first to suffer."

If the incentive market is a fragile flower, it seems finally to be taking sturdy root in the ancient soil of Israel, say various players within the Israeli tourism industry. The picture has improved substantially, they contend, since the onset of the Israeli-PLO peace negotiations and the concomitant talks between Israel and her Arab neighbours.

"We're getting a lot of bookings from Canada for 1995," says Judy Poliva, conference and incentive manager for Eshet Tours of Tel Aviv, one of Israel's leading incentive producers.

In essence, an incentive is a reward offered to employees to spur their sales or productivity. Corporate and private incentive travel planners assert that travel is the best incentive, and that the possibility of a deluxe holiday can usually push a sluggish sales force into overdrive. Once targets are reached, they reason, the cost of the incentive trip can be deducted from the additional sales revenues generated, leaving a generous profit margin.

When it comes to incentives, Israel seems like the Promised Land for planners and participants alike, offering rewards no other country can duplicate. Participants can exult in a mudbath at a Dead Sea spa, enjoy a dinner-dance cruise on the Sea of Galilee, or relax at Israel's famous Red Sea beach resort of Eilat. Meals invariably take on a variety of themes — Biblical, Roman, Byzantine, Crusader — and can be served in unique historic settings like Jerusalem's Old City, the Roman ruins at Caesaria and the mountaintop fortress of Masada.

Activities for the adventurous include desert safaris by jeep, camel treks with the Bedouins, hikes through lush nature reserves and whitewater rafting on a tributary of the Jordan River. The spiritually-minded, meanwhile, may visit sites sacred to Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

To help incentives go smoothly, Israel boasts many high-quality hotels, transfer vehicles, tour guides and other specialists who understand the special needs of this sector. "There's much more awareness now than before, and it's increasing all the time," says Elhanan Dvir, president of Kennes Tours, which does an increasing amount of incentive business.

According to Ruth Ben-Tzur, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Toronto, a handful of Canadian incentive groups are set to visit Israel this year. She suggests incentive planners may wish to make bookings to coincide with either of two upcoming events — Jerusalem's 3,000th anniversary in 1996 and Israel's 50th birthday in 1998. Both are certain to generate the sort of excitement that incentive planners seek.

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A view from the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. (Photo by Bill Gladstone)

Teapots and menorahs at Sefat. (Photos by Bill Gladstone)

The beauty of Upper Galilee

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

UPPER GALILEE — Israel's Upper Galilee is famed for its natural beauty, archaeological ruins and as the source of the Jordan River.

Visitors can easily spend a good deal of time in this region, touring parks, ancient sites, museums and towns like Kiryat Shmona and the fascinating mystical jewel known as Safed.

The towering forests and rippling waterways of the small but scenic Dan Nature Reserve sharply contradict Israel's image as a desert country. The greenery here is as lush and idyllic as any sylvan scene in southern Ontario. A hike through these woods involves crossing several rushing creeks and pools so pure that visitors may kneel down, cup their hands and drink. Emerging from rock springs, these are the frothy headwaters of the Jordan River.

After hiking for about 20 minutes, one emerges at a clearing where an archaeological site — the ancient city of Tel Dan — is being excavated. Formerly a Canaanite city- state named Leshem or Laish, the city was taken over by the biblical tribe of Dan. Looking north or west from these excavations, one sees Druze villages and the hills of Lebanon only two kilometres away.

It's often been said that anywhere you stick a shovel in the earth in Israel, you find something of interest, and it's certainly true in the Upper Galilee. Kazrin has the remains of a Jewish town of the Talmudic period, Banyas offers the ruins of an ancient city and the Muslim-Crusader era Nimrod Fortress, and Hazor features the ruins of an ancient city first mentioned in the 19th century BCE and which became one of King Solomon's chariot towns in the late 10th century BCE.

The Upper Galilee is also important for ornithologists, since it lies along the Syrian-African Rift Valley, a major transcontinental bird migration route. Here one may encounter birds of Euro-Siberian, Iranian and Mediterranean origin, side by side. In early May, our tour group happened upon hundreds of migrating storks, circling in the sky.

"Ornithologists often stay at our hotel in the fall and the spring," says David Duvdevani, sales manager of the 156-room Kfar Giladi Kibbutz Hotel. "Last fall, some people who had just arrived from Britain told us that if they saw one new species in the week, their whole trip would be worthwhile. At the end of the week, they were ecstatic because they had seen 42 new species."

Major towns in the Upper Galilee include Metulla and Kiryat Shemona, which lie near the top of the "finger" of land that points northward from the Sea of Galilee. In the middle of the finger is Rosh Pinna, where the first settlement in the Galilee was established in 1882.

Safed, which has more English spellings (Safad, Tsfad, Tzefa) than a jewel has facets, is set high in the Galilean mountains, with panoramic views of the surrounding countryside and the lake some 1,400 metres below.

Famed as a city of Jewish mystics, Safed was home to kabbalistic sages such as Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai (author of the Zohar), Rabbi Yosef Caro (author of the Shulchan Aruch) and Rabbi Itzhak Luria. Courtyards, stairways, arches and meandering narrow streets typify the Old City, which contains many small, historic synagogues built in memory of illustrious rabbis.

Safed has become a haven for artists, who have been attracted here by the rarified air as well as the low rents. Numerous shops sell original drawings, paintings and sculpture by local artisans. In a 150-year-old building beside the Crusader fortress, at the top of one of the city's main hills, American artist Philip Ratner has established the Israel Bible Museum.

Housed in the palace of a former Turkish pasha, the museum features a collection of Ratner's works that tell the story of the bible in painting, sculpture and graphics. The building, which has been occupied by a succession of artists, was in bad repair when Ratner and his wife rented it from the city about a decade ago; they have since put in about $100,000 in repairs, he says.

"If no one would have taken over this building, it would have gone like so many other buildings in Safed — by the wayside," Ratner says.

Apparently Safed, with a permanent population of only 21,000 residents, has more architectural treasures than its tax base can keep in reasonably good repair. To help offset this unfortunate neglect, be sure to put some money in the collection box when visiting synagogues and other historic buildings in town.

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Revitalized Old Jerusalem sends message of hope

World Zionist Press Service

It is a pleasant neighborhood with shady courtyards and spacious squares. Small buildings of mellow Jerusalem stone are decorated with latticed windows and wrought-iron doors; here and there a carefully tended plant provides a welcome splash of color. Elegant art galleries, small studios and sidewalk cafes create a carefree atmosphere. On a sunny day the place is a babel of tongues, as scores of tourists cross the main square in the wake of their tour guides. Sometimes there is a lull and one can hear voices raised in prayer: 12 yeshivot are scattered over the relatively small area.

This could be almost anywhere in Israel — Safed, perhaps. But around the corner of yet another winding street, one is brought up short by the sight of the Temple Mount sitting atop the vast esplanade of the Western Wall. This is Jerusalem's Jewish Quarter, whose bitter and brutal history is buried beneath its cobbled stones.

Here a series of disastrous events turned the Jews from a proud people, secure in their land, into a barely tolerated minority made to pay dearly for the privilege of living in the shadow of the Temple Mount — until the birth of the State of Israel.

With the destruction of the Second Temple and of Jerusalem by the armies of Titus in 70 CE, those Jews fortunate enough not to have been slaves or deported to Europe, were expelled from the city — a city the Romans then tried to wipe off the face of the earth. Monument after monument, house after house was reduced to rubble in an attempt to obliterate all traces of its glorious past, but to no avail. The name Jerusalem remained alive in the hearts and minds of the Jews.

Within less than a century, those who remained in the Holy Land returned to settle near the twin centres of their hopes: the Western Wall, which was all that remained of the works of Herod; and the Mount of Olives, where Divine Providence was said to have taken refuge and whence the Messiah would come forth on Judgment Day.

Periodically the Jews were driven away, but when the Crusaders took the city in 1089, some 1,000 Jews who lived there took refuge in their synagogue. For the greater glory of their god, the Crusaders set fire to the building.

With the fall of the Crusader kingdom a century later, Jews came back to live in Jerusalem once more. But their fate was not a happy one. They were subjected to restrictions and persecutions, could not own land or buildings, and were forbidden on pain of death to set foot on the Temple Mount, where the Muslim rulers had set up their own sanctuaries.

And yet they remained.

The ruins of a Byzantine market place — the Cardo — face a modern coffee house in the Old City's Jewish Quarter. [WZPS photo].

By the 16th century, the Ottomans, who now ruled Jerusalem and the Holy Land, relaxed their grip on the Jews; although the Jews still enjoyed no civil rights, life became a little easier. More and more Jews came to live in Jerusalem — some from Russia, others from Eastern Europe, driven by harsh conditions and by the lure of Zion.

By the middle of the 19th century, Jews were by far the largest religious group in Jerusalem. In 1900, 30,000 Jews lived in Jerusalem, more than the combined number of Moslems and Christians. In fact, the Jewish Quarter was so overcrowded that the more adventurous among the Jews began to leave the safety of the walled city to build new neighborhoods beyond the walls in Mishkenot Shaananim — the beginning of the modern city of Jerusalem.

The 1948 War of Independence saw the rebirth of the State of Israel. The Old City, however, was taken by the army of Transjordan. For the next 19 years, Jews could only see the Wall and the Temple Mount from afar. Then with Israel's victory in the 1967 Six Day War, the walls dividing the city tumbled. As Jews made their way to the Old City and the Jewish Quarter, they met scenes of destruction and desolution: ancient buildings deliberately blown up and reduced to rubble; goats and sheep wandering in and out of once hallowed synagogues; squalid slums encroaching ever closer to the Western Wall.

Paradoxically, the extent of the destruction made it possible to undertake extensive archaeological excavations while rebuilding the quarter from scratch. Many of the finds dated back to the period of the Second Temple, while some were even from the time of the First Temple. One of the most exciting is the Israelite Tower, where the defenders of Jerusalem fought a losing battle against the armies of Nebuchadnezzar in 586 BCE.

As we celebrate Jerusalem Day this year and look forward to the Third Millenium festivities due to start at the end of next year, some of us in Israel remember the day when then Mayor Teddy Kollek ordered the walls dividing the city taken down, a few days after the end of the Six Day War. In a rare emotional moment, it seemed as if the whole population of the city — Jews, Christians and Arabs alike — was on the move, eager to see the other side. That extraordinary day was not marred by a single security incident despite the huge crowds and the biggest traffic jam in the city's history. Perhaps there is a message of hope there.

Israel's state emblem

Jerusalem Dateline

The menorah has been a symbol of the Jewish people for over three thousand years. Its lamps were lit in the Tabernacle that accompanied the Children of Israel wandering in the Sinai Desert and its light illuminated the First and Second Temples. Since then it has served as a symbol of Jewish heritage in countless places in a variety of forms.

The menorah was chosen as the official emblem of the State of Israel. Today the menorah can be found on numerous Israeli government buildings and Israeli embassies the world over, in Israel's courts of law, on official stationery, and on the standard of the President of the State of Israel.

A five-metre-high menorah, sculpted by Benno Elkan, stands opposite the entrance to the Knesset, Israel's parliament. It is a massive word executed in bronze, and its seven branches are decorated with panels depicting highlights in the history and revival of the Jewish people.

The menorah: the symbol of the State of Israel, opposite the Knesset, Israel's parliament.

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Visitors to the Old City of Jerusalem can now follow the footsteps of kings and prophets through the tunnels under the Western Wall by means of wheelchair lifts, ramps, elevators and other facilities.

The route will eventually include such sites as the Cardo, an ancient Roman marketplace thoroughfare which has been renovated and is the site for many shops in the Jewish Quarter, and the Burnt House, which is a recreated house from the Temple period. A visitors' guidance centre will also be available for information on access in the Old City for those who are disabled — including those with physical disabilities and visual or hearing impairments.

"As part of our effort to improve the lives of people with disabilities and their families, the [JDC] has already been involved in making such popular Israeli sites as Neot Kedumim, a recreated biblical nature reserve, and Tel Dan, an archeological site, accessible to the disabled," says Milton A. Wolf, president of JDC. "People with disabilities will now be able to visit many sites of religious and historical importance which have been closed to them until now."

The tunnel project was carried out in cooperation with the Ministry of Religious Affairs, the Western Wall Heritage Foundation, the Holy Sites Authority and the Jewish Quarter Development Company.

Yitzhak Perlman navigating the Western Wall tunnels, newly accessible to the disabled.

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River clean-up means parks, less pollution

Jerusalem Dateline

Most people associate Israel with just one river: the Jordan. This river is revered and kept clean not only because of its Biblical fame, but because it provides much of Israel with its drinking water.

Less well known are such rivers as the Kishon and the Yarkon, the Hadera, and the threateningly-named Crocodile, where the reptiles swam until they became extinct several thousand years ago.

Israel's other rivers, mainly small streams that only become rivers as they near the Mediterranean Sea, have until recently been woefully neglected. Because their estuaries are near large population centres, many of the rivers became choked with industrial pollution and raw sewage. All that is changing following the establishment of a new Rivers Authority within the Environment Ministry.

"Israel is undergoing a revolution regarding its rivers," says Yeshaya Bar-Or, the director of the Environment Ministry's division of water quality. "There's still much to be done, but within four years we'll have refined effluents that will not cause aesthetic damage or pollute the water."

The most polluted rivers at present are the Kishon, which flows out through Haifa, the Sorek, which receives sewage from Jerusalem, and the Poleg near Netanya. The Lachish has often flooded the southern port city of Ashdod in recent years with a nauseating mixture of polluted waters. But with a spate of sewage treatment plants under construction and stiff fines for offending industrial enterprises, it is hoped that fish will soon be frequenting the country's rivers.

The Israeli cities of Ashdod, Haifa and Hadera will soon have their own river parklands. And near Netanya, on the River Alexander, an unusual project will result in unpolluted wetlands and swamps. A barrier of bulrushes and gravel will filter out polluted water through the bacteria that grow naturally in the bulrushes' roots.

"I doubt that anyone will drink from these rivers for many decades to come," says Bar-Or. "But they will be very pleasant and picturesque."

Israel's Yarkon River provides a pleasant park for Tel Aviv residents. [Photo courtesy: Yarkon River Authority]

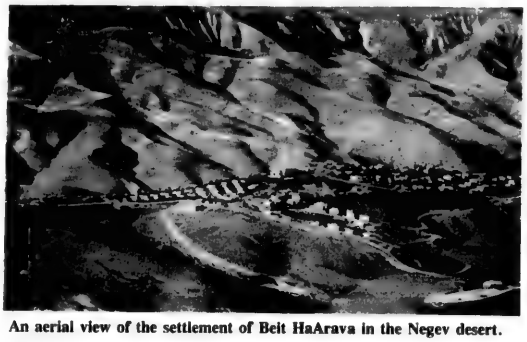
Israel's succcess in Negev examined at conference

World Zionist Press Service

The dictionary defines frontier as both the edge of civilization and an international border. It was appropriate, therefore, that many of the delegates at a three-day conference on Regional Development — The Challenge of the Frontier, were Israel's Arab neighbors.

Convened in December 1993 at Ein Bokek by the Dead Sea to mark the opening of Ben Gurion University's Negev Centre for Regional Development, the 350 participants from 30 countries discussed a diverse range of subjects affecting deserts worldwide — from regional policies and water conservation to alternative energy options, business and industrial options, education, health and welfare services and historical and literary perspectives of desert environments.

Conference organizer and the centre's director, Prof. Yehuda Gradus, described Israel's Negev region. Though referred to as a region, he said, it in fact comprises more than half of Israel's land mass and is the major land reserve for development. "But while developing housing, schools and jobs on an unprecedented scale," he said, "we must ensure that this development is respectful of the Negev's unique natural environment."



An aerial view of the settlement of Beit HaArava in the Negev desert.

Field trips to Jewish National Fund savannah parklands in the region, demonstrated Israel's success in pushing back the desert and preventing soil erosion. They also showed the surprising success of the Jewish Agency's Department of Rural and Urban Development in establishing agriculture based on the large amounts of highly saline geothermal water existing beneath the Negev.

Professor Jamal Safi, director of the Gaza Strip's Environment Protection and Research Institute and a former dean at Gaza's Al-Azhar University, delivered a paper entitled The State of the Environment in the Gaza Strip (which sits astride the Negev's northwestern border).

"There is an absence of environmental policy, awareness and education in Gaza," he noted. "The most pressing environmental problems we face include a catastrophic water shortage, water pollution, lack of sewage and solid waste treatment, and uncontrolled use of pesticides in agriculture."

But Safi was heartened by the fact that the Israelis and Palestinians were now talking rather than fighting.

This was also the sentiment that most encouraged Professor Ibrahim Abu Lehia, an eminent food technologist from Jordan interested in new methods of preventing crop surpluses from perishing in storage. "Now that we are pulling together," he said, "we can achieve so much more."

Canadian Professor Robert Butler of the University of Western Ontario, elaborated on the potential for tourism in desert and frontier locations. "These days tourists collect countries," he said. "The more distant the geographical location, the greater the appeal. But while tourism can create jobs in such faraway locations, it can also damage the environment. It is easier to develop tourism than it is to control it and the impact cannot easily be reserved."

Professor Elisha Efrat of Tel Aviv University, observed that only seven per cent of Israel's population (some 300,000) live in the vast Negev region. He criticized successive Israeli governments for establishing "undesirable" installations in the Negev, such as the Dimona nuclear reactor, the Ramat Hovav toxic waste dump, ammunition depots, armament industries and IDF firing ranges.

"All these installations have been created on an ad-hoc basis, without a regional plan," he said. "They create a barrier of pollution against future expansion to the south." But he insisted it was not too late to undo the damage. In an era of peace and greater affluence, the Negev could become an Israeli "Silicon Valley."

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Ostraca (clay fragments) bearing what are believed to be the names of some of the Jewish defenders of Masada who used these tablets to cast lots in order to determine the order in which they would commit suicide rather than surrender to the besieging Romans. In the background is a model of Masada.

Masada finds on display

Jerusalem Dateline

Thousands of former volunteers from one of Israel's most ambitious and renowned archaeological excavations, the Masada dig (1963-65), now have their first chance to examine sone of the exhibition's most precious finds up close, along with other archaeology enthusiasts.

Thirty years after Professor Yigael Yadin of the Hebrew University began digging at Masada, and ten years after the famous archaeologist's death, the findings from one of Israel's most fascinating excavations are finally being displayed for the general public in an exhibition entitled The Story of Masada.

The exhibition is held under the joint auspices of the Hebrew University's Jerusalem Institute of Archaeology, the Israel Antiquities Authority and the Israel Exploration Society.

Masada, an ancient desert stronghold located on a flat plateau surrounded by cliffs and deep gorges overlooking the Dead Sea, was originally built by Herod the Great during the latter part of the first century BCE. In 70 CE, when Jerusalem fell, a number of warriors who had evaded capture joined a small group of Jewish fighting men and their families on Masada. Masada became the last stronghold of the Jews against the Romans in the Jewish Revolt, which culminated in the destruction of the Second Temple and the exile of the Jews from their homeland.

From the top of the mountain, one can still see clearly the remains of the encampments used by the Romans during the siege of Masada. When the Romans finally breached the walls of the fortress and defeat was at hand, Masada's 960 defenders — men, women and children — took their own lives rather than fall into the hands of their enemies. Their heroism was recorded by the historian Josephus in his volume entitled *War of the Jews*, where the author wrote that "the Romans came within the palace and so met with the multitude of the slain, but could take no pleasure in the fact, though it were done to their enemies. Nor could they do other than wonder at the courage of their resolution and the immovable contempt of death, which so great a number of them had shown, when they went through such an action as that was."

The fall of Masada in 73 CE marked the end of Jewish independence. In the 20th century, the site took on a symbolic role for Israelis — part of the Zionist ethos, epitomized by the Hebrew motto "Masada shall not fall again."

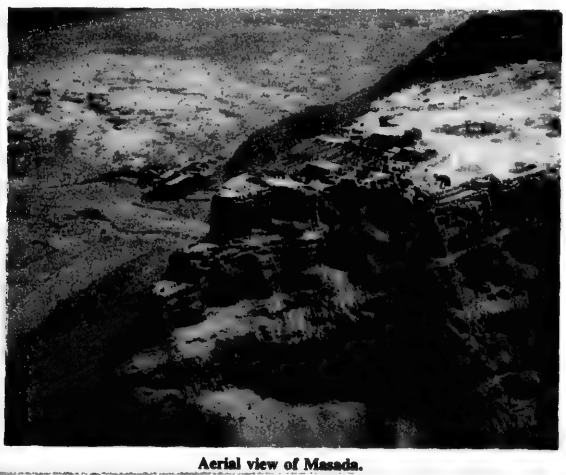
However, it was only in 1963 that the site was excavated by Yigael Yadin with the aid of thousands of Israeli and foreign volunteers. Daily, they would climb up the Roman ramp from a spartan base camp of tents offering short rations and cold showers, to sift through basket after basket of rubble for potsherds, pieces of glass, bone and other signs of a human presence. They did this for eight hours a day in the desert sun. Volunteers painstakingly uncovered balistra (stone balls) thrown by Roman catapults and reconstructed crumbled walls, sharing in the excitement when someone unearthed an oil lamp among the tons of dirt and debris.

While only a lucky few participating in the three-year dig were present at the discovery of a magnificently preserved sandal of a Jewish defender and pieces of jewelry found at the site, these finds and others are now on public display.

Participants have cited the dig as an unforgettable experience. Some attended a two-day reunion in Israel this spring. Many more former volunteers whom the Hebrew University was able to locate — a few now in their 70s and 80s — have written to the organizers expressing disappointment that they cannot attend, but relating how the dig was one of the highlights of their lives.

Among the items never before exhibited are unique papyrus records from the Roman army, including a list of equipment in the army infirmary, and inscriptions telling of shipments of food to Masada, such as "fish oil from Spain" and "apples and wine from Italy" sent to Masada for "Herod, King of the Jews."

Perhaps the most exciting find on display for the first time are the ostraca (clay fragments) bearing Hebrew names, including the name of Masada's leader, Ben-Yair, clay fragments that Yadin believed were the lots cast by the Masada defenders to determine the order in which they would commit suicide. This was related in detail by Josephus in his book *Wars of the Jews*, when he described how the last remaining "ten of them had been chosen by lot to be the executioners of the rest."


Aerial view of Masada.

Water major source of conflict in the Middle East

World Zionist Press Service

At the Paris peace talks in 1919, the World Zionist Organization submitted a territorial plan for a Jewish State. The area it proposed included all of the Jordan River basin, the headwaters that feed it and part of the Litani River in southern Lebanon. The borders overlapped those of the British and French mandates with no regard for major population centres but with a clear demonstration of Israel's acute understanding of hydro-politics.

Today those same water sources flow through Judea and Samaria and link the four countries involved in the bilateral Middle East peace talks, thus creating a source of conflict. "Water is inextricably tied to territory and for that reason cannot be separated from the bilateral peace talks," says Marwan Haddad, head of the Palestinian delegation to the water talks.

In fact, some 33 per cent of Israel's water is from rain that falls in Judea and Samaria and an additional 15 per cent originates on the Golan Heights and in tributaries of the Jordan River in Lebanon.

So important is the water issue that the subject is being dealt with independently in the multilateral talks, where 40 states (12 of them Arab) meet biannually to discuss the potential for regional management of water resources.

Meanwhile, academics and entrepreneurs are increasingly considering water to be like every other commodity — producable or importable; it can be produced through desalination or imported from water-rich countries like Turkey.

But, according to Ora Tamir, legal advisor to the Israeli water commissioner and a participant in the regional water negotiations, "Water is money." It can be abundantly produced through desalination, but the process requires tremendous amounts of energy, which currently renders it too expensive for Israel.

The cost of desalinating one cubic metre (CM) of sea water to the point that renders it drinkable is between $1 and $1.25. The current cost of household water in Israel is about $0.30 per CM, although this price reflects substantial government subsidies.

However, according to Minister of Agriculture Yaakov Tsur, about 60 per cent of the water consumed in Israel goes to agriculture, which costs much less to process than potable water. There are desalination plants in Eilat and Ashdod, the latter being able to produce 20,000 CM per day, sufficient for 40,000 people.

According to Tamir and former water commissioner Dan Zaslasky, within the next several years, more efficient desalination technologies will be developed. Meanwhile, the Israeli government will probably continue to subsidize water costs to the tune of $200 million annually.

The "Sahne," a natural pool in the Beit Shean Valley, which flows into the Jordan River. [WZPS photo]

At the First International Israeli-Palestinian Conference on Water in 1992, Boaz Wachtel, a former assistant military attache at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, presented a plan called the Peace Canal. Simultaneously addressing both water and security concerns, it suggested the building of a pipeline to carry water from the elevated Ataturk Baraji Lake (800 meters above sea level) in eastern Turkey to Lake Tiberias (200 meters below sea level) and the Yarmouk River on the Syrian/Jordanian border. The pipeline would open up into a canal on the Golan Heights along the Israeli-Syrian border and serve as an anti-tank ditch.

In addition to conveying water to Syria, Jordan, Israel and the Palestinians, Wachtel's plan called for generating hydroelectric power which, Wachtel said, could be sold to Syria. The money, in turn, would go toward paying Turkey for the imported water.

Nonetheless, in March 1994, President Ezer Weizman visited Turkey and took up the issue of importing water, as did Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in April 1994.

An alternative to relying on transfer states like Syria to convey water is being promoted by a Canadian company which last year came up with a new method of importing fresh water. With Israel and Libya as its first two target countries, it has invented a huge, plastic sea-bound barge able to transfer 1.6 million cubic meters of water at a time — enough to fill about two-thirds of one of New York's World Trade Centre towers.

Agriculture Minister Tsur feels that this solution is impracticable. The ministry would far prefer to expand its desalination programs, which according to Energy Minister Moshe Shahal, will solve the Israeli-Palestinian water problems within the next 20 or 30 years.

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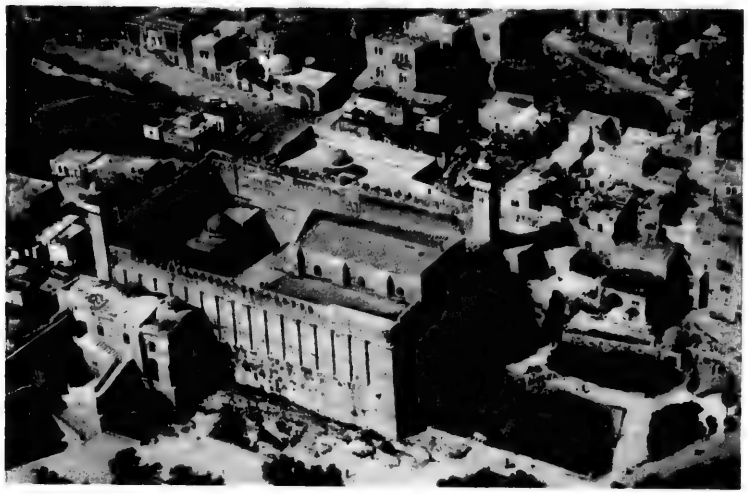

An aerial view of the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron. [WZPS photo]

Troubled Hebron: Arabs, Jews live separate lives

World Zionist Press Service

The troubled city of Hebron boasts 5,000 years of uninterrupted settlement. It was there, some 3,000 years ago, that David was anointed king. And it is in Hebron that the most revered shrine of the Jews is situated: the tomb of the Patriarch Abraham. It was with Abraham that God made his covenant, and to the seed of Abraham that the land of Canaan was promised.

Tradition has it that the superb building set up by King Herod over the Cave of the Patriarchs contains the mortal remains of Abraham's wife Sarah and son Itzhak, as well as of Jacob, Rebecca and Leah. Only the grave-markers, can be seen; the tombs themselves are in an inaccessible crypt below the main hall.

Hebron is today a thriving city, some 20 miles (36 kilometres) south of Jerusalem. It has a weekly sheep market, an oriental bazaar, a wholesale general market and a daily fresh vegetable market. Its two main industries are glass-blowing and leather.

Some 50,000 people live within the city limits (only 400 of them Jews), and a total of 120,000 live in what can be called "Greater Hebron" — the outlying suburbs, smaller villages and refugee camps.

The Arab population is solidly Sunni Muslim and deeply religious. Boys and girls attend separate schools and there are no cinemas, theatres or other forms of night life. More than 40 mosques are scattered throughout the city, the main one at the Cave of the Patriarchs.

Hebron was conquered in 638 CE by the Arabs, who henceforth called it "El Halil," the Friend, after one of the names of Abraham in the Koran — "The Friend of Allah the Compassionate." They set up their first mosque in the Cave of the Patriarchs.

There was no animosity towards the Jews then, perhaps because Byzantine Christians were the main enemy. But when Hebron was taken by the Crusaders at the beginning of the 12th century, they expelled Jews and Muslims alike and set up a church in what they called the "Castle of Saint Abraham."

With the fall of the Crusader Kingdom in the 13th century, Hebron once again became an Arab city. The Jews were allowed to return but neither they nor the Christians were allowed to enter the Cave of the Patriarchs. They had to stop on the seventh step of the stone stairs leading up to the eastern entrance of the building.

Despite this, Jews continued to live in Hebron in relative peace and tranquillity. Jewish craftsmen from Italy and Spain introduced the glass-blowing and leather industries to the town in the 16th century and by the mid-19th century, some 1,500 Jews lived there — one-tenth of the total population.

The rising tide of Arab nationalism at the beginning of the 20th century put an end to this centuries-old coexistence, and during Arab riots in 1929, 70 Jews were murdered and all Hebron's synagogues destroyed; survivors fled for their lives. Some 35 families returned to their homes in 1931, but in 1936, fearing another pogrom, the British Mandate authorities "advised" them to leave.

During Israel's struggle for Independence in 1948, Hebron came under Jordanian rule. Then in the 1967 Six Day War, Israeli troops entered the city and took it without a fight. Many religious Jews, including survivors of the 1929 massacre, immediately asked to be allowed to settle in the city of the Patriarchs.

As a first step, they set up the settlement of Kiryat Arba (City of the Four) — the ancient name of Hebron — at the northern end of the city. They soon built what is now a thriving industrial zone and later began reclaiming houses belonging to Jewish families in the centre of the Hebron. Today, there are an estimated 6,000 Jews living in Kiryat Arba.

Special arrangements were made by the military administration to enable both Jews and Arabs to pray in the Cave of the Patriarchs. But it was a losing battle from the beginning. Neither side was prepared to accept the presence of the other and violent incidents became common. Soon Hebron was at the forefront of the intifadah: religious Jews were killed on their way to prayer and in one incident in late 1992, acid was thrown at Jewish children at play in a kindergarten, lightly injuring six.

Militant residents of Kiryat Arba and Hebron led reprisal raids against the local population, wrecking cars and generally causing damage to property. The presence of large numbers of Israeli soldiers in the city was not sufficient to stem Arab violence and by September 1993, more than 30 Jewish civilians, including a pregnant woman and several children — many from Hebron — had been brutally murdered.

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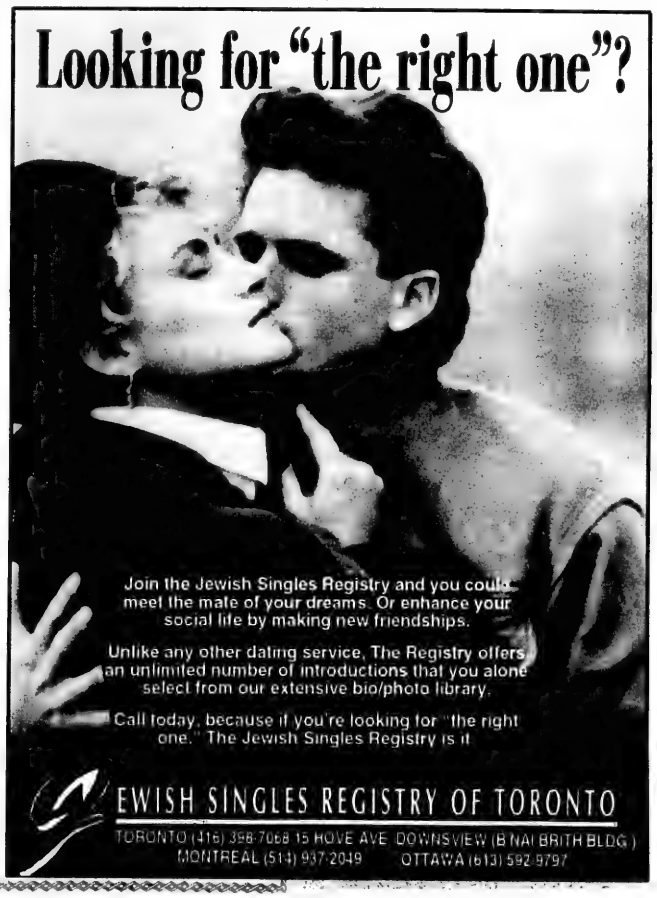

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The store also carries pictures with Jewish and Israeli themes; some of these pictures are carved in sterling silver. Israel Barak, himself a painter, offers his work for sale through the store. His wife Esther, who is a designer, personalizes gifts with the names of the recipients; she also does the paintings on the ceramic mezuzahs.

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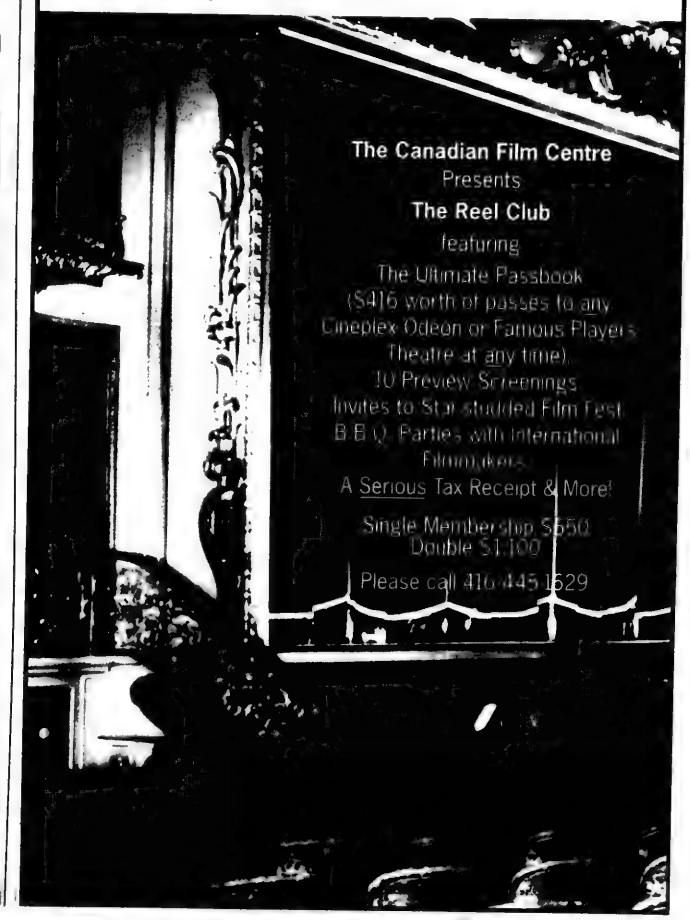

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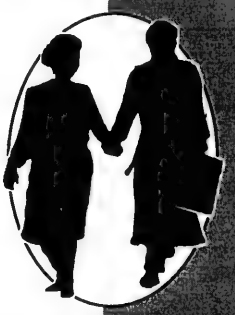

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Canadian soldiers to be Reena's special guests at Gala Dinner

Marshall Gottlieb

Ron Hoffman

Co-chairmen, Reena Foundation
20th Anniversary Gala Dinner Committee

On Wednesday, June 22nd, Reena's 20th anniversary dinner will be co-chaired by Ron Hoffman and Marshall Gottlieb. They have been best friends for 35 years, and are business partners. Marshall's son Stevie, age 26, is a client of Reena; Ron became interested in Reena through Marshall and both are now members of Reena's Board.

This dinner will feature a video presentation, unfolding like pages of a family album, to honor workers, volunteers and clients. It will also provide the opportunity to honor the Canadian soldiers of the 12th Armored Battalion, who cared for developmentally and physically handicapped people who had been abandoned by the staff of an Institution in Bosnia until the war moved on and the personnel returned. In addition, the dinner will honor Sam Handler, volunteer, fundraiser, past president and tireless worker.

Reena was founded in 1974 by parents of children with developmental handicaps, who wanted an alternative to institutions. In those days, as these children became adults, there was nowhere else for them to go, because they were considered "mentally incompetent".

Reena now owns or leases community homes, with staffing dependent on the specific needs of clients and the number of people. Reena provides a day program which teaches life skills, offers job and vocational training, and help in finding jobs. Reena also provides family service support for clients' families.

Since 1977, Reena has been a recognized social agency supported partly by government funding. Government cutbacks, however, mean more reliance on private sources. Reena currently has a waiting list of several hundred people which is growing faster than its ability to meet its needs in an environment of reduced government funding. It is expected that the dinner on June 22nd will help raise these much needed funds.

The Chairman and Board of Directors
of
The Reena Foundation

invite you to join them
for an evening of

dinner, dancing and rejoicement
to celebrate

20 years of achievement in the community
on behalf of people with a developmental handicap

Wednesday, June 22nd, 1994

Inn on the Park Hotel — Cocktails: 6:15 p.m.
Centennial Ballroom — Dinner/dance: 7:15 p.m.
Dress: Black tie optional

Under supervision of the Kashruth Council, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto

Sam Handler

On this occasion, presentation of the Tammy Gutstein Humanitarian Award will be made to **Sam Handler.** for his deep commitment to enhancing the lives of Reena's clients.

For further information or to make reservations, please call Minnie Ross **787-0131**

Organizations and People

What's New

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, June 9, is deadline for June 23 issue, and Thursday, June 16, is deadline for June 30 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Thursday, June 9

TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT G-D

The Institute for Jewish Learning presents the Harry Posen Memorial Lecture and Siyum, Talking to Your Children About G-d: A Modern Jewish Approach, with noted author/lecturer **David Wolfe**, 7:45 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St. Admission free. For information, 636-1880, ext. 360.

Friday, June 10

KESHET SHALOM SHABBAT SERVICE

Congregation Keshet Shalom, dedicated to meeting the needs of the greater Toronto lesbian and gay Jewish community, is holding a Kabalat Shabbat service and kiddush, 8 p.m., Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. For information, 925-1408.

Saturday, June 11

CHARITY AUCTION

A charity auction is being held by Foodpath Foodbank and Solel Congregation, 7 p.m. preview, 8 p.m. auction, at 2399 Folkway Dr., Mississauga, with many items such as prints, housewares, electronics, services (lawyers, dental, renovations) and more up for bids. Admission $5. For information, **Albert Amar** (905) 896-8216 or **Moti Berald** (905) 826-5183.

CELEBRITY GALA

Some of Toronto's best musicians and singers join together to fight Crohn's and colitis at the second annual Celebrity Gala fundraiser for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada. Show starts 9 p.m. at the Forum Banquet Hall, 1771 Albion Rd., (at Hwy 27). For information, (905) 856-0354.

Sunday, June 12

COUNTER-MISSIONARY SEMINAR

The Counter-Missionary Seminar, sponsored by Jews for Judaism, is condensing the usual eight-week seminar into one full day, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (kosher lunch), 296A Wilson Ave. Seminar topics include The Obsession to Convert Jews; Missionary Tactics; Dialogue with a Former Jews for Jesus; Why Jesus Wasn't the Jewish Messiah; Christian "Proof Texts"; Sin, Salvation and Atonement; Screening of Missionary Videos. Cost $36 for seminar, lunch and materials. To register, 789-2851.

JEWISH FILM SOCIETY

The Toronto Jewish Film Society 1994 season continues with *My Grandparents Had A Hotel* (1989), and *Let's Fall In Love* (1993), 7:30 p.m., Art Gallery of Ontario, Jackman Hall. Single tickets go on sale one-half hour before showtime. For information, 924-6211.

EMANU-EL BAZAAR

The Temple Emanu-El bazaar, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. offers terrific bargains in fine art, furniture, appliances, typewriters, and more. For information, temple office, 449-3880.

CHILDREN OF SURVIVORS

Children of survivors will meet 7:30-10 p.m. Purpose is to explore what impact the Holocaust has had upon the lives of the second generation. Discussion leader is **Doris Strub Epstein**. For details, 630-0164.

CHORALAIRS CLOSING CONCERT

The Choralairs of North York, a volunteer choir, invites the community to the 28th annual closing concert, 2-4:30 p.m., Earl Bales Community Centre, featuring a varied program of pop, Broadway and folk songs. No charge, but performance includes $1 raffle, the choir's once-a-year fundraiser. New members are always welcome. All you need is a love of singing and a sense of fun.

BLACK TO THE PROMISED LAND

New Leadership Group of the Jerusalem Foundation (Toronto) presents *Black to the Promised Land* at the Film House, 424 Adelaide St. E. Two showings, 6:45 p.m. and 9 p.m. Reception at 8:30 p.m. (dietary laws observed). Tickets $15 in advance, $50 patron (tax receipt $35). For information, **Renee Wortzman**, executive director, 537-8827.

BATHURST CLARK LIBRARY

Vaughan Public Library Board invites the public to the official opening of the Bathurst Clark Library, 900 Clark Ave. W., 3 p.m. Activities have been planned for children. The library will be open for service Monday, June 13, 10 a.m.

JEWISH RECOVERY NETWORK

The Jewish Recovery Network, an organization providing emotional, spiritual and communal support for Jews in a 12-step recovery program as well as a resource centre and information exchange, meets 4-6 p.m., Earl Bales Senior Centre. For information, (905) 669-0904.

GARAGE SALE

B'nai Brith Women Golda Meir chapter's garage sale of household items, clothes, small appliances, books, toys, jewelry and such, takes place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 191 Huntington Park Dr., Thornhill.

RUPERT THE BEAR DAY

There are special doings at Metro Toronto Zoo. It's Rupert the Bear Day from noon to 4 p.m. All children, ages 11 years and under, will receive free admission all day when accompanied by their beloved (stuffed please!) bear and an adult paying regular admission.

A SUMMER BASH

Tamid chapter of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO welcomes you to a summer bash at Remy's, 115 Yorkville Ave., 8 p.m. Tickets are $10 in advance, $15 at the door. All proceeds go to Youth Aliyah, For tickets, 927-0424.

Tuesday, June 14

SPECIAL TRIBUTE

A special tribute to honor the memory of **Susan Soberman**, teacher at York Mills Collegiate, Holocaust educator, activist for Ethiopian Jewry and human rights advocate, will be held 7 p.m., North York Board of Education, auditorium, main floor, 5050 Yonge St. Event is organized by friends and colleagues. Everyone is welcome. For information, 322-0314 or (905) 886-5157.

POWER AND POWERLESSNESS

The Jewish Theatre Committee of Toronto and Shaarei Shomayim Congregation adult education committee present *Power and Powerlessness*, dramatized readings by **Corinne Copnick** and **Ralph Wintrob** from works of Canadian Jewish playwrights submitted to the committee's annual Canadian Jewish Playwriting contest. Time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue (side door). Admission: pay what you can. For information, shul office, 789-3213. The Jewish Theatre Committee of Toronto is sponsored by the JCC Bloor Y branch.

JF&CS SERVICE

Jewish Family & Child Service welcomes new members of the board of directors. Standing (from left) Garry Foster, president of JF & CS; Val Gorbatyuk, Leonard Wechsler and Ron Cuperfain. Seated (from left) Aviva Heller, Rae Rubin. Absent from photo are Len Goodman, Bryna Hyman and Harriet Lampert. [Alron photo]

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AWARD FOR WOLFE

Gordon Wolfe received an award in honor of distinguished service to the Jewish Family and Children's Agency Movement in North America. The award was presented at the annual conference of the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies held in Boston recently.

ATIDEYNU LODGE BB

Atideynu Lodge, B'nai Brith, (singles in their 20s) general meeting features a guest speaker from Meet and Match, 7:30 p.m., 15 Hove St. Admission free. For information, (905) 881-8255.

SINAI MUSICAL LEGACY AWARD

The 11th presentation of the Sinai Musical Legacy Award will take place at a special recital-concert presented by the winner, 21-year-old violinist **Jonathan Swartz**, who will be joined by last year's winner, his sister **Jennifer**, a talented harpist, in a piece for violin and harp. Concert is at 8 p.m. at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave. No admission charge. Public is welcome.

Wednesday, June 15

WOMEN'S ORT INSTALLATION

This is the 1994/95 Toronto Women's ORT Installation and Volunteer Appreciation evening. For details, **Fran**, 787-0297.

ANOREXIA SUPPORT GROUP

If you are a parent, brother/sister, spouse or friend of a sufferer of an eating disorder, you may want to know that the Anorexia Bulimia Family Support Group is meeting 7:30 p.m., City Hall, Nathan Phillips Square, when nurse **Donna Cliska** speaks on Beyond Dieting. Everyone welcome.

PHOTO-AID

The Children's Aid Society Foundation is hosting the annual Photo-Aid fundraiser where sponsored teams of six compete for prizes by finding and photographing six secret sites in the downtown Toronto core. Interested in participating? Want to volunteer for the day? Call 967-5437 for information.

And What Else Is New...

YIDDISH CREDIT COURSES

Yiddish high school credit courses for high school students and adults interested in learning or improving their Yiddish will be held at Earl Haig Secondary School beginning this fall. These free classes are for Grade 10, beginners; Grade 11, intermediate; and Grade 12 (OAC), advanced. Courses are co-sponsored by Committee for Yiddish of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the North York Board of Education. For more information, **Sylvia Lustgarten**, 635-2883, ext. 155.

IN SEARCH OF G-D

Beth Tzedec Congregation's adult education committee presents the Anne Belle and Manuel E. Pusitz Memorial Endowed Lectures on the theme In Search of G-d, Saturday and Sunday, June 11 and 12, with **Rabbi Neil Gillman**, associate professor of Jewish philosophy, Jewish Theological Seminary.

Rabbi Gillman will deliver the pulpit lecture Saturday 10 a.m. on The Struggle for Spirituality; he will speak on Resurrection of the Dead: What Does It Mean? at the Shabbat Study Lunch-

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eon following services (pre-paid reservations required for luncheon); and on The Theology of "Emet VeEmunah," Sunday 10 a.m. at the Men's Club Breakfast (breakfast 9:30 a.m., nominal charge). Public is invited. No charge for lectures. Call 781-3511.

RICHMOND HILL HEBREW SCHOOL

Richmond Hill Hebrew School, providing Jewish education since 1977, is now accepting registration for 1994/95 for kindergarten to Grade 7. For information, (905) 884-8400.

ISRAEL INVESTMENT CLUB

The Israel Investment Club is being formed by the Canada Israel Forum Business Group. Monthly meetings will be scheduled to learn about the Israeli economy and make investment choices. Minimum investment of $1,000. Interested parties should fax their name, address, phone number and fax number to fax number 638-4741.

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY

The Community Integration Program seeks Canadian families to reach out to recently-arrived Jewish families from the former Soviet Union. Join the Family-to-Family Program. Be an important link for a Russian family and help them discover their Jewish heritage. This is an opportunity to develop a special friendship with a Russian family. At present, there are many families from the former Soviet Union waiting to join this program. For information, **Selena Kovshoff** at the CIP office, JCC, 636-1880, ext. 261.

BAYCREST TERRACE SYNAGOGUE

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds Shacharit services weekdays, 8:30 a.m. and Mincha, Maariv, 6 p.m. Shabbat services are at 9 a.m. preceded by Talmud studies with **Gershon Samonovits** at 8 a.m. For information, call **David**, 256-1600.

AT THE KOFFLER GALLERY

John McKinnon: Steel Furniture 1983-93 is on view at the Koffler Gallery through July 15. Complementing the exhibition, a public talk by the artist is scheduled Sunday, June 12, 2 p.m. Admission free. Guest curator is **Carolyn Bell Farrel**.

Also on view through July 15 is Round Trip, an exhibition of new work by Toronto artist **Brian Gravestock**. These kinetic works are all viewer-activated.

CANVASS FOR CDA

The Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA) is seeking volunteers of all ages to canvass door to door in North York in its 1994 fundraising campaign. Canvassing is slated to takes place in November to coincide with Diabetes Month. Money raised will help fund Canadian research on diabetes, CDA newsletters, and a summer camp in Huntsville for boys and girls, ages 8-15, with diabetes. Contact **Sue Ennis**, 488-8871.

ISRAELI FOLKDANCING

Israeli folkdancing beginners course starts Tuesday, July 12, 8:30-10 p.m., Room 201, Jewish Community Centre North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St. Intermediate/advanced class continues Wednesdays 8-11 p.m. throughout the summer. **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

FROM SPAIN TO THE SOUTHWEST

From Spain to the Southwest: 500 Years of Jewish History, is the theme of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Scholar in Residence Weekend, June 16-18 with **Prof. Abraham Chanin**, Tuscon, Arizona, director and research professor at Bloom Southwest Jewish Archives.

Thursday, June 16, 8 p.m., and Friday, June 17, 8:15 p.m., the topic is The Impact of the Inquisition on the Jews on the Iberian Peninsula and Their Dispersal (no charge, all welcome). Saturday following morning services, the Lunch and Learn topic is The Dramatic Story of the Hidden Jews of America (lunch $8, prepaid reservations by June 12).

DAY AT THE RACES

A day at the races buffet luncheon at Woodbine Race Track has been arranged for Thursday, June 30, by D. Lou Harris chapter of Akim in support of the mentally handicapped youth of Israel. Price is $38. Bus leaves 11:15 a.m. sharp from Shaarei Shomayim parking lot. Men required to wear jackets. Call 782-0923.

A COMMEMORATIVE COOKBOOK

Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, Lev Zahav chapter, is now selling *Lillian Kaplun's Kitchen*, a commemorative cookbook featuring over 200 of her best recipes. This book includes many traditional Jewish dishes, suggestions for Jewish holiday feasts, and many helpful hints. Selling price $20. To order, Forest Hill 480-2017, or Avenue/401 633-7374, Thornhill (905) 669-4284.

HELP FOR CAREGIVERS

If you're a caregiver for a senior, you can get information or help during Seniors Month at Public Health displays being held in various locations in North York. Displays are staffed by public health nurses at: Bayview Village (at Sheppard), June 9; Kempford Seniors Building, June 9; Eaton's, 2301 Sheppard Ave. W., June 10; St. John's Rehab Hospital, 285 Cummer Ave., June 16; Driftwood Community Centre, 4401 Jane St., June 20; Jane-Finch Mall, June 27.

Caregivers for seniors can also call the Caring for Seniors Line, 395-7780, for assistance. The line is operated by the Public Health Department, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

at the JCC

The Jewish Community Centre New Leadership Division, in association with Aish HaTorah, presents the fifth informative round table discussion program of RSVP (Relationships Seen Through Varied Perspectives) for singles ages 30-45, Thursday, June 23, JCC North Y branch, Room 206. Speaker **Mitch Mandel** will discuss Courtship Communication!! Can Women/Men Bridge the Gap? Doors open 7:30 p.m., program at 8. Pizza/refreshments served. $10 per person. RSVP **Rosanne**, 636-1880, ext. 358. First 50 people to RSVP receive a JCC Health Club pass.

The JCC North Y branch urgently needs young volunteers, ages 16-30, to assist in the Program Department. Volunteers will plan and develop creative ideas for innovative programs together with the program director. Reference letter and centre benefits will be provided. Contact **Rosanne**, 636-1880, ext. 358.

for seniors

Senior Adult Services, Jewish Community Centre Eastern Canada tour, June 26-July 8, includes Quebec City, Charlottetown, Halifax and the famous Tattoo, Cabot Trail, Bay of Fundy, Jewish history of St. John, N.B., St. Andrews, Vermont, an evening with the Von Trapp family and more. Price $1,681 twin. For information, **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). June 16 is bingo and a free evening. For information, 661-4689 or 783-9453.

Join the **North York Community House** outing to the Shaw Festival to see the **George Gershwin** musical *Lady be Good*, Thursday, July 28. For information/tickets, **Rose**, 784-0920 or 783-6096, or drop by the office on seniors program day, every Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3101 Bathurst St.

Wagman Centre Self-Help Group for Widows meets Friday, June 10, 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the boardroom. For information, **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events — trip to Peterborough Tuesday, June 14 ($16, bring or buy lunch); the movie *Wee Willie Winkie* Wednesday, June 22, 2 p.m.; the musical *Forever Plaid*, Wednesday, July 6 ($24); trip to be announced for Tuesday, July 12; Catskills trip to Raleigh Hotel July 25-31 (a couple of seats available); ballroom dancing Thursdays, 2-3:30 p.m.; mah jong, Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m. For all activities, call the office, 395-7881.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club has arranged a cruise and shopping trip to Buffalo with lunch at Buffalo's Jewish Community Centre, Tuesday, July 26; a special trip to Israel in November including a London show tour (reserve now!); two trips to Stratford to see **Twelfth Night** Sept. 29 and **Cyrano de Bergerac** Oct. 18 (reservations being taken). For information on all activities, **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

The next **LZA Seniors Club** luncheon meeting is a special Father's Day gathering Wednesday, June 15, 11:30 a.m., Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Registration is now taking place for trip to Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills, July 20-26 (phone **Libby**, 782-2059 or **Belle** 633-5841). The Cultural Discussion Group meets Tuesdays 10 a.m. and Ladies Line Dancing Tuesdays 1 p.m. at the centre.

A reminder— Memories of You Seniors' Day dance Friday, June 10, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nathan Phillips Square, featuring the Eddie Graf Orchestra playing the Big Band sounds of the '30s and '40s. Free pizza and pop for seniors. Admission free.

Seats are being allotted for the **Young at Heart Seniors** trip to the Pines Hotel in the Catskills Aug. 5-14. Price $975 same as last year except for medical. Medical is unlimited coverage. **Doreen** or **Helen**, 635-6343.

Beth Tikvah Friendship Group 55 plus evening of entertainment features vocalist **Fern Dworkin** with accompanist, dancing, light refreshments, Sunday, June 12, 8 p.m. at the synagogue. Members $5, non-members $8.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Father's Day luncheon with **Lenka Lichtenberg** accompanied by **Michael Khinkis** is set for noon, Wednesday, June 22, members $7. Concert is at 1:30 p.m., members $2, non-members $3. Buy tickets at Information Desk.

The movie *Rainman* will be shown Sunday, June 12, 2:30 p.m., non-members $1.

At the Wednesday afternoon social June 15, 1:30 p.m., **Ahuve** sings in many languages, members $3, non-members $4.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies. lectures, dances, concerts. For information, **Anna**, 225-2112.

About People

TORONTO STUDENT HONORED

Ten-year-old **Sol Fried**, who is hearing impaired, is a recipient of the 1994 Oral Hearing Impaired Section (OHIS) Youth Achievement Award from the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf, an international organization headquartered in Washington D.C. These awards are granted to hearing impaired recipients who have oustanding speech, speechreading, and listening skills. Sol's award was presented during a VOICE meeting at Metro School for the Deaf in Toronto.

Sol, a Grade 5 student at Harrison Elementary School, is the son of **Oded and Harriet Susan Fried**. An avid horseback rider, he hopes, one day to be a veterinarian.

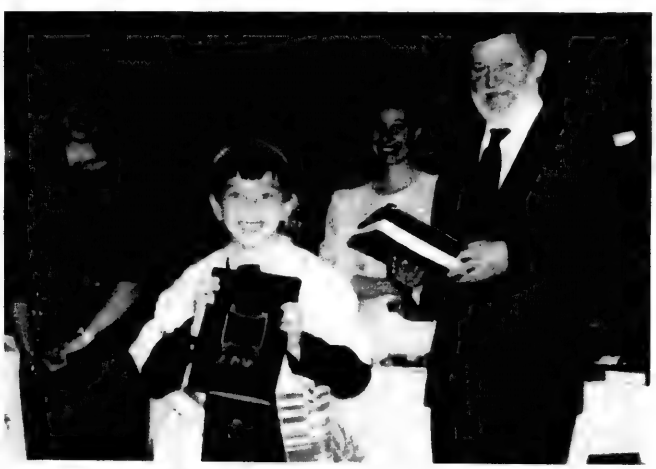
ALPHA EPSILON PI INTERN

Torontonian **Daniel Debow**, a third year student at the University of Western Ontario, recently completed the Alpha Epsilon Pi Student Internship Program for undergraduate brothers. The program brings outstanding undergraduate students to the executive office in Indianapolis, Indiana, for an educational experience befitting the student, his chapter and the programming of the fraternity on an international basis. Debow spent a week at the executive office where he worked on several projects.

NSERC'67 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

One of this year's select recipients of the coveted NSERC'67 Scholarship is **Gidon Lenga.** This four-year scholarship offered by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada is awarded to outstanding students for continuing into masters and doctorate programs at any university in North America. Lenga, who recently graduated from the Engineering Science Program at the University of Toronto, will be using this scholarship in conjunction with a scholarship from the University of Michigan to pursue his PhD in electrical engineering and control systems. He is an alumnus of the Associated Hebrew School and Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT).

Gidon Lenga



JUNIOR SHACHARIT SERVICE

Last month, the Grade 1 students at Associated Hebrew Schools, Danilack, on Leslie St., held their first Shacharit service. The class, led by teacher Leah Aharonov, did an exceptional service. In this photo are student teacher Karen Sabag (left), teacher Leah Aharonov, and Hebrew principal Rabbi Pinchas Tessler presenting Michael (Baruch) Cooper with his first siddur.

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Youth program proves a success

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It's standard practice for a guest speaker to be thanked by members of a group he has addressed.

When the tables are turned, however, as happened following a meeting of the Shaarei Shomayim Youth Committee's Young Leadership program a few months ago, it usually means something out of the ordinary occurred.

The Shaarei Shomayim program, just finishing its pilot year, inspired Gerald Fisher, human resources development director at the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, to write a thank-you letter to synagogue president Sheldon Salcman commending the synagogue for a program "which will bear fruit for the entire community."

The program, with a dozen high school age participants, was conceived of and run by Toronto dentist John Gasner, 29, the chair of Shaarei Shomayim's youth committee.

"I wanted [people in that age] group to learn about our shul so that they could get involved," he told *The CJN*.

The nine sessions held over the year included nuts-and-bolts topics such as Public Speaking, with speaker Rabbi Mark Dratch; and How to Plan a Program, with Rick Levine of B'nai Brith Youth Organization.

Fisher led two sessions, including a discussion on Jewish Community Civics: Underlying Principles in Jewish Community Structure. Other sessions included How and Why We Pray: The Function of a Shul, with Rabbi Dratch.

Purim Carnival

Participants were given a chance to put some of their newly honed skills into practice when they planned and ran the shul's successful Purim Carnival in February.

Debra Weintraub, a 16-year-old student at Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT), has taken a number of leadership courses, and appreciated the opportunity to discuss issues with her peers.

The future of the Jewish community is one concern of this year's program participants, as well as being a motivating force behind the program.

"Your kids are in danger [of assimilation]," Fisher warned the group in a recent session. Statistics show that fourth-generation North American Jews are "really not likely to have any meaningful sense of Jewish identity," he said, noting Toronto Jews are less assimilated than their American counterparts because Toronto has fewer fourth-generation Jews.

"I want to be involved in the future of the Jewish community," says Jody Kasner, 18, a co-op student at York Mills Collegiate, who believes the community aspect is "what makes you Jewish." The shul is a good place to start becoming involved in the community, she said.

Jeff Erlich, 18, who completed his studies at Northern Secondary School in January, feels there's a lack of interest in religion among his generation. "I think tradition — like lighting candles and going to synagogue — is necessary to retain the group cohesiveness, [but] being part of a community is what it means to be Jewish."

"I'm very optimistic [about the future of the Jewish community]," said Robyn Naiberg, 15, a Grade 10 student at CHAT. "If we have people doing programs like this, it should turn out okay."

The youth leadership program is open to both members and non-members of the shul. For further information, call the Shaarei Shomayim office at 789-3213. A similar program for junior high school students may run next year.

Aspen readies for music festival

By GERRY MORRIS
Special to The CJN

ASPEN, Colorado — Summer in Aspen, Colorado is a symphonic blend of music, dance, theatre and visual arts.

The 1994 Aspen Summer Music Festival, classical music's premier mountain venue, runs from June 23 to August 21, and features 150 concerts and events, ranging from orchestral to opera to chamber to jazz. As the festival readies itself for another marathon of music-making this summer, the strains of Mahler, Beethoven, Strauss and Gershwin will become part of the mountain air. To join the 100,000 visitors to this unique town is to discover just how invigorating that air is.

For decades, the sound of music at Aspen has had one primary location, the summer-only 1,700 seat Tent. Occasionally it shifted to the venerable Wheeler Opera House. However, in August 1993, the $7,000,000 Harris Concert Hall opened its doors — the first year-round performance facility in the Festival's 45-year history. Musicians and audiences have declared it a real winner. It was dubbed "a heaven of a hall," by *The New York Times*, and praised as "an acoustic marvel" by *The Los Angeles Times*.

The 500-seat facility is joined to the Music Tent by an open terrace. It also provides a lively, inspiring teaching environment for students, faculty and guest artists.

Among those presented this season are pianist Vladimir Feltsman, violinist Sara Chung, the Emerson Strong Quartet, the Dichter-McDuffie-Kershbaum Trio, and Pinchas Zuckerman. The season's classical benefit (July 23) will feature Emanuel Ax with the Aspen Festival Orchestra performing two Brahms piano concertos on the same evening, a pianistic tour de force.

Music Director Lawrence Foster, himself an Aspen Music School alumnus, returns to head a distinguished roster of conductors which includes Gerard Schwartz, James Conlon, Jaime Laredo and George Zinman.

Dance Aspen presents its annual Dance Festival from July 13 to August 20, featuring renowned dance companies, with programs ranging from classical and contemporary ballet through post-modern dance.

The Aspen Opera Centre will present Puccini's *La Boheme* (July 14-20) and Mozart's *The Abduction from the Seraglio* (August 13-17).

One of the highlights of Jazz-Aspen is A Gershwin Evening (August 6) which features Jeffrey Siegel and The Aspen Jazz Ensemble.

In a setting of the beauty and majesty of the Rocky Mountains, outdoor lovers will have an outstanding variety of activities to choose from in the area, including spectacular sightseeing trips.

To receive further information call (303) 925-3254 or write: Aspen Music Festival, P.O. Box AA, Aspen, Colorado 81612.

TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

Jewish Hostages Tour: On the "chai" (18th) anniversary of the Entebbe Raid, two Jewish communal groups — Jewish Students Network Canada and Concerned Canadians for Jewish Hostages — are hosting a trip to Israel for students and young adults. The groups wish to use the anniversary of the Entebbe triumph to remember Jewish "hostages" such as Ron Arad and Jonathan Pollard who have yet to gain their freedom. Travel dates are June 29 to July 11. Price of $1,449 includes air and accommodations; $1,999 also includes taxes and food. Contact Network Canada, 783-1165.

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Israel Summer Promotion: Last year, Toronto radio station CFRB conducted an extended promotion of Israel after a visit by popular talk show personality Andy Barrie. Now the all-talk radio station, situated at 1010 on the AM dial, is in the midst of a six-week promotional campaign which began when talk show host Jane Hawtin (noon to 2 p.m.) returned from Israel. Hawtin is featuring interviews from her tour on the show.

Listeners are asked to write a maximum of three lines to explain why they want to experience Israel. The grand prize winner receives a trip for two, courtesy of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Canada, Sunquest Vacations and El Al Israel Airlines. Secondary prizes include Dead Sea beauty products, Elite chocolates and Israeli sandals.

The spot campaign features the slogan, "No One Belongs Here More Than You" as well as testimonials from recent visitors to Israel, including Ontario Conservative leader Mike Harris.

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Jewish Singles at Club Med: The isle of Turkoise in the Caribbean, July 1 to 8, is the site of a planned Jewish singles gathering. The cost is $1,099. For details call Daphna, Barbara or Lisa at Marlin Travel (at the Promenade), 905-764-0060.

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Liberation of Holland: Many Jewish servicemen in the Canadian Armed Forces during World War II were involved in the liberation of Holland (this writer's father among them). The Dutch people have never forgotten what Canadian soldiers did for their country and are inviting surviving Canadian veterans who took part in the liberation (or immediate family members) to be their guests during celebrations of the golden anniversary next year.

In cooperation with provinces and local communities, the Dutch government has established a "hosting" program through which Dutch families open their hearts and their homes to Canadian veterans for their entire stay in Holland. Hosting is to include lodging and all meals. A non-profit organization, the Welcome Again Veterans Foundation, located in Overijssel, Holland, has been set up to oversee the celebrations.

A brochure with complete details is available from Verstraete Travel Service Ltd., 14845 Yonge Street, Suite 210, Aurora ON L4G 6H8. Phone 905-969-8100 or toll-free 1-800-565- 9267. Verstraete has been appointed as the foundation's Canadian agent.

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Viking Treasures: One millenium ago, Vikings reigned the seas, and the country from whence they originated — Denmark — commemorates their glory each summer with a series of Viking festivals. At least six such events unfold in the small Scandinavian country during June and July. Many permanent Viking sites are open to the public, including the Ladby ship, near the town of Kerteminde, where a Viking lord was buried in his ship surrounded by his best weapons, jewelry, riding horses and hunting dogs. Contact the Danish Tourist Board, 905-820-8984.

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Rosh Hashanah-Labour Day for Singles: The Arizona Biltmore hotel in Phoenix is the locale for a Jewish singles gathering Sept. 2 to 6, coinciding with both Rosh Hashanah and Labour Day. Includes an opening dance, two meals daily, a '50s party, a black-tie dinner-dance and Rosh Hashanah singles-only services. Interested singles between 35 and 65 should contact Lenore Stein, (602) 998-2521, or write Professional Jewish Singles, 7349 Via Passo del Sur, Suite 515-194, Scottsdale AZ 85258.

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Vacationer's Guide to Cape Cod: "Quaint seaside villages right from the pages of Moby Dick, warm friendly people and fresh air scented by the salty sea" — that, according to the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism, is quintessential Cape Cod. Because Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard are small, visitors are asked to leave their automobiles on the mainland: Cape Cod and the islands are accessible by ferry. Whale-watching cruises, antique shops, challenging golf courses, sandy beaches and various arts and historical attractions add to the region's allure. For the Massachusetts Getaway Guide, write MOTT, 100 Cambridge Street, 13th Floor, Boston MA 02202. In Eastern Canada, call 1-800-447-MASS, ext. 301; elsewhere, dial (617) 727-3201.

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Arts

The Bialik Children's Chorus. Standing at right is musical director Doron Ophir.

Bialik kids sing out loud in new tape

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — *Lashir*, an attractively packaged cassette tape of 10 handpicked songs performed by the Bialik Children's Chorus, will be of interest to students and alumni of Bialik Hebrew Day School as well as to anyone who enjoys Hebrew and Yiddish music.

The recently released cassette begins and ends with songs about singing. Doron Ophir, Bialik's musical director, explains that the first song, *Lashir Ze Kmo Lihiot Yarden*, which compares singing to a flowing river, is about the love of song and the connection between song and the sites of Israel.

One of the newest songs on the tape is *Gan Sagur*, a bouncy tune about two children who walk past their school on a day when it's closed. Chana Korenblum, 12, likes the song because it's "fun" and "cute."

An older lullaby will be familiar to many: *Rozhinkes Mit Mandlen*. "We're proud that Yiddish is part of the curriculum at Bialik," said Ophir.

Environmental issues are also worked into the curriculum, Ophir said. The environment features in two songs on the cassette: *Boker Shel Zahav* (A Golden Morning), about the beauty of the morning and *Ha'har Hayarok* (The Green Mountain), about Mount Carmel.

The songs on the tape were performed by the school's 25-member chamber choir, which sings separately from and also as part of the larger chorus. Space restrictions in the recording studio prohibited the larger group from making the recording, said Ophir.

"I see it as a school project," he emphasized, adding that the songs were culled from the choir's repertoire over the past six years. "I hope [all Bialik students] will feel [that they are] part of the project."

The school, which is affiliated with the Labor-Zionist movement, was established over 30 years ago. Its curriculum, of which music education is an integral part, is designed to imbue students with a love of Jewish tradition, Hebrew language and Israeli culture.

Students pay annual tribute to Chaim Nachman Bialik, the revered Jewish poet for whom the school is named, during presentations on Bialik Day. *Bialik Songs Medley* features his poetry set to music composed by Ophir, interspersed with readings written by Bialik teacher Rivka Atzmony and former Bialik student Jacob Korenblum.

Ophir takes pride in the choir he has directed since 1987. He found it exciting to see the students' progress both in terms of musical ability and Israeli accent, he said.

The album reflects months of preparation and almost a week in the recording studio. The musical accompaniment — guitars, flute and Ophir and his brother Uri on keyboard — was recorded at Uri's studio in Los Angeles.

"We spent about two hours on each song," Ophir said of the voice recording process. The painstaking process meant each student had to be in the exact same position when portions of songs were rerecorded. "I think it was an interesting experience for them and for me," said Ophir.

"It was tiring but fun," said Chana. "I would definitely want to do it again."

The cassette, a project of Bialik's parent-teacher association, is available at a cost of $10.95, either from the school or at a number of Judaica stores (Alef Bet Judaica, Matana Judaica, or Israel's).

BILL GLADSTONE'S EYE ON ARTS

Yiddish Music at Earl Bales: The Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band and Yiddish songstress Theresa Tova are set to perform at the annual outdoor concert of the Committee for Yiddish, Earl Bales Park, North York, Monday June 20 at 7 p.m.

Tova, an actress in the television drama *E.N.G.*, is known around town as a witty interpreter of theatre and jazz songs, and has won over audiences with her lively and delightful renditions of classic Yiddish tunes at numerous events within the Jewish community.

The public is encouraged to arrive early, to bring lawn chairs and blankets, and to use public transportation; the Bathurst bus stops at the site (Sheppard & Bathurst). In case of rain, the concert venue is the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. Free admission.

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Jewish Films at AGO: The Toronto Jewish Film Society presents *Let's Fall in Love: A Singles Weekend at the Concord Hotel*, and *My Grandparents Had a Hotel*, at the Jackman Hall, Art Gallery of Ontario, 317 Dundas St. in Toronto, on Sunday June 12 at 7.30 p.m. General admission is $7, AGO members $6.

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Massey Hall Centennial: On Sunday June 12 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Shuter and Victoria streets at Massey Hall will be closed to traffic to celebrate the hall's 100th anniversary. The street festival, guided tours, busker entertainment and stage performances (at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.) are free.

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Scarborough Players: This non-profit community theatre group, which has been presenting plays for 45 years, offers the Henry Decker comedy *The Second Time Around*, June 9 to 18. Scarborough Village Theatre, 3600 Kingston Rd. (at Markham Road), 416-396-4049.

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Kids' Stuff at City Hall: Plate spinners, acrobats, contortionists, trampoline shows, puppets and rope twirlers are just some of the warm-up acts for a series of children's entertainers set to perform in Nathan Phillips Square at Toronto City Hall every Tuesday in July and August from noon to 2 p.m. Entertainers include Lenny Graf, Bob Schneider, Kirk & McGoo and Ronno & Friends.

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On the Small Screen: Some interesting programs are due to air in coming weeks on Vision TV. On Tuesday June 14 at 8 p.m, *Roots: Half the Kingdom* examines the impact of feminism on the ancient religious and social structures of Judaism. On Wednesday June 15 at 7:30 p.m., *The Curious Eye: Moise*, a film by Howard Goldberg, studies the reaction of a chassidic couple to the mysterious appearance at their door of a baby boy in a basket.

Whatever Happened to Susi (June 24, 8 p.m.) tells the remarkable story of a Jewish girl removed from Nazi Germany to live with a Baptist minister and his wife in Wales.

And on Thursday June 30 at 8 p.m., Vision is offering *The Evacuees*, a feature film by Alan Parker set in the early days of World War II, when children were removed from the industrial cities of England to the safer countryside. The story concerns two Jewish boys from Manchester and their unhappy wartime evacuation.

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Small Screen, Part II: Michael Waszynski's 1938 film *The Dybbuk* tells the famous chilling story of a Jew who performs some kabbalistic rites to invoke a demon. The atmospheric film is being shown in Yiddish with French subtitles on la Chaine, TVO's French network, Sunday June 26, 9 p.m.

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New Arthur Miller Play: Fifty years to the month after Arthur Miller's first play opened on Broadway, a new play by the lauded American playwright opened at a New York theatre in May. *Broken Glass*, which takes its name from Kristallnacht, features Amy Irving as a Jewish wife who faces a sudden hysterical paralysis; Ronald Rifkin plays her husband. With this play, says *New Yorker* magazine, the 78-year-old Miller "has found a metaphor for the cycle of blame that seems to have stalemated modern life."

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Summer Studies in Connecticut: The U.S. National Havurah Committee offers a week of learning about Torah, Jewish literature, poetry, arts, music, prayers and many other subjects at the annual Summer Institute at the University of Hartford, August 8 to 14. The cost for the week is $520 per person, based on double occupancy; children are discounted. For a brochure, write to the NHC, 7318 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia PA 10119. Phone (215) 248-9835, Compuserve 73073.601. compuserve com.

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Mosque, temple share parking lot

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

It's an unusual arrangement, one that may well be unique in Canada and the world.

In the suburbs of Toronto, a Shi'ite mosque and a Reform temple share a parking lot — a cheek-by-jowl partnership that has fostered mutual visits and torn down stereotypes.

A video produced by Toronto documentary film-makers Coleman Romalis and Karen Shopsowitz, *A Lot To Share*, tells this interesting story.

Temple Har Zion and the Ja'ffari Islamic Centre sit side by side on Bayview Ave., sharing a tract of land used as a common lot for overflow parking.

For more than a decade, the two congregations coexisted, without any meaningful contact. The 1991 Gulf War triggered a much closer relationship. Indeed, it is ironic that Saddam Hussein — Iraq's bellicose strongman — brought the synagogue and the mosque closer together, comments Liyakatali Takim, the spiritual leader of the Ja'ffari Islamic Centre.

He and Michael Stroh, Har Zion's rabbi, were both concerned that the war would claim innocent civilian lives, which is exactly what happened. Iraqi Scud missiles killed and wounded people in Israel and Saudi Arabia, the site of some of the holiest places in Islam.

When the visits began, both sides were very careful not to offend each other inadvertently. For example, one Jewish woman wondered how her Muslim hosts would react to her Western clothes.

She needn't have worried. There were no unpleasant incidents. Recalling these early visits, a young Muslim woman with a traditional head scarf concludes that Har Zion's congregants are "just like us."

But, as Takim concedes without elaboration, not all his congregants are "agreeable" to the visits. Stereotypes have fallen, he adds, yet "there are still barriers."

He doesn't allude to them, but Rabbi Stroh touches on at least one divisive flashpoint when he suggests that the Arab-Israeli conflict still remains a taboo topic of conversation. As the two sides gain greater trust in each other, they may be willing to discuss the political situation in the Middle East, he says.

The film-makers suggest that ecumenism is possible between the two congregations because some of the members of the Ja'ffari Islamic Centre are East Indians from Africa who experienced ethnic and religious discrimination and, therefore, have something in common with Jews.

But, as Takim points out, Muslims and Jews share more than a legacy of suffering. They have similar dietary laws and, furthermore, both practise male circumcision.

Ultimately, though, Jews and Muslims inhabit different worlds. As Rabbi Stroh puts it, "Pluralism means people living together despite their differences."

A Lot To Share was screened recently at Temple Har Zion, with members of both congregations and invited guests viewing the video together.

Toronto musical duo delights adults as well as children

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — You're sure to hear the name The Treetop Kids more and more often now that *Squirmies*, their debut cassette has been released.

Jeff King and Marcy Tepner, the Toronto duo of musical performers for children are really a treat for family members of all ages to sing along, dance along or play along. It is a team that encourages active audience participation.

Wherever they perform, The Treetop Kids receive rave reviews because of their talent and the rapport they have with children.

Recently, they performed at the UJA March, and they are scheduled for a number of performances at Ontario Place, Cullen Garden's Miniature Village, Sick Kids Telethon and the City Parent Show, where King and Tepner will present their winning combination of songs, creative movements, costumes, props and a cast of imaginative characters.

King, who is the musical director and chief songwriter for The Treetop Kids, studied classical and jazz piano, music theory, song writing and keyboard harmony at the Royal Conservatory of Music, the New School of Music and the Alan Ray School of Music. He has composed music for a number of children's theatrical productions at the Leah Posluns Theatre in North York, including *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, *The Magician's Nephew* and *The Point*.

King composed songs for a musical, *Toronto — Sky's The Limit* produced at the Canadian National Exhibition, and he participated in a Meaford Summer Stock production of *The Fantastiks*. He has toured extensively in Ontario as a children's performer and has written a number of short stories for children.

Tepner is an actress and singer who began performing professionally as a child in her hometown of Montreal.

In 1987, Tepner took a hiatus from performing to be with her two sons, Joshua and Michael. When her children were in school, she began teaching French and creative drama to preschool children. It was during this time that she met King and they discovered their mutual love of children and music that led to the creation of The Treetop Kids.

Their album incorporates a wide variety of styles from rock to reggae, with many of the songs dealing with issues that are important to children and families.

Hey Daddy focuses on the changing role of the family unit in today's society. The song, *I Hope That's Enough for You*, is a tribute to parents and the ever-increasing need for quality family time in today's world of hectic schedules, two income households, and long work hours.

Songs deal with subjects ranging from the environment to relationships. The title track, *Squirmies*, recognizes a child's short attention span, irrepressible energy and inability to sit still for any length of time. All the songs on the album are catchy and memorable.

The independent album, which was recorded at PRS Studio in Toronto, was produced and engineered by Gadi Foltys who also serves as The Treetop Kids' guitarist.

Squirmies is available at all Treetop Kids performances or by calling (416) 483-7637.

Jeff King and Marcy Tepner

Assassins a quirky idea

TORONTO — *Assassins* is a musical, of all things, about losers who killed, or tried to kill, presidents of the United States.

John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Abraham Lincoln in 1865, and Lee Harvey Oswald, who shot John F. Kennedy in 1963, are on stage along with seven other criminals. The play is held over at Canadian Stage downstairs, 26 Berkeley Street, until June 11.

It's a quirky idea, and only partly successful, despite good music and clever lyrics by the redoubtable Stephen Sondheim and an insightful script by John Weidman. Perhaps it requires too much suspension of belief to see and hear eight killers or wannabees convincing Oswald to assassinate Kennedy.

Under Jordan Merkur's direction, there are superb monologues by Richard McMillan, playing Samuel Byck aiming to knock off Richard Nixon by hijacking a jet and forcing the pilot to crash it into the White House.

You can enjoy *Assassins*, not as great theatre, but as a wickedly accurate portrait of the American Dream gone sour.

— B.R.

BOOKS

By BERNARD BASKIN

Anti-Semitism in America by Leonard Dinnerstein (Oxford University Press $35.00)

Is anti-Semitism on the rise in America? Should Jews worry about sporadic synagogue vandalism, the growth of the skinhead mentality and the deterioration of the once positive relationship with African Americans? Is Arab anti-Israel propaganda a cause for concern? Will the protracted economic recession lead to anti-Jewish feeling? Is the strength of Christian fundamentalism a threat to Jewish well-being and security?

These questions are among those considered by Leonard Dinnerstein, Professor of History at the University of Arizona, in this comprehensive and engrossing survey of American anti-Semitism from the colonial period to the present.

The author's conclusions are optimistic. He asserts that there is less bigotry in the United States than ever before, that Jews are now part of the power structure and have never been more at home in America. Despite unhappy episodes of prejudice and hatred, anti-Semitism has diminished almost to the point of insignificance and Jews have been increasingly accepted into the American mainstream. "Today anti-Semitism in the United States is neither virulent nor growing. It is not a powerful social or political force. Moreover, prejudicial comments are now beyond the bounds of respectable discourse and existing societal restraints prevent any overt anti-Semitic conduct except among small groups of disturbed adolescents, extremists, and powerless African Americans."

Nonetheless the author is concerned about several areas of present and potential difficulty. These include the great body of American Protestantism that still retains its bedrock of theological and critical hostility toward Jews, the hoary canard that the Jews killed Jesus, and some feminist extremists who depict Judaism as the "antithesis of feminist values." Recent polls conducted by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith reveal that about 17 per cent of white Americans and 37 per cent of African Americans might be classified as hard core anti-Semites. But what is somewhat comforting about these statistics — even if they are correct — is that physical violence toward Jews rarely occurs.

How does one account for African American anti-Semitism? The author offers a variety of reasons: the strong fundamentalist religious heritage, the psychological need to adopt a majority prejudice in order to achieve a sense of superiority, the negative interaction of some blacks and Jews in large American cities, the strong differences of opinion about such issues as quotas and affirmative action, and the rise of charismatic leaders who, in scapegoating Jews, have found a ready response from thoughtless and disaffected followers. The author quotes an American journalist who said that any black leader who stands up to the white establishment or makes white America leap on a chair in fright or revulsion will win the generous admiration of suffering black America.

It is unclear what Jews can do to eliminate the hostility that blacks feel toward them. But, certainly, what each group needs from the other is a strong dose of empathy and sensitivity to their respective fears and needs.

It is reassuring that a number of recent events which could have resulted in increased anti-Jewish feeling did not do so. These included the Middle Eastern oil embargoes in 1973 and again in 1978, the loss of the Vietnam War, the Pollard spy episode and the Wall Street inside trader scandals.

This comprehensive overview indicates how the Civil War led to the first major wave of anti-Semitism, the pernicious influence of Henry Ford, the dangerous fulminations of Father Charles Coughlin, the fear of Bolshevism during World War II which resulted in anti-Semitism and the anti-Jewish sentiments of Richard Nixon during his presidency.

Although Canada is not discussed, readers in this country should peruse this volume with undiminished interest, for what happens across the border will, sooner or later, in one way or another, occur here as well.

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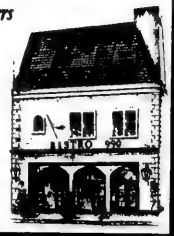

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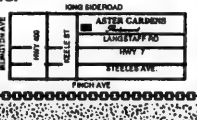

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The 'Big Six' are expected to transform ...

By ALLISON KAPLAN SOMMER
Special to The CJN

ISRAEL — The "Big Six" are coming and bringing with them a change expected to transform the world of certified public accountants.

The Big Six are the vast, multinational accountancy firms that dominate the international financial markets, controlling 95 per cent of the global market, according to *Globes* magazine.

In every country they enter, they dominate. In Germany, Canada, Japan and Britain, the Big Six do more than 83 per cent of the accounting, the magazine said. Floating a company on any major stock exchange without an assessment by a Big Six firm is relatively rare.

In March, for the first time, an accounting firm in this country, Yigal Brightman and Co., committed itself to becoming the Israeli "member firm" of Deloitte and Touche, one of the Big Six.

Already, Brightman has made concrete moves toward its integration with the international firm. The company has dropped its local insurer in favor of participating in the insurance of Deloitte and Touche.

The other five of the six — Arthur Andersen, Price Waterhouse, Ernst and Young, KPMG and Coopers & Lybrand — are not far behind. All of them are communicating with large firms here, ranging from casual flirtation to serious negotiations. Within a year, those within the industry predict all six will have hooked up with local counterparts.

The accountancy scene here is rife with speculation over which firm will hook up with which member of the Big Six — and who will be left out. International companies will be directed straight to the member office in Tel Aviv.

The local Big Six member firms will have a huge advantage. When the dust settles, industry sources predict, this country will no longer have accountancy firms of all sizes.

Instead, there will be two kinds of offices: the six giants who will be guaranteed both international and local clients extensively involved overseas, and far behind, very small offices devoted primarily to companies whose only interest is domestic.

The most significant factor in the timing is the easing of the Arab boycott and the hoped-for completion of the peace process. The large accountancy firms have hesitated for decades to formally align with firms here for fear of endangering their business in the Arab world. In addition, all of them want to be established firmly now should Israel become the Hong Kong of the Middle East.

Business here has earned a spot on the map of the international business world. The formal alliances being put together now are built on the basis of up to a decade of informal contacts between local and international firms.

Becoming a member firm is a complicated process, since a number of egos, significant prestige and plenty of money are on the line for both sides. The local partner must open up its offices and its books to a thorough inspection by the Bix Six member and commit itself to sending its partners and workers abroad for short and extended periods to become fully integrated into the international entity.

Those involved say they feel it is worth paying the price. Being a Big Six partner is an invaluable stamp of validation.

"It will undoubtedly raise the standards of the whole industry, no doubt. It's a question of time," said a source close to one of the deals who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"In order to become a member of the Big Six and to stay a part of it, you must demonstrate professionalism and a commitment to top service. This is also going to benefit the economy of the State of Israel, since the international business contacts we get as part of these affiliations will mean profit for everyone."

Like any fundamental change, there are downsides. The largest accountancy firms here will lose some freedom and manoeuvering room once they are tied to a member of the Big Six.

Although there have been longstanding informal relationships with Big Six firms, they were nonexclusive ties. Firms here were able to shop around for an international accountancy firm to get the best deal for their clients.

The largest and most prestigious accountancy firms are expected to lose significant numbers of clients from the invasion of the Big Six.

"The big offices here in Israel are used to playing one of the Big Six against the others. Now they won't be able to do it anymore," said Danny Doron, president of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Israel.

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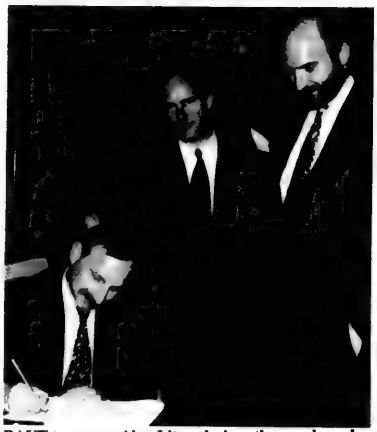

BAYT treasurer Alan Litwack signs the purchase document with CIBC official Martin Gaffrey (centre) and synagogue chairman Aryeh Glustein. (Steven Epstein photo)

$1 million note

TORONTO — Thornhill's Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue (BAYT) obviously believes that one good deal deserves another.

BAYT has just bought its second one million dollar note under the Israel Bonds program.

The note program offers promisory notes issued by the State of Israel, which are normally financed by Canadian banks at very favorable rates. Synagogues often profit because the interest Israel pays is usually higher than that charged by the bank.

BAYT chair Aryeh Glustein says his Orthodox synagogue is earning about $10,000 a year on the first note. now four years old, so the move to purchase another one was passed by the board with ease.

Several months ago, BAYT became Canada's first synagogue to twin with a West Bank community. BAYT's association with Beit El was a demonstration of humanitarian support for the situation faced by the residents of Judea and Samaria. The twinning was an important motivation for the synagogue to take on a second million dollar note.

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"Frankly, I think that if it were left up to them, they'd rather continue with the status quo. The biggest firms seem to be dallying before signing with a Big Six firm."

But the smaller offices are scrambling to guarantee an affiliation. They are openly courting the Big Six, said a partner in a firm currently in intensive negotiations.

"It's a question of survival," he said. "It is a fact of life that they are all coming. It's definitely a case of if you can't beat 'em, join 'em."

Part of joining the Big Six means taking on their names — either a total change or an inclusion like Brightman, Deloitte and Touche. This will require a change in the bylaws of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Current bylaws state firms are not allowed to carry names of those who have never been CPAs in Israel.

Once the ties between offices are formalized, a desk in the local firm will handle overseas clients while an Israeli desk staffed by an Israeli accountant will be set up in the international firm.

Doron said he believes maintaining these desks and other costs associated with the overseas partnerships will significantly drive up overhead costs in the larger offices, which will be passed on to clients, making top-quality accountancy more expensive.

He is also wary of the possibility of disillusionment on the part of the Big Six partners if this country does not become the economic focal point of the Middle East in the near future.

"The firms are moving here on the belief that the peace process is a done deal. If we don't have the fruits of peace that we hope for, they might ask themselves what they are doing here."

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Meeting Promotes Israeli Investment

NEW YORK — Representatives of more than 50 American companies heard tips recently on how to do business with Israel, and the payoff was immediate, with Tower Records announcing that they plan to open seven to 10 more branches in the next five years.

Speakers from several American firms that have done well in their Israeli operations offered practical advice on setting up subsidiaries, launching joint ventures and marketing Israeli goods in the United States.

The economic conference was sponsored in part by the Economic Mission, the New York-Israel Economic Development Partnership, the America-Israel Chamber of Commerce and the American Zionist Movement.

Despite the reference to Zionist interests, the emphasis was clearly on investing in Israel for purely business reasons.

Speakers cited the country's skilled labor force, high productivity, favorable government regulations and free trade agreements with the U.S. and European Market as major inducements to American companies like themselves.

Most said their companies had taken advantage of 38 per cent government loans for building plants in Zone A development towns such as Arad and Dimona, and all said they had hired extensively from the Soviet immigrant population.

The following briefs were compiled from information supplied by Israel's Economic Mission in Toronto, (416) 961-1242.

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Israel Multiplies Profits

TORONTO — When it comes to investment success stories, the Bronfman family's Claridge Israel Inc. has always been considered a model. At a recent Toronto conference on business opportunities in Israel, Claridge Israel COO Mark Smith offered some startling figures to show why his company's pristine reputation is for real.

Claridge, according to Smith, has made $500 million in Israel, after investing over $100 million during an 18 month period.

Today, Claridge Israel controls the giant Teva Pharmaceuticals concern which just purchased a 34 per cent interest in the French firm, Prographarm International. Claridge is also responsible for Osem, the food manufacturer, and ECI Telecom, which Smith described as "unquestionably our biggest success."

The conference at which Smith spoke was organized by Israel's Economic Mission to Canada and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

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Firm Seeks Double Duty

JERUSALEM — Canadian-based James Richardson PTY Ltd. has quickly answered the call for a duty free store at Jerusalem's Atarot Airport. It would be the first such shop at the terminal.

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Directory Reflects Changing Times

ISRAEL — When historians are looking for the flavor of an era, they often turn to newspaper and magazine ads.

Decades from now, a recent ad in *Israel Business Today*, promoting an Arab fax directory, is sure to symbolize the dramatic changes currently underway.

The directory claims to contain the names, addresses and phone numbers, in both Arabic and English, of every company in 20 Arab countries.

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Victory Over Inflation

ISRAEL — Statistics compiled by Israel's Economic Mission to Canada shows just how well Israel has been wrestling with inflation.

The once infamous inflation rate of 18 per cent in 1992 was cut in half last year. The 1993 figure of 9.4 per cent is almost two full points below the average for 1990-1993.

However, recent steep housing price increases are creating inflation concerns this year.

The Israel overview assembled by Mission economic advisor Gabriel Regev also demonstrates the importance of diamond exports to North America. Diamonds account for over 29 per cent of Israel exports to Canada and the United States, followed by machinery, chemicals and textiles.

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Business Boom Lures Discount Store

Heavy demand for office supplies is a sure sign of Israel's business growth. That's why the U.S. chain, Office Depot, will soon be opening its first facility in Tel Aviv.

Office Depot, which specializes in discount supplies, is one of several similar operations in the United States and Canada.

Other discounters can be expected to join Office Depot in Israel.

Advertiser's Corner

Advertiser's Corner highlights the news, views and backgrounds of companies whose advertisements appear regularly in The CJN.

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — Great food, casual dining and low prices are the secret behind the success of **Mr. Wong's Super Buffet** in the Chinatown Centre, 222 Spadina Ave., 1221 Markham Road and a third location opening in mid-July at 1118 Finch Ave. W., says president and founder Alfred Wong.

What makes his buffet stand out from all the others, Wong says, is the innovative gourmet centre in which customers can watch the cook charbroil, fry, roast and — in the new Finch Avenue West location — stir fry. "When customers see their food cooking right in front of them, they know they are getting the freshest possible dishes."

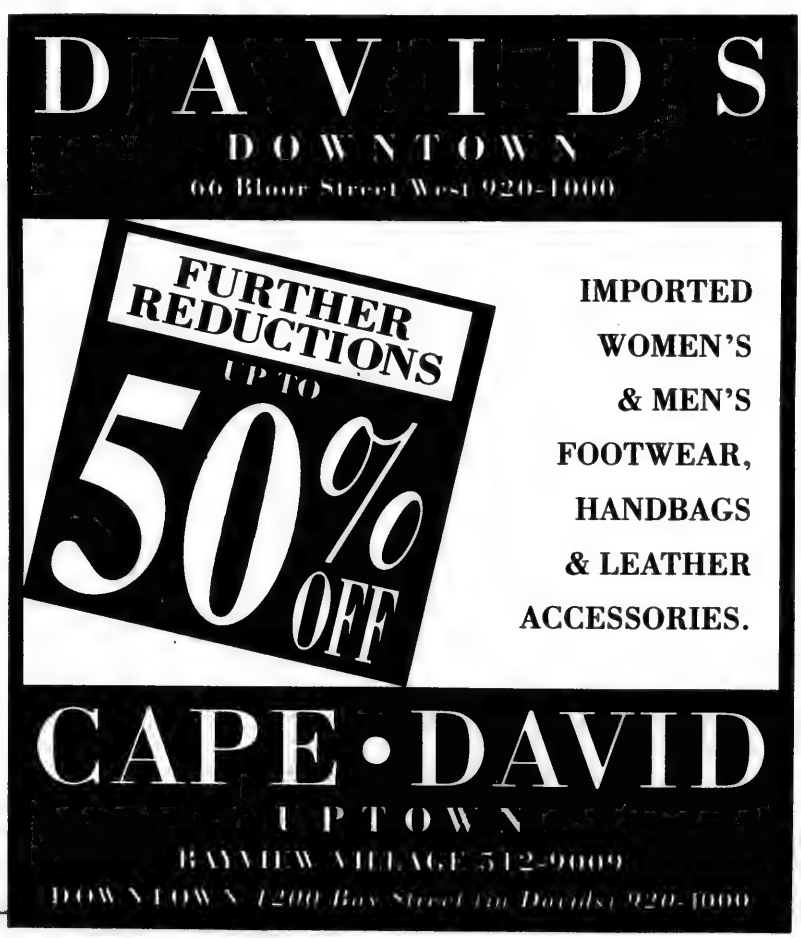
He says that the great resurgence in buffet dining in the last few years has come about as a result of the recession. "People are becoming very careful about their spending and there is no doubt that there is tremendous value in a buffet. For a fixed price, customers can eat as much as they want, as well as try a variety of foods. A great plus is that they can pick what is on display and not get stuck with a wrong choice from the menu. If an item is not to their taste, they can choose something else. Buffets are great for large parties because everyone can eat exactly what they want. That is quite difficult when ordering from a menu."

In a restaurant that seats almost 450 people and offers close to 200 items, Wong knows freshness is of the utmost importance. "We go to the food terminal every morning and because we do not have a fixed menu, we can purchase whatever is fresh. As well, our food does not sit around. It is prepared, taken to the dining room where it sits on a steam table and is immediately consumed. Everything is done according to strict government health regulations."

Wong says that the 10,000-square-foot kitchen in the downtown location acts as the central kitchen, where a lot of initial food preparation is done. "In planning our dishes, we choose the most popular items and those that are not labor intensive or cost prohibitive. That way, we offer what the people want and keep prices low. We make sure there is a large variety of meat, fish, vegetables, noodles and rice dishes so customers really do have a lot from which to choose. Dishes change from month to month but our customers can count on the most popular dishes always being there. We also offer some American dishes and loads of desserts so there is no excuse for anyone to go away hungry."

The casual, comfortable design at Mr. Wong's Buffet is condusive to relaxed dining and even though customers serve themselves, there is staff in abundance to clear dishes, serve drinks and bring new napkins. "We know that dining out is a treat and we go out of our way to make sure that everyone has an enjoyable experience," says Wong.

In answer to the inevitable question about how much people can eat, Wong says that "some people eat a lot, some people eat a little — it all averages out."



Tips From Pros

By LEON BOOKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Many people wrongly believe that communication is a matter of words, so that anyone who uses words well communicates well.

This is not necessarily so.

There are believed to be about 600,000 words in the English language. In conversation, daily, the average intelligent person can use about 2,000, of which the 500 most commonly used have 14,000 dictionary definitions.

Mind boggling isn't it?

No wonder misunderstanding develops between you and the person you are communicating with.

There are numerous forms of communication, however, the most used is the combination of speaking and listening.

First Listening

It is only recently that we have paid much attention to the process known as 'listening.' We have been taught to read, write and speak, but few among us have been taught to listen. We Hear, But We Don't Listen. Here are some ideas you can use to improve your listening skills.

- **Stop talking!** You can't listen if you are talking.
- **Put the talker at ease.** Help him or her feel free to talk. This will remove a big barrier.
- **Be genuinely interested.** Look and act interested. Do not look away or engage in some other activity while the talker is talking. Listen to understand rather than to reply.
- **Avoid distractions.** Don't doodle, tap or shuffle papers. Try and avoid any body language that is disruptive and annoying to the speaker.
- **Be patient.** Don't interrupt. Don't jump in and supply the word he or she seems to be groping for. Allow the speaker time to finish.
- **Stop Talking!** This is the first and last rule, because all the others depend on it. You can't be a good listener while you are talking. Nature gave us two ears and one tongue, which is a gentle hint that we should listen more than we talk.

Speaking: Getting your message across.

How to develop the art of listening

Do you frequently have to repeat what you are saying? Do you often find you just didn't come across as you wanted? When this happens it's human nature to believe the fault lies with the other person. The following points will help enable you to talk with skill that leads to understanding by the listener.

- Remember, if you're not understood it's partly your fault.
- Identify and control any mannerisms you may have which could detract from what you have to say or divert your listener's attention.
- Create an environment for listening. There are many ways to get people to listen immediately. Include opening statements such as: "What do you think about.....?" "Could I ask your advice. . . . . ?"
- After you have gained attention, get to the subject immediately — don't leave your listener wondering what you are up to.
- Establish listener interest quickly — "You're the one that can do this best."
- Be logical and organized in what you say.
- Qualify your message and identify each separate step.
- Get feedback.

Impressive as our accomplishments are in the illimitable miles of the outer universe, one of the most exciting dimensions in our daily lives is the few inches from your lips to another person's ear. If you can conquer that space almost nothing is impossible to you.

Equally important is developing the art of listening. No one did it better than Harvard's famed professor Charles T. Copeland who was asked by a student:

"Is there anything I can do to learn the art of conversation?"

"Yes there is one thing," said Copeland. "If you will listen I will tell you."

For several moments there was silence. Then the student said: "I'm listening professor."

"You see!" said Copeland. "You are learning already."

Leon Bookman has been involved in human resources for more than 50 years. He is a specialist on management development and has been active as a teacher, consultant, special curriculum advisor, writer and speaker.

Experts outline positive guidelines for franchisees

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Prospective franchisees shouldn't look at the acrimonious relationship between Pizza Pizza and its affiliates as typical, said the franchising director of a rival pizza chain.

"It makes it seem like franchisors are ogres, when in many cases that's not the case," said Humphrey Kadaner, director of franchising for Pizza Hut.

Kadaner was pointing to court complaints filed against Pizza Pizza by 48 of its 250 franchisees. [Last week Pizza Pizza was kicked out of the 200-member Canadian Franchise Association because it failed to adhere to the association's code of ethics.]

Kadaner was speaking at a franchising forum sponsored by the Young Business Network of the United Jewish Appeal. The forum, titled What's on the Menu: A Fresh Look at Franchising, was held at the Lipa Green Building last month.

Similar business styles

Others speakers were Scott Stainman, owner of Kernals Popcorn Limited, and Lawrence Smith, vice-president of the Ontario operations for Monsieur Felix & Mr. Norton Cookies Inc.

Kadaner said a positive franchisee-franchisor is based on corporate ownership in the business; clearly understood roles; similar business styles; and solicited input.

He also said the franchisor must act with integrity, quoting PepsiCo chair Wayne Calloway as saying if you're afraid to see a business decision written up in the newspaper, then you might want to reconsider it.

PepsiCo is the parent company of Pizza Hut.

If he was investing in a franchise today, Kadaner said he would look for a franchisor with corporately-owned stores since it raises the franchisor's stake in the business; otherwise "[the franchisor] might not be as focused on the bottom line."

Stainman of Kernals Popcorn says franchisees entering a mall should chose a central location.

"These days in the recession [fewer and fewer people are walking the entire mall. People visit a mall now much more on a mission," he said. "They go into a mall, they want to buy a shirt, they buy the shirt and they get out. The number of visits to a shopping centre are fewer per year and the time spent per visit is less."

Smith, of Monsieur Felix & Mr. Norton, observed that a good franchise agreement sets the cornerstone for 10 to 20 years of relations.

"It's important to ensure that the franchise agreement is solid," he said.

He went over the Monsieur Felix & Mr. Norton Cookies franchise agreement, which covers areas such as a contact in case of problems, franchisor history, definitions of words and terms in the contract, term of the agreement broken down into renewal periods, stipulation for renewal, record keeping, royalties, and franchise and advertising fees.

He advised potential franchisees to take agreements to a franchise lawyer, of which there are a handful in Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver, instead of a corporate lawyer.

"If you take it to a corporate lawyer, who's basically good at contracts, he's going to have all sorts of questions — he's going to be learning at your expense."

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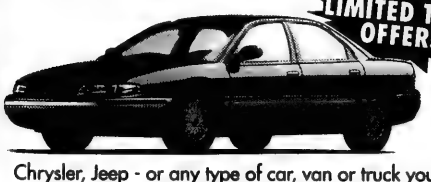

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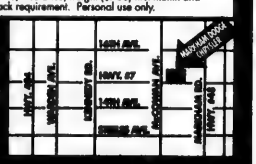

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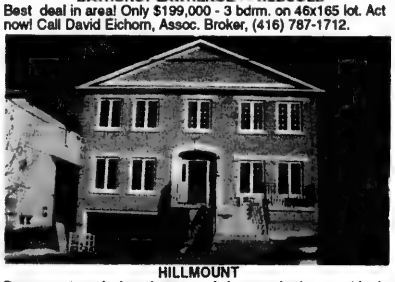

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Quiet crescent in an established neighborhood - near schools · French Immersion. Call Glenn Graff*.

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39 HILLHOLM ROAD — $798,000
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BAYVIEW/CUMMER — $589,000
Fabulous 4 bdrm executive home on quiet North York cul-de-sac. Marble foyer, fam. room, den, Salvarani kit. +++. Motivated Vendor!

LESLIE/YORK MILLS — $489,900 SOLD
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FAYWOOD/SHEPPARD — $339,000
Spacious 4 bedroom bungalow on 67 foot lot. In-law suite with separate entry. Shows well. Close to all amenities.

BAYVIEW/YORK MILLS — $325,000 SOLD
Rare 4 bedroom townhouse. ... condition, large principal rooms plus main floor den. Great lower level.

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- **1121 Steeles, #611** *SOLD*
- **1121 Steeles, #1002** *SOLD*
- **1121 Steeles, P.103** *SOLD*
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- **1131 Steeles, #611** *SOLD*
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Hungarian survivors hold commemoration

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Hungarian Holocaust survivors lit memorial candles, placed a wreath in memory of labor camp victims and recited prayers at Beth Hazichoron Congregation's recent 50th anniversary commemoration of the Holocaust.

Andrew Winter, president of the congregation, said that the service was in honor of the six million Jews, of whom over 600,000 were Hungarians, who lost their lives in the Holocaust.

"The Jewish Holocaust was a war against innocent civilians," he said. "A group of countries became united in a systematic slaughter of our people. We want to let people know that we refuse to forget that it ever happened. Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Eli Rubenstein, who brought greetings from Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region and who is of Hungarian heritage, said that "50 years ago, my entire family was taken away and few came back. My teacher, Emil Fackenheim said that Jews who are privileged to be alive after the Holocaust have an 11th commandment to follow — thou shall not grant Hitler a posthumous victory."

MPP Monte Kwinter acknowledged the young people at the service and said, "Fewer and fewer survivors are going to be with us. It is gratifying to see children keep the memory of a people who suffered the tyranny of the Nazis. We must always remember so the world will never forget.

MP Barry Campbell told the crowd that he had difficulty comprehending the magnitude of the number six million until he was reminded that before the Holocaust of six million, it was a family tragedy with individual loss. "As I watched survivors light the memorial candles one by one, it helped me to understand the magnitude of the loss."

Rabbi George Landesman, former chief rabbi of Hungary and rabbi of Beth Hazichoron Congregation speaking in Hungarian and English, said, "We would like to forget this tragedy ever happened, but we must remember. We must remember day to day and night to night. We do not need a memento because we have to carry it in our hearts and our minds."

The service also included the sounding of the shofar, the placing of flowers by Jewish youth as a testimony to the future, the singing of *Eli, Eli* and *Shivisi*, the recital of K'El Maleh Rachamim by Cantor Giora Sharon, and the recital by Rita Lajos of the poem *My Prayer*, written by Andrew Winter.

A letter from Winter was distributed to the congregation, in which he said, "We note with sorrow the great dissipation of a once vibrant and strong community that now has factioned off into many small groups soon to disappear. It is the wish of our congregation to maintain and strengthen our cultural presence in the community ... The Hungarian Jewish culture is deep in its richness and it is our obligation and duty to have it carried forward to the next generation, not just in name only."

He said that a committee has been formed for the purpose of "raising funds to build a Hungarian Jewish Community Centre that will house meetings, classrooms and a place of worship for the social, educational and spiritual enrichment of its followers."

Report urges crackdown on racism

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

SALMON ARM, B.C. — A provincial cabinet post whose sole function is the prevention of the spread of racist activity and the elimination of racist organizations is urgently needed in British Columbia, says the director of the Salmon Arm Coalition Against Racism (SACAR).

David Lethbridge, a professor of psychology at the Salmon Arm Community College, organized SACAR two years ago, to fight fascism and racism. The group issued its first report on racist activities in the Okanagan region of British Columbia in October 1992. Now Lethbridge has updated the report in a new 125-page document, which outlines some of the work done by his organization.

The focus of both reports is organized racism in the Okanagan in the B.C. interior and, says Lethbridge, "SACAR maintains there exists a worldwide network of neo-Nazis, neo-fascists, anti-Semites, white supremacists and Holocaust-denial organizations . . . The network extends into the local region. The danger is real."

There is no easy or short-term victory over organized racism, anti-Semitism or fascism, the report states. The struggle has been constant since the beginning of the century, and information received earlier this year indicates neo-Nazi activity was at an all time high in the United States in 1993, with bombings and stockpiling of explosives rampant.

SACAR, which is a volunteer-operated organization, has one purpose, says Lethbridge — the expansion and elimination of organized racial hatred, through gathering and analyzing information, holding meetings and hosting conferences, and supplying information to the media. "We press for the seizure of racist and genocidal hate literature and press for the criminal convictions of racist and fascist leaders. When necessary, SACAR holds protests and pickets racist meetings."

Lethbridge says SACAR helped the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Toronto in its work against Holocaust-denier David Irving.

The report gives details of the activities of a number of individuals and organizations engaged in alleged racist movements and says SACAR has accumulated a library of some 75 books which have information about neo-fascist groups.

Lethbridge lists organizations which have helped SACAR gather information; these include the Anti-Defamation League, B.C. Organization to Fight Racism (with which Canadian Jewish Congress is affiliated), Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region, Okanagan Jewish Community Association, Simon Wiesenthal Centre.

For more information on SACAR or to get copies of the report ($20), contact Lethbridge at (604) 832-6678. The address is 3521 20 Ave., NE, Salmon Arm, B.C. V1E 4M4.

Cheers star leads in *Damn Yankees*

By GERRY MORRIS
Special to The CJN

NEW YORK — Tony Award-winner and *Cheers* television star Bebe Neuwirth plays the female lead in a walloping revival of the 1956 hit *Damn Yankees*.

Her co-star is Victor Garber, a Jewish lad from London, Ont.

Damn Yankees began as a novel by Douglas Wallop, *The Year The Yankees Lost The Pennant*, with music and lyrics by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross. Songs like *You Gotta Have Heart*, *Whatever Lola Wants* and *Shoeless Joe From Hannibal, Mo.* are Broadway standards.

Bob Fosse choreographed the original play, a musical comedy about a middle-aged baseball fan who sells his soul to the devil to become a grand slam slugger.

Garber plays Applegate, a new kind of devil — witty, sardonic, sophisticated and a gifted farceur.

He transforms Jarrod Emick into whiz kid Joe Hardy, and introduces him to the temptress Lola, played by Neuwirth. Neuwirth is surprisingly delightful and her dancing and singing prowess will come as a revelation to her TV fans.

Gwen Verdon, the original Lola, was the most magical musical-comedy performer I ever saw on stage, but in Neuwirth the producers have a Lola for the '90s, one of the very few performers who will not suffer from the comparison.

Director Jack O'Brien has given the show punch and panache, resulting in an exciting mix of song, dance and athleticism, especially in the *Blooper Ballet* number. Choreographer Rob Marshall builds on the original jazzy steps by Fosse.

I would rate the show a three-bagger, just falling short of hitting the ball out of the park.

This hot box office ticket is linked to some degree to the Yankees' 1994 performance in baseball's Eastern Division. It will be hard to keep alive the magical image of George Steinbrenner's aggregation if they achieve the dubious distinction of being contenders for the cellar.

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During the upcoming Canada Day holiday *The CJN* offices will be closed Friday, July 1. As a result, early deadlines will apply for the issue of July 7.

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There will be no issue of July 14.

Lubavitch Rebbe dies

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — Tens of thousands of Chassidim flocked to Brooklyn's Crown Heights neighborhood in tribute to Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, who died in Manhattan's Beth Israel Hospital early Sunday morning, June 12, at the age of 92.

A monumental figure in the modern-day Jewish world who headed the Chabad Lubavitch chassidic movement, Rabbi Schneerson was mourned by followers around the globe, many of whom believed him to be the Messiah.

Chabad is an acronym for the Hebrew words for wisdom, understanding and knowledge.

At Lubavitch headquarters in Brooklyn, thousands of mourners gathered Sunday afternoon under overcast skies to join the funeral procession to the cemetery in Queens.

He left no heirs to assume leadership over the fervently Orthodox movement he headed for 44 years.

As a result, the Rebbe's death leaves a gaping leadership vacuum in the Lubavitch movement, which claims 250,000 followers worldwide, and operates Chabad outreach centres across the globe.

Rabbi Schneerson had been hospitalized last February after suffering repeated seizures stemming from a stroke he had in 1992, which paralyzed the right side of his body and left him bedridden and unable to communicate.

On March 10, Rabbi Schneerson suffered a second stroke, which doctors said "seriously weakened" the left side of his body.

Though officials of the Lubavitch movement were characteristically optimistic about the Rebbe's condition, in his final weeks when he lay unconscious supported by a respirator, they were forced to concede that his condition had deteriorated.

During the week preceding his death, the Rebbe had suffered kidney failure. At 7 p.m. on Saturday, he went into cardiac arrest, but his condition was later stabilized. Early Sunday morning, at 12:55 a.m., he suffered a second cardiac arrest and was pronounced dead at 1:50 a.m.

Rabbi Schneerson was buried next to his wife, Chaya Moussia, and his father-in-law — Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn, the previous Lubavitcher Rebbe — at Old Montefiore Cemetery.

While attendance at the burial was restricted, there was an emotional scene earlier outside Lubavitch headquarters in Crown Heights, as an estimated 35,000 followers waited for their first glimpse of the Rebbe's coffin.

When the coffin was brought outside, the cries of grief mounted as scores of men tried to touch the plain pine box.

Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson — 1902-1994

The 350 police on the scene could barely contain the surging crowds, and the pallbearers had difficulty getting the coffin into a waiting hearse.

The crowds walked behind the slowly moving vehicle, which led them on a processional through the Crown Heights neighborhood.

Some 50 buses were waiting to take some of the Rebbe's followers to the cemetery after the procession was over.

Among the dignitaries present at Lubavitch headquarters were Israeli ambassador to the United States Itamar Rabinovich; Gad Ya'acobi, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations; New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani; Colette Avital, Israeli consul general in New York; and Benjamin Netanyahu, leader of Israel's opposition Likud bloc.

In Israel, the focus of mourning was Kfar Chabad, the village that is the centre of the Israeli Lubavitch movement.

Crowds of Lubavitcher Chassidim mobbed Ben-Gurion International Airport, offering to pay cash for any ticket that might get them to the funeral on time.

El Al Israel Airlines scheduled an extra flight on a jumbo jet for some 450 of the Rebbe's followers. But neither El Al nor any of the foreign airlines that serve Israel had other craft they could divert for the thousands who thronged into the departure area.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin saluted the Rebbe as a great scholar who had made a vast contribution to the entire Jewish people.

"The Rebbe's loss is a loss for all of the Jewish people," he said. "A great sage is gone, a distinguished leader."

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres described the Rebbe as "a leader of the highest stature, a great man and a scholar, who labored selflessly on behalf of Jews of the Soviet Union and other countries behind the Iron Curtain."

Representing Israel at the funeral, at the express wish of Rabin and the Chabad movement, was Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau.

Rabbi Schneerson was a charismatic, magnetic presence whose talks and writings on Jewish mysticism and philosophy were central to Lubavitch thought.

When he became immobilized and unable to communicate after his 1992 stroke, his circle of aides rushed to fill the power vacuum.

But conflict arose over the course of the movement, and particularly over the campaign to declare Rabbi Schneerson as the Messiah.

According to Jewish tradition, there is a potential Messiah in every generation who will reveal himself if and when the world is ready.

In their effort to get the Rebbe to emerge and declare himself the Messiah, Lubavitchers stressed the importance of performing mitzvot

Even those in the Chabad-Lubavitch movement who had not acknowledged that the Rebbe was the Messiah nonetheless attributed to him the qualities necessary for being the world's savior.

Because the Rebbe left neither descendants nor a designated successor, Chabad has been left with no apparent leader for the first time in its history.

Caught up in the belief that the Rebbe had messianic powers and potential, the Lubavitchers would never even discuss the possibility of his passing and therefore prepared no one to take his place.

Within the last year, thousands of his followers at the 770 Eastern Parkway headquarters in Brooklyn would burst into singing "We want Moshiach now."

Sometimes, in the Rebbe's presence, they would chant rhythmically, "Long live our master, our teacher, our rabbi, the King Messiah for ever and ever."

Much controversy arose when the Rebbe's followers burst into this song after Rabbi Schneerson suffered a stroke two years ago. At the time, the Rebbe seemed to pump his one good arm up and down, as though conducting this specific chant.

Many in the Lubavitch community claimed he was thereby acknowledging that he was the Messiah.

His followers cited many worldly occurrences that, to them, proved that the Rebbe was the harbinger of the end of days. These included the downfall of communism and the Soviet Union, the mass emigrations of Jews from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia — which followers described as nothing less than the biblically prophesied ingathering of the exiles — and the very few casualties in Israel during the Persian Gulf War.

The Rebbe was also credited with having performed numerous miracles, from the medical to the personal.

Three years ago, the Rebbe himself told his followers: "We are at the threshold of the future redemption."

Followers saddened page 16

The Rebbe sat in a specially constructed balcony seat after his stroke, which had deprived him of much range of motion and the ability to speak. Despite the overwhelming handicaps, he nevertheless continued to pray and to hear letters read to him.

The leadership of the Chabad movement was riven by disputes over whether to proclaim him the Messiah.

At the end of January, a group of followers was going to try to anoint the rebbe as "King Messiah." Only a last-minute move to prevent the Rebbe from appearing prevented the ceremony from taking place.

During the Rebbe's final illness, the Lubavitchers, through their telephone hot line, would call for more fasting on Mondays and Thursdays, the reciting of psalms, learning Torah and giving tzedakah (charity), in multiples of 92, so that the Rebbe would reach that age.

The hot-line message was often spoken by a rabbi who was crying.

Jewish and Sikh leaders to fight Legion decision

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish and Sikh leaders said last week they would use open dialogue and provincial human rights legislation to fight Royal Canadian Legion branches that ban religious headgear.

The Canadian Jewish Congress and the World Sikh Organization of Canada met for six hours recently to hammer out an action plan. The two groups agreed that open discussion "is the most promising option available," followed by legal redress, according to Congress president Irving Abella.

"It serves no purpose shouting and screaming," Abella told a press conference the following morning. He called resolution through dialogue "the Canadian way."

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Ottawa high school holds first graduation

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — With smiles bright enough to light the room, five teenaged girls last week became the first graduates of Machon Sarah, Ottawa's first Jewish high school for girls.

The school was born four years ago when two parents, Tom Caplan and Danny Friedman, were trying to decide where their daughters would go once they finished elementary school. Ottawa had two part-time Jewish studies high school programs, but no all day Jewish high school.

"There we were," says Caplan, "our kids were growing up in a religious environment and a lot of our friends were sending their kids out of town."

They could do the same, to which an alarmed Caplan says, "Yonina [his daughter] was only 12!" or they could start a school in Ottawa.

Two more families came aboard and so, with two low-rent rooms provided by the Jewish Youth Library in Ottawa, little money, four students and a few rabbis and teachers shared with the Ottawa Torah Institute, a boys yeshivah, the little school opened its doors. It now has 12 students.

To hear the teachers tell it, the girls of the graduating class, in fact all the girls in the school, are clever, motivated, cheerful, self-reliant and occasionally silly — in short, a joy.

"They are really fun to teach," says English teacher Karen Atkinson. "There's no discipline problem at all. I think I learned as much from them as they did from me. They are a teacher's dream, they really are."

"It was a fantastic experience", says Rabbi Howard Finkelstein, spiritual leader at Congregation Beth Shalom West and one of the Jewish studies teachers at the school."I looked forward to every day of the week to be there with these girls because these are dedicated, intelligent, creative girls who love to learn Torah."

"If things are not organized for the girls of Machon Sarah, the girls, without any further ado, will organize it themselves," says Stewart Boston, the school's secular studies director.

In September, although they were all in Grade 12, the girls decided to fast-track to graduation and finish their Grade 12 and OAC courses.

For the students, Machon Sarah meant hard work and friends.

"It means a lot more to us than just any high school because we were so involved in founding it, making it, carrying it on," says Yonina Caplan, class valedictorian. "And we've become so close to everyone, the teachers and the students, it's something very special."

How close did they become?

"Even though they were together all day, from 8:30 in the morning until 6:00," says Tom Caplan,"it didn't mean they didn't get together in the evening, or they weren't on the phone all night."

As well as putting in a full day at school, the girls volunteered in the community. They visited residents in the Jewish home for the aged, helped new mothers on Friday's to prepare for Shabbat and went several times to the Museum of Civilization in Hull to teach people how to make Chanukah menorahs and play dreidel.

One student, Robyn Ruttenberg, recently won a service award for her volunteer work, including regular visits to a group home for developmentally delayed Jewish adults. She taught them Hebrew, prepared them for the Jewish holidays and visited on Saturday twice a month to lead havdalah.

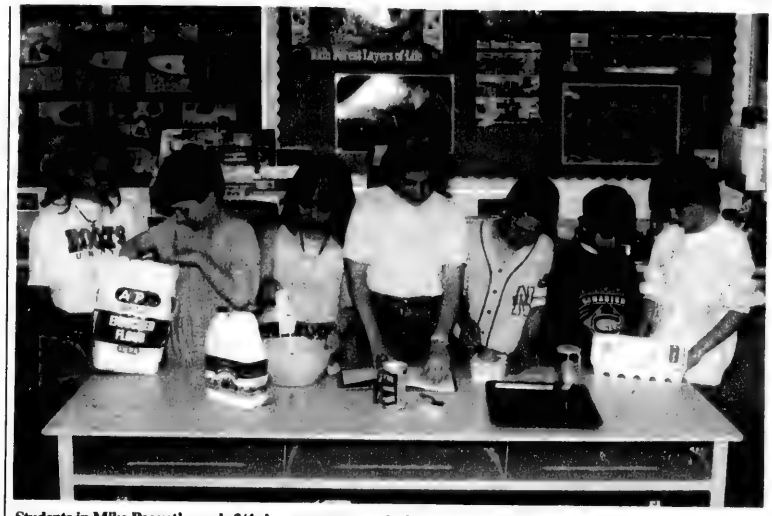
Erin Gordon came into the school in Grade 11, two years after she and her family began practising Orthodox Judaism. She came to Machon Sarah from Ottawa's specialty arts high school after a lifetime of secular education. She welcomed the structure.

"At public school we had no boundaries, you can do anything you want whenever you want, just follow a few school rules that they did have. At Machon Sarah there were more boundaries, but the boundaries they set weren't rigid, they were understood, they were also Torah boundaries."

Next year the five graduates will continue their studies. Four girls are going to yeshivot or seminaries in Canada and Israel. Only Leah Shifra Ben-Porat is going directly to university to study math, a move she admits will be a big adjustment.

And the little school will carry on.

"I think for too long," says secular director Boston, "Machon Sarah has been the best kept secret in Ottawa."



Students in Mike Paquet's grade 3/4 class prepare to make hamentashen. From left: Jordan Pula, Davyd Sagloski, Karen Nguyen, Kristen Litke, Barry Springle, Adam Samosh and Nicole Roche.

St. Catharines kids get taste of various ethnic holidays

Multicultural atmosphere

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When one thinks about schools with active multicultural programs, one would not likely think of Grapeview Public School, a new elementary school in St. Catharines.

Teacher Mike Paquet has created Celebration, in which students celebrate different ethnic holidays, such as Chinese New Year and St. Patrick's Day, and many Jewish holidays, including Purim, Chanukah and Passover.

Taking a cue from the Ontario Ministry of Education's cross-curriculum approach, language, math, design technology, art and experience are used to further multicultural awareness, lessen (in Grapeview's case, Paquet says, to hopefully avoid) racism and increase understanding.

A hugely successful "festival of light" in December taught about Christmas, Chanukah and the Hindu Festival of Light through music, poetry, study and cooking (the latkes were a great hit, Paquet says).

Paquet uses cooking extensively in his program, and not just because he likes cooking and everyone enjoys eating different foods. Math skills are strengthened in the measuring necessary for cooking, study skills are learned while researching different customs and recipes, and, he feels, children get a better understanding of other cultures through finding out about their food customs.

Popular projects have included making doughnuts for St. Patrick's Day ("my grandmother always made doughnuts on St. Patrick's Day!"), harvest soup for the end of October, groundhog stew for February and sourdough starter for Mothers' Day.

On Heritage Day in February, they examined all the different ethnic groups in the class and, Paquet says, learned about their common bonds.

Canada's past is not neglected either. Margaret Bourgouis, the first French Canadian teacher, enticed children (especially native children) to come to her school by dropping toffee along the path. Paquet's class remembered her by making toffee.

Paquet's Celebration program is based on a project he did while working on his master's degree in education at Brock University, but his interest in ethnic culture was whetted during his years teaching at Westminster Public School in Thornhill, which has a large Jewish population.

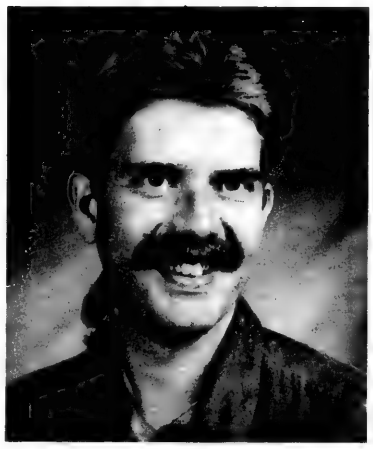
"One year, we were booked into Scanlon Green Conservation Area for a nature program. It was only after all the preparations were made that we discovered the reservations fell during Passover."

Since reservations were very difficult to get, the situation threatened to be a touchy one. "We brought brand-new utensils and kosher food and did our own cooking. The parents were very appreciative, and it was a phenomenal experience for everyone. I never forgot it."

Rosalie Samosh, a Jewish parent in the school, is part of Grapeview's multicultural committee, set up by school principal Ricky Lampman.

"We want to integrate community resources and people into the program," said Samosh, the daughter of Niagara Falls Rabbi Nathan Liberman.

She said the committee hopes to get natives from the Native Centre in St. Catharines to come and speak, and wants students to see the Freedom Trail, a part of the history of Ontario's black community.



Mike Paquet

"And I go in and make hamantaschen," she added.

The committee also hopes to put out a multicultural cookbook next year, to create exhibits in the front hall of the school, and to arrange a special program for next March 21, which has been set aside as a day for the elimination of racial discrimination in Ontario.

There are only about 10 Jewish children in the student body of 550 youngsters, Samosh said. "So it's really important for my son to have his holiday acknowledged by his teacher and his school."

Samosh is enthusiastic about the multicultural atmosphere at Grapeview School. "It teaches tolerance in a non-threatening way."

Israeli music, food at Jerusalem pavilion

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Torontonians will have a chance to enjoy Israeli music, dancing and food at the downtown Jewish Community Centre later this month, when B'nai Brith Canada (BBC) sponsors this year's Jerusalem pavilion at Festival Caravan.

The annual multicultural festival, which features 40 pavilions representing a variety of international cities, will run from June 17 to 24. (The Jerusalem pavilion opens June 18, motzei Shabbat, and will be closed on June 24.)

This year's festival is focusing on activities which will appeal to the whole family, in recognition of 1994 as the Year of the Family.

At the Jerusalem pavilion, indoor entertainment will be provided by the Jerusalem Dancers under artistic choreographer Rivka Atzmony, and by the Neimot Singers under musical director Doron Ophir. A cabaret show featuring Israeli singer Ahuva, accompanied by Ted Lebow, will be held on the rooftop garden, (weather permitting).

Falafel, chumous, pita, turkey schnitzel and a variety of Middle Eastern desserts will be on the menu specially prepared for this year's pavilion by Caterers York Ltd.

Monty Mazin of B'nai Brith will serve as pavilion mayor for the third consecutive year. Leah Eichler, a student volunteer at BBC, will be the Jerusalem pavillion princess.

The pavilion will have "the most extensive exhibits ever," according to a BBC news release. Displays will include Jerusalem's Jaffa Gate and Western Wall. Then Consulate General of Israel in Toronto has provided a poster exhibit by Jerusalem artist Raffi Etgar, depicting "Israel Today."

"How appropriate the theme — Year of the Family — a concept central to Canadian and Israeli life," says Lorne Bernstein, chair of the Jerusalem pavilion.

Hours for the Jerusalem pavilion are June 18, motzei Shabbat to 1 a.m.; June 19, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.; June 20-23, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. The downtown JCC is located at 750 Spadina Ave., just south of Bloor.

Passports for the entire festival, at $14, may be purchased in advance from B'nai Brith Canada, the Caravan office (977-0466), Metro branches of the Bank of Montreal or Bell Phonecentres in Metro. During the festival, passports are available at all Caravan pavilions. One-day passports cost $7. Admission is free for children 12 and under.

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Montreal Legion branch rejects bylaw against turbans, kippot

By JANICE ARNOLD
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MONTREAL — The Royal Canadian Legion branch in Cote St. Luc, at the recent national convention in Calgary, has roundly denounced the rejection by Legion members of a proposed bylaw that would have permitted Sikhs, Jews and others to wear religious headdresses.

Lou Lang, spokesman of the Brig. Frederick Kisch branch, said the branch intends to send a "letter of protest" to the Legion's central body.

The Kisch branch will continue to allow turbans, kippot or other such headwear in its hall on Mackle Road, Lang said. The Calgary decision leaves it up to individual Legion branches to set their own policy on the matter.

The Kisch branch, whose members are Jewish except for "one or two per cent," did not have a representative at the Calgary convention due mainly to the expense of sending someone, Lang said.

Lang, a past Kisch president and veteran of the Royal Air Force (RAF) Ferry Command which transported aircraft to the front, said when contacted by *The CJN* that a letter of protest was being drafted.

Kisch is named for a highly-decorated British army officer, who fought in World War I and II. He died while clearing land mines in North Africa.

Originally based in downtown Montreal when it was founded in October 1944, the branch is open to those of all faiths, but evolved into the "Jewish branch" with its location in Cote St. Luc, Lang said. It has almost 200 members today.

Lang noted that much of the membership of the Legion especially in smaller centres in made up of those who are not veterans and the Legion halls often serve as social gathering places for a variety of people. By contrast, Kisch's membership is composed of "99 per cent" veterans, he said.

"You really don't know who is speaking for veterans," he said.

Ralph Charad, of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada, Montreal Post — which is not Legion-affiliated — also disagreed with the ban on religious headcoverings in Legion halls. "I would make a distinction with a place of worship, where one should obey the rules. But a veterans' meeting place is not a place of worship...

"If [Sikhs, Jews and other religious minorities] were good enough to serve us in the heaviest military campaigns, they are good enough to be admitted [in their traditional headcoverings]."

Charad, also an RAF veteran, thinks most of the resistance to these differences come from the smaller towns where veterans formed "a very cohesive" group, unaccustomed to practices unlike their own, and their Legion halls are like social clubs.

"In the big cities, like Montreal where the membership is a hodgepodge, there's more tolerance."

The Jewish War Veterans split off from the Legion about 20 years ago because of the latter's injunction against political activity or representation in other public bodies.

Charad said no single issue provoked the split, but the separation has enabled Jewish war veterans to be present as a group within such organizations as Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith.

B.C. MLAs speak out against Legion rule

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — The Royal Canadian Legion's failure to change its hats-off rule at the recent national convention in Calgary has been condemned unanimously by the British Columbia legislature.

Sikhs, Jews and Legion members were among the MLAs who voted to criticize the Legion decision.

All routine legislature business was dropped to debate the special motion protesting the Legion decision to vote against a by-law that would have allowed members to wear religious head coverings into clubrooms.

The motion was carefully worded to congratulate those branches that don't discriminate against religious headgear, while sending a clear message of condemnation to those branches that do. Many legionnaires believe in baring one's head to show respect for the dead.

The Newton branch in the Vancouver suburb of Surrey used the no-hats policy to prohibit Sikh veterans from entering the bar last Remembrance Day. The decorated Sikh veterans had been invited to Remembrance Day ceremonies but were turned away when they tried to get a drink later.

Victoria area branches don't extend the hat rule to include religious headgear, the legislature was told.

Cabinet minister Moe Sihota, who is a Sikh, said the Legion issue has hurt and troubled him. He noted that Sikhs wore turbans during the war, while being decorated and during a presentation to the Queen. Although the controversial rule stems from military customs in messes, he explained, Sikhs were exempt from having to remove their turbans in mess halls.

Bernie Simpson, the only Jewish MLA, represents a Vancouver riding. He said "it's incomprehensible to me that members of my community who are Orthodox and wear skullcaps could not enter certain Legion branches.

"If you draw this decision to its logical conclusion, even the Pope could not visit those branches because he would be wearing religious headgear."

Most MLAs who spoke on the issue, several of them Legion members, said branches in their home towns have relaxed the headdress rule for religious reasons.

Mazon aids 58 groups with $63,000 allocation

Donor base doubles

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Mazon Canada, which bills itself as the Jewish response to hunger, has announced a springtime allocation of $63,000, up from last spring's total of $54,500.

With the current allocation, the total amount that has been distributed by Mazon since its inception in 1987 has now exceeded $530,000.

Fifty-eight organizations which feed the hungry are the beneficiaries of the current round of allocations, said Marilyn Aarons-Guttman, executive-director of Mazon Canada. Twenty-five are from Quebec and the other 33 are located in the rest of Canada. Last spring, 41 organizations across Canada received funds.

The increased allocation this spring shows Mazon is raising its profile in the Jewish community, Aarons-Guttman said. The organization's donor base has doubled in less than two years, from 2,000 to approximately 4,000, she added.

Marilyn Aarons-Guttman

As a result, Mazon's yearly allocations have risen steadily from $25,000 in its first year of operation to the 1993 total of $124,500. Aarons-Guttman said she hoped the 1994 figures would reach $150,000.

Mazon is a volunteer organization that distributes funds it has raised in the Jewish community to a variety of grassroots organizations across Canada that help to feed the hungry.

The largest single allocations in the spring round went to Bikur Cholim and to Tomchai Shabbos of Toronto. Both groups received $3,000. The Drop-in-Centre in Montreal received $2,500 while Mattan Basaiser Ezras Noshim, Tomchei Shabbos, Bikur Cholim and B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation in Montreal all received $2,000.

Other receipients include the Antigonish Community Food Banks Society in Antigonish, N.S. ($500); Atelier R.A.D.O. Inc. in Edmunston N.B. ($1,000); Fort McMurray (Alta.) Food Bank ($1,500); and the Juan de Fuca Community Resource Society in Victoria, B.C. ($1,500).

Mazon also announced the appointment of five new members to its 20-member board. The new directors are Ruth Batshaw, a community volunteer from Montreal; Susan Davis, national director of the Jewish Immigration Aid Services in Toronto; Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl of the Beth Tzedec Congregation in Toronto; Rabbi Leigh Lerner of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom in Montreal; and Miriam Wyman, a consultant and activist from Toronto.

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Peterson, Koschitzky receive Jerusalem Awards

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "The Palestinians should not even dream that Jerusalem will be the capital of a Palestinian state," Israel's consul-general in Toronto told this year's presentation of the Canadian Zionist Federation's Jerusalem Awards.

A tough-talking Dror Zeigerman pledged that Jerusalem "cannot be the capital of two states and two national entities. . . As a capital city, Jerusalem is already taken by Israel, rightfully and lawfully, politically and historically."

Zeigerman joined a who's who of the Jewish community at the Primrose Club last week to present this year's Jerusalem Award — given annually on the anniversary of the city's reunification following the Six-Day War — to Liberal MP Jim Peterson and community activist Julia Koschitzky.

Responding to suggestions that Israel will come under pressure to compromise on Jerusalem, Zeigerman pledged that "Israel will never, and could never, compromise on Jerusalem. If we compromise on Jerusalem, we lose our Zionist identity and our right to exist as a Zionist and Jewish state.

"When it is question of an issue that is fundamental to a nation's identity, we can say no to world opinion and no to world pressure," he stated.

"The Palestinians and the Arab people will understand this position better if they will know that the people of Israel will not support any government which will be ready to compromise on Jerusalem," Zeigerman added.

"Jerusalem was never the capital of any Arab nation. It has never been the capital of any nation except the Jews."

The consul general praised the recent unveiling by Canada and Israel of a joint $6-million research and development fund for high-tech ventures, and called for a free trade deal between the two countries.

Both award recipients were lauded for their contributions to Israel and the Jewish community.

Koschitzy is world chair of Keren Hayesod's board of trustees and a past president of United Israel Appeal of Canada, among other accomplishments.

Peterson, the member for the Toronto-area riding of Willowdale and its sizeable Jewish population, has long been a presence on the Jewish scene.

Jerusalem Award recipients Jim Peterson (right) and Julia Koschitzy were joined by Canadian Zionist Federation president Kurt Rothschild (left) and Israel's consul-general in Toronto, Dror Zeigerman. [Ron Csillag photo]

He's a vice-chair of the Parliamentary Friendship Group for Israel and was active in the struggle for Soviet Jewry.

He was presented the award by Rabbi Erwin Schild, rabbi emeritus of Adath Israel Synagogue.

In his sometimes emotional remarks, Peterson recalled a trip he and other activists made to the Soviet Union in 1983, when they visited 71 Refuseniks "and we were followed by the KGB the whole time."

He too called for a free trade deal between Israel and Canada.

Koschitzky, who received her award from Canadian Zionist Federation president Kurt Rothschild, said she had returned from Jerusalem the day before, just as Israel was marking the arrival of the 500,000th immigrant from the former Soviet Union.

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Droege's bailiff license revoked

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Wolfgang Droege's woes continue to mount.

Two weeks ago, a Federal Court judge found the white supremacist leader of the Heritage Front in contempt of court for offering telephone hate messages.

Last week, the Commercial Registration Appeal Tribunal (CRAT) released its March 25 decision in which it upheld a registrar's decision under the Bailiffs Act to revoke Droege's license to carry on business as a bailiff. In its judgment, the appeal tribunal employed scathing language, saying Droege deliberately attempted to mislead the Registrar about his previous criminal convictions.

"Droege could not pass on to the Registrar honesty and integrity he did not possess," the decision states.

Referring to his failure to disclose several U.S. convictions for offences that included carrying a concealed weapon on a plane, the tribunal stated that "implicit in the offences is the possibility of violence.

"The tendency for violence is an invidious companion for a bailiff whose employment must on occasion subject him to certain risk. . . If honesty and integrity are expected of an individual permitted to carry out the duties of enforcing the law, then Mr. Droege must be found to be inadequate and without the capacity to fit that requirement. His past behavior militates against any other finding."

The decision means his employment as a bailiff with Accurate Bailiff Service, where he worked under Alan Overfield, came to an end in March.

In reaching its decision, CRAT reviewed Droege's criminal record, including a July 1, 1981 conviction in the United States for participating in an expedition to overthrow the government of Dominica. He received a three-year sentence.

"He was subsequently convicted in the State of Alabama on Feb. 19, 1985 of trafficking in cocaine and given 10 years in prison and a term of three years special parole. Further charges in the same court dealt with illegal entry into the United States and carrying a concealed weapon on an aircraft in flight. For these offences, he received two years and one year consecutive sentences."

Canadian Jewish Congress applauded CRAT's decision.

"Droege is a racist agitator," said Gerda Frieberg, chair of Congress' Ontario region. "He clearly had no right to be a bailiff charged with enforcing certain laws of this land."

Frieberg explained that Congress staff were surprised to learn more than a year ago that someone with Droege's criminal record could be employed as a bailiff.

Bernie Farber, director of community relations for Congress, said the Jewish organization complained to the Registrar about Droege's license.

"Going after him was part of our strategy to use every legal means possible to assure that neo-Nazis and hatemongers do not get any foothold in this country," Frieberg said.

"We will use any means within our democratic arsenal to effect this strategy. It's slow, but eventually it works," she added.

According to a spokesman for the Registrar's office, Droege's file was re-opened in February 1992 after an article ran in the *Toronto Sun* that outlined his criminal record. She said complaints from human rights advocates may have played a part in opening the case as well.

Droege will be in court again on June 22 when he will be sentenced on the contempt offence. He faces a possible one-year jail sentence.

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CHRC focuses on hate lines

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A pledge to investigate telephone "hate lines," was given here recently by Maxwell Yalden, head of the Canadian Human Rights Commission (CHRC).

"If told of one, we will monitor it, and if they are spreading hate we will go after them," he told a meeting while on a visit to Toronto from Ottawa.

He said that sometimes it is necessary to involve the Canadian Criminal Code, which has provisions to use the law against any group or organization which "wilfully promotes hatred against any identifiable group."

There are seven individual hate lines operating in Toronto, he said, and with rapidly expanding technology it is quite conceivable that a hate line might at some point be based in another country to target into Canada.

"In that case, if it were coming in on-line via Bell Canada, or whoever, we could go after them," Yalden said.

He spoke of successes the CHRC has had in battling hatemongers, citing the Heritage Front in Toronto, the Manitoba Ku Klux Klan and the Vancouver-based Liberty Net.

The meeting was atttended by people from organizations and groups interested in anti-racist, equity and anti-hate activities.

They included Bernie Farber of the Canadian Jewish Congress and Karen Mock of the League for Human Rights, B'nai Brith Canada.

Jewish refugees exited Portugal for Canada in 1944

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — While Canadians were focussed on the landing of Allied troops in France, boatloads of Jewish refugees were leaving Europe via Portugal for Canada 50 years ago under one of the few such government-sponsored programs during the war.

The Serpa Pinto made two crossings from Lisbon in the spring of 1944. Among those on the first voyage, which took two weeks over stormy seas and the constant fear of the Luftwaffe, were Charles Kon and Maurice Baron, both French nationals.

Now in their early 60s, they were boys when their families, separately, left France illegally and entered Spain — on foot — through the Pyrenees Mountains.

Kon and Baron are two of the organizers of a 50th anniversary reunion of this refugee group. They landed at Philadelphia on April 7, 1944 and arrived by train in Montreal the next day, erev Pesach, where the Jewish community held a special seder for them at the Talmud Torah then on St. Joseph Boulevard.

There were about 280 people, most originally from Western Europe, on the first boatload, they recall. The second arrived in June, but they don't know how many passengers it had. They did learn that it had a particularly rough voyage, because the ship had to dodge German submarine torpedoes. In the panic to get into lifeboats, an infant drowned.

Kon and Baron, along with Maurice Shenkier and John Margolis, are now trying to track down others who were on these voyages for the purpose of holding their first get-together sometime later this year. Having lost touch over the years, only about 20 have been tracked down in Montreal, as well as one in Toronto and a couple in the United States.

"A strong bond developed between those on the boat...Most of us fended well for ourselves and became quite comfortable. We did not become wards of the state," said Baron, a clothing manufacturer.

The refugees were brought here under an arrangement between Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) and the Canadian government, with the Portuguese authorities' cooperation. They were admitted for the duration of the war, but in 1946 were extended landed immigrant status. Very few returned to Europe.

The two men met for the first time the night before they left from Lisbon and have been friends since.

Parisian-native Kon, the slightly younger man, recalls his trek over the Pyrenees with his parents as an adventure and his time living on the Portuguese seaside as "utopia."

"For us, there was no war," said Kon, who works for a lock manufacturer. The adults, of course, were fully aware of the risk taken. The family left Paris clandestinely in 1940 just before "Black Thursday," the first round-up of Jewish males by the French police. They made it to the mountainous border only by paying off a police officer, he said.

There were other close calls in the journey, including being arrested just over the Portuguese border. "We were taken to the nearest Spanish village; there was one policeman and no jail. He said he did not know what to do with us and was waiting for instructions from Madrid. After a couple of months, he told us not to tell anyone and let us go."

Baron, who hailed from Nancy in the Alsace-Lorraine region, remembers that his family, which was wealthy, lost virtually everything when they fled. They were Zionists and religiously observant.

Their mountain-crossing, undertaken in winter, was more traumatic. One woman had to have her legs amputated because they froze.

His family remained in Spain, for two years in a Pyrenees village and later in Barcelona, where they tried to obtain a visa to the United States. They would settle for Canada, a country they knew little about. "All I knew was Nelson Eddy and Jeanette Macdonald and Eskimos," Baron said.

Both the Kons, who were "pink" politically and of more modest means, and the Barons eventually chose Montreal because they had heard it was French-speaking. Ironically, both men's main language today is English, because when they arrived the French Catholic schools were closed to them and they finished their education in the Protestant system.

Although Spain was led by fascist dictator Francisco Franco who aided the Axis, it was easier to enter than neutral Switzerland, whose borders were sealed. The Joint Distribution Committee had an office in Barcelona that was aiding Jews on the run.

According to Baron, Jews could stay in Spain if they "kept a very low profile. There was no religious expression...Franco told Hitler 'there are no Jews in Spain'."

The danger was ever-present in the form of pro-fascist street rallies.

Portugal was neutral, but dictator Antonio de Oliveira Salazar gave the Allies naval and air bases after 1943.

The Jewish refugees lived freely in Portugal, but could not work, Kon said. The government concentrated their swelling numbers in a coastal resort town called Ereicera, about 60 km north of Lisbon, putting them up in the tiny cottages rented for holidays. Although the accommodation was primitive, they did receive the services of a maid morning and night.

The Kons lived there for 1½ years, until a CJC representative visited the colony, informing them of the opportunity to come to Canada, from which they hoped they could enter the United States.

Baron, at least, quickly soured on the American dream, when the Serpa Pinto passengers were "quarantined like animals" and denied permission to stay anytime in the United States, despite their papers. By contrast, the group was warmly welcomed in Montreal, with each family being taken under the wing of a local Jewish family. "I remember a man gave my brother and me five dollars. But we were very proud and at first refused it, even though we had nothing."

For more information, call Kon at (514) 489-4622.

World Sikh Organization of Canada president Mohinder Singh Jawanda and Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella before their meeting last week. [Ron Csillag photo]

Jewish and Sikh leaders to fight Legion decision

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But five Sikh veterans denied entrance to a Legion branch in Surrey, B.C., last Rememberance Day are filing a formal complaint with that province's human rights commission, said Gian Singh Sandhu of the World Sikh Organization (WSO).

Sandhu, senior policy advisor to the organization representing Canada's 300,000 Sikhs, said the veterans will receive legal and moral support from Congress and the WSO. Both groups urged others who have been barred to come forward "so we may provide similar assistance."

Between five and 10 per cent of the Legion's 1,750 branches do not permit turbans and kippot to be worn, said Abella. Many of those branches are in western Canada. But Abella said he did not know of anyone wearing a kippah being denied entrance to a Legion hall.

The two groups also called for every province to adopt the British Columbia Legislature's condemnation of the Legion decision, and for a government boycott of those branches that discriminate.

The Sikh and Jewish leaders met eight days after delegates to the Legion's Calgary convention voted three to one against permitting religious headgear in the branches. The delegates said heads must be bare to show respect for fallen comrades. Each branch will now set its own policy.

League awards citations

Earlier, the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada awarded citations to the Legion's Ontario Command and to Toronto's General Wingate branch for allowing "the full participation of Jews and Sikhs without prejudice."

Speaking at the Wingate lodge on Eglinton Avenue West, B'nai Brith's Frank Dimant congratulated the mainly Jewish branch for overlooking religious differences and "keeping the faith."

In a less well-received speech, Legion district commander Martin Venman suggested Sikh veterans form their own branches.

"We have different ethnic branches," Venman said. "What is wrong with the Sikh community forming a Legion of its own?"

Sikh lawyer T. Sher Singh responded that Sikhs do not want to be segregated. "They are Canadian and believe all institutions must treat and welcome all Canadians equally," he told Venman.

The human rights citations were presented by Rochelle Wilner of B'nai Brith. League for Human Rights director Karen Mock promised similar commendations for any Legion branch in the country that championed human rights.

After the presentation, Syd Sears of the Wingate Branch told reporters he thought the headgear issue had been "blown out of proportion to what it should be." He did not clarify his statements.

Cases to be appealed

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The cases of from 50 to 100 Russian Jewish families facing deportation will be appealed on the grounds that they face persecution or infringement of their human rights. Their cases will go before a new review unit set up by Sergio Marchi, minister of Employment and Immigration.

"We are hoping there will be a favorable decision for some, particularly in view of the unsettled conditions in republics of the former Soviet Union," said Perry Romberg, executive director, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS).

A favorable result cannot be expected in all cases, Romberg said, because some were rejected before the Feb. 1, 1993 date announced by the minister as eligible for the new review.

The move to broaden and relax the regulations under which failed refugee claimants can be considered for landed immigrant status was hailed as a progressive step by Romberg. At least 15 to 20 of the cases being put forward by JIAS have a good chance of having their deportation orders reversed, he said.

The new unit was set up by Marchi after he commissioned a report by Susan Davis, national director of JIAS, and Lorne Waldman, a Toronto immigration lawyer. The report blasted the present system of reviewing deportation appeals as lacking compassion and humanity, and being too "narrow" in scope, permitting only five per cent to be successful.

The cases to be reviewed must be presented by August 1, Romberg said. "After that, we'll have a better idea of what chances our families have of being allowed to stay."

The opportunity to present evidence of continuing anti-Semitism in the former Soviet Union, of dislocations as a result of the new market economy, and of oppression against minority groups is very important, the JIAS director said.

"Law and order is not a feature of the new Russian republics," he said.

Despite an increase in the number of Soviet Jews refused refugee status in the past year, there is still a significant number of Soviet Jews being admitted to Canada under a point system of skills, who do not have to qualify as refugees. A total of 2,500 Russian Jews were admitted to Canada last year, 1,500 of them coming to Toronto.

"The challenge for JIAS is to open up employment opportunities for these immigrants in smaller centres in Canada," Romberg said.

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'Soviet' emigration still major theme among fundraisers

Rescue and settlement

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Although the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) in the United States has declared a close to its Operation Exodus campaign — the four-year drive to raise money for the settlement and integration in Israel of Jews from the former Soviet Union — Canadian fundraisers caution that Operation Exodus is over in name only.

Contributors to UJA, Combined Jewish Appeal and United Israel Appeal campaigns in Canada are still being asked to boost their donations to reflect the growing needs of immigrants to Israel and those still not ready to emigrate, Canadian officials say.

If anything, the number of immigrants from the former U.S.S.R. has increased dramatically since Operation Exodus kicked off in early 1990 with, in retrospect, tepid projections on immigration.

Four years ago, Israel was predicting an influx of roughly 5,000 immigrants per month from the Soviet Union.

Operation Exodus was conceived of as a three-year campaign to raise $420 million (U.S.) for the 200,000 Jews expected during that period.

But as the newcomers poured in — some 185,000 arrived in the first year alone — Exodus's goal was doubled.

Doubled too were the projections on the number of immigrants. An average 9,000 have arrived per month. Last week, Israel marked the arrival of the 500,000th immigrant from the former Soviet Union since the gates opened in 1989.

In all, Operation Exodus raised about $900 million worldwide, short of its revised $1 billion goal.

A total of $95 million came from Canada, with Toronto raising $50 million, Montreal $30 million and the rest of the country tallying $15 million.

Toronto's total meant its Jewish community was number one in the world in per capita donations from large Jewish centres.

Meantime, the immigration rate has tumbled to a current 60,000 a year — the same figure that was used to launch Exodus with so much fanfare over four years ago.

But money for Exodus continues to arrive at UJA and other campaigns as donors pay off their three-year pledges.

According to Mark Gryfe, director of UJA in Toronto, Jewish immigration from the former Soviet Union remains a central theme, and UJA from now on will fold its Operation Exodus themes of rescue and settlement into its regular campaign.

He said there's much work to do, namely, in helping Israel fund its 31 offices and 71 shlichim (emissaries) now scattered throughout the former U.S.S.R., teaching Hebrew, Zionism and running programs.

An estimated one-million Jews in Russia and the republics still hold invitations from Israel, and many could leave as the situation in their homelands deteriorate, Gryfe said.

The goal now, said Steve Ain, national director of United Israel Appeal of Canada, is to "incorporate the idea of Operation Exodus into our regular campaigns."

— With files from JTA

Here's a novel twist: UJA solicits Shimon Peres

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — In an example of the traditional Israel-Diaspora relationship being turned on its head, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres was solicited for a contribution when he concluded addressing the United Jewish Appeal here late last month.

UJA executive vice-president Brian Lurie made a quiet pitch for no less than $10 million (U.S.), to be allocated by the Israeli government to help send 50,000 American Jewish teenagers to Israel each summer.

The $10 million would constitute a third of a $30 million "megafund," Lurie said in his opening address to the United States' UJA National Campaign Conference, held here in late May.

The other partners of this nascent fund would be the Jewish Agency for Israel — the major recipient of UJA funds in Israel — and Diaspora Jewry.

In launching the idea of a $30 million fund, the UJA is upping the ante in its effort to make a trip to Israel a universal rite of passage for every North American Jewish teenager.

"This would be like a beacon, a galvanizing force to bring this Jewish continuity issue to the fore," said Lurie.

At the same time, it reflects an era when UJA leaders feel that the relationship between American and Israeli Jews has moved from one of donors and recipients to one of partnership. And in that case, the question is shifting from what American Jews can do for Israel to that of what Israel can do for American Jews.

"Fifty years ago, Israel needed us. Today, we need Israel," said Richard Pearlstone, UJA's new national chair in the United States.

Currently, the UJA is in the middle of a three-year, $750,000 commitment, together with the Charles R. Bronfman Foundation and other Jewish organizations, to promote local pilot programs encouraging Israel trips for American Jewish youth.

Lurie and other leaders of the national program are excited by the several million-dollar gifts received to sponsor events promoting travel to Israel by teenagers and to provide trip subsidies.

"It's an opportunity for givers interested in the youth arena," Peter Gefen, director of the CRB Foundation's Israel Experience program, said at the UJA conference.

Lurie said that discussions of the $30 million fund are only at a preliminary stage. While the Jewish Agency share represents UJA money, the Diaspora share might come from other earmarked philanthropic gifts.

Lurie described it as a "renewable" fund. Whether it would be designed to last one year or five is something not yet decided.

Lurie has already had several discussions with Israeli leaders about the fund. His brief conversation with Peres at the campaign conference was only a reminder, he noted.

The proposal has also been raised with Israel's ministries of tourism and finance, as well as with the Prime Minister's office, according to Menachem Revivi, head of the Joint Israel Office of the UJA, Council of Jewish Federations and the United Israel Appeal.

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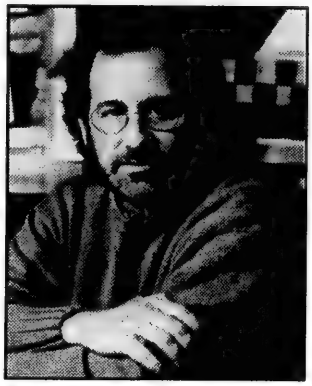

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Israeli and Palestinian policemen, as well as Israeli border guards, gather outisde the Sholom Al Yisrael Synagogue in Jericho. [IPPA photo]

Israelis not welcome in Jericho

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERICHO — For an Israeli travelling to Jericho these days, two things are clear: One is that Israelis are not welcome. The other is that the Israel Defence Force still exercises ultimate control over the area.

On the way to Jericho, our car was stopped twice at army checkpoints — both times by Israeli soldiers. Jericho's Palestinian police, stationed at a checkpoint one kilometre beyond the Israeli one, didn't even look at the car as we drove past them into the city.

Palestinian police are not allowed to stop vehicles with Israeli licence plates, according to the Cairo agreement. And so, one Israeli car after another whizzes past the Palestinian police.

The Israeli driver ahead of us was forced to turn back. Not by Palestinian police, but by an Israeli soldier at the IDF checkpoint.

"He wanted to visit the city," explained the soldier. "Israelis are no longer allowed to do that."

Indeed the rules — issued by the army 10 days after self-rule went into effect — are unambiguous. "It is forbidden to visit Jericho," says the Hebrew-language leaflet of instructions distributed at the IDF checkpoint.

Israelis are allowed into Jericho for one purpose alone: to pass through the city on their way to other destinations. This is still the quickest route from Jerusalem to Tiberias. Although a road bypassing Jericho has been opened, it is a precarious dirt road (until now used by army jeeps) and it lengthens the journey considerably.

Israelis may drive through Jericho, but cannot stop within the city or veer off Route 90, the main road. It is the IDF soldier who informs the driver of the rules; remember, the Palestinian police are not allowed to stop Israeli-licensed cars.

On the other hand, the Israeli soliders may — and do — stop every vehicle. They can question the driver and search the car for arms. The army can still close off the entire city as it did recently, after Palestinian police violated the rules of the agreement by detaining several Israelis.

Although the Israeli and Palestinian flags flutter side by side at the checkpoint, the spirit of coexistence is not much in evidence here.

"We don't have anything to do with them," said an Israeli soldier at the checkpoint. "They're terrorists." The other soldiers nodded in agreement.

The Palestinian police are equally unenthusiastic about the new arrangement. "We don't want the Israeli soldiers here, but we had no choice," said one.

IDF has own snackbars

The IDF does not allow its soldiers to eat in Jericho or wander around the city. They have their own snackbars just outside the autonomous area. One of them is run by an Israeli, the other by an Arab collaborator, according to the soldiers. "He brings us free drinks, and we look out for him," says one.

A few hundred metres down the road, the Palestinian police congregate in their own snackbar-cafe. With their Kalashnikov rifles and Palestinian decorated uniforms, they are still the object of curiosity and pride among local Jericho residents who come by to take a look or exchange a few words.

The only form of cooperation between the two sides is the one written into the agreement: the joint Israeli-Palestinian patrol. A pair of police vehicles, one Israeli, the other Palestinian, each bearing a neutral orange flag and licence plate, jointly patrol the city. If an Israeli-driven car veers off the main road or violates any other rule, the joint patrol may stop him. But only the Israeli members of the patrol may approach an Israeli driver.

At the ancient synagogue in Jericho, Jewish settlers continue to study in the newly-established yeshivah. A few weeks ago the Palestinian police chief declared they would no longer be permitted to carry guns. But most of the settlers gathered in the building recently were armed. Moreover, there were two Jewish armed guards outside the door.

A Palestinian guard is stationed at the main gate. The only control he seems to exercise is in deciding who will be allowed in to see the 1,400-year-old mosaic floor of the synagogue (which is behind a locked door in the basement of the building).

This is the only part of Jericho where an Israeli presence is felt. Everywhere else, the city, once a sleepy backwater town, is now revelling in its new role as the hub of Palestinian nationalism. Palestinian flags abound. The red, green and black colors are everywhere; even vans are spray-painted with the national colors. Equally ubiquitous is the face of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat. It greets you at every corner — on the walls of buildings, in the windows of stores, on posters, calendars and T-shirts.

Once — before the intifadah — Israelis used to visit this town frequently to have a lazy lunch under the palm trees and buy a few odds and ends. Today, it is clear they are not welcome. All Hebrew road signs have been blotted out.

Business is not great, admit the vendors and restaurant owners. Nevertheless Israeli business is not welcome — for the time being.

"We'd rather not have any Israelis here right now," said Samir, owner of a small clothing shop in the centre of town. "It's too early. We need time to get over the wounds, time to get over our pain. Maybe in the future."

יידיש ווינקל
YIDDISH CORNER

טעטיקייטן לטובת יידיש אין ישראל

יידיש אין מיטן נגב - ירוחם, אַ קליינע שטאָט, עטלעכע און פֿערציק קילאָמעטער פֿון באר-שבע, מיט אַרום 8 טויזנט איינוואוינער, האָט אויך אַ יידיש-קלוב. יידן, מיט אַ געפֿיל פֿאַר יידיש, האָבן זיך אָרגאַניזירט און אויסגעפּועלט ביי דער שטאָט-פֿאַרוואַלטונג אַ פּאַסיק אָרט, וואו זיך צונויפֿצוקומען און פֿירן אַ טעטיקייט, ווי: אַ ליינען-קרייז, פֿאַרשטעלן יידישע פֿילמען, לעקציעס און אַנדערע קולטור-אונטערנעמונגען.

די יידישע קולטור-געזעלשאַפֿט אין באר-שבע העלפֿט דעם קלוב רעגולער מיט פֿילמען און אַנדערע מאַטעריאַלן. די פֿאָרזיצערין פֿון קלוב, אסתר שוואַרץ, האָט דערקלערט: „מיר האָפֿן, אַז דער יידישער ליטעראַטן-און זשורנאַליסטן-פֿאַראיין וועט אויך צושיקן לעקטאָרן מיט לעקציעס פֿאַרן וויטסטן יידישן קלוב אין נגב".

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סעמינאַר פֿאַר אַקטיוויסטן פֿון המשך-דור - אַראַנזשירט דורכן „קרן יוספטל", זיינען דורכגעפֿירט געוואָרן פֿאַר אַקטיוויסטן אויפֿן געביט פֿון יידיש פֿיר צוזאַמענקונפֿטן. ביי דער אָנוועזנהייט פֿון עטלעכע און צוואַנציק טוערס פֿון גאַנצן לאַנד, וואָס האָבן מיט זיך פֿאַרגעשטעלט די בעסטע כוחות, וואָס זיינען אַקטיוו אויפֿן דאָזיקן געביט, און אַרומגענומען פֿאַרטראַגן און דיסקוסיעס וועגן שול-וועזן, זשורנאַליסטיק, אַלגעמיינע קולטור-טעטיקייט, קונסט און די מערכה פֿון די יידיש-קלובן צו דערגרייכן אַ מער אָנערקענטן פּלאַץ אין דער ישראל-געזעלשאַפֿט, כדי צו דערגרייכן צו ברייטערע קרייזן פֿון יונגן דור, וואָס קען זיך אינטערעסירן און פֿילן אָנגעהעריקייט צו יידיש און איר קולטור.

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ירושלים - אין דער ירושלימער קולטור-געזעלשאַפֿט איז, אונטער דעם פֿאָרזיץ פֿון מרדכי דוניץ, דורכגעפֿירט געוואָרן אַ ליטעראַרישער אָוונט, געווידמעט דאָס דערשיינען פֿון חביבה שלו-באַרדאַך'ס בוך **„צוריק צום שטאָם"**. חביבה איז אַ סאַברע, געבוירן אין ראשון-לציון.

דעם 28-סטן פֿעברואַר איז פֿאָרגעקומען אַ באַגעגעניש מיטן פּראָמינענטן שרייבער פֿונעם געוועזענעם ראַטן-פֿאַרבאַנד, גריגאָרי קאַנאָוויטש. אין זיין אינהאַלטרייכער רעדע האָט קאַנאָוויטש דערציילט, אַז אין ליטע לעבן היינט צו טאָג 5,300 יידן. די צאָל איז קלענער פֿון דער אַמאָליקער צאָל יידן אין זיין שטעטל יאַנאָווע.

אַ דעלעגאַציע פֿון דער קולטור-געזעלשאַפֿט האָט אין טאָג פֿון דער שואה און גבורה, דעם 6-טן אַפּריל, אין נאָמען פֿון אַלע יידיש-קולטור-קלובן אין לאַנד, געלייגט אַ קראַנץ צופֿוסנס פֿונעם געטאָ-דענקמאָל אין יד ושם, לזכר דעם אויפֿשטאַנד אין וואַרשע. פֿון די אַלע קרענץ איז דאָס געווען דער איינציקער מיט אַ יידישער אויפֿשריפֿט.

דעם 7-טן אַפּריל איז פֿאָרגעקומען אַ געטאָ-אַקאַדעמיע אין קלוב. דער פֿאָרזיצער פֿון קלוב, מרדכי דוניץ, האָט גערעדט וועגן די יאָרן פֿון אומקום און גבורה, באַזונדערס וועגן העלדישן אויפֿשטאַנד אין וואַרשעווער געטאָ.

די שילערינס פֿון דער מיטלשול „תיכון פלך", האָבן אין יידיש פֿאָרגעשטעלט פֿראַגמענטן פֿון יידישן לעבן אין פֿאַר'מלחמה'דיקן קאַלושין. אַלתר פּייטעלסאָן, מחבר פֿון בוך **„אין שטורעם און געראַנגל"**, אַ געטאָ-קעמפֿער אין קאָוונע, האָט דערציילט עפּיזאָדן פֿונעם טרויעריקן באַרימטן 9-טן פֿאָרט.

די ירושלימער יידישע קולטור-געזעלשאַפֿט האָט דורכגעפֿירט אַן אָוונט צום 135-סטן געבוירנטאָג פֿונעם גרויסן יידישן שרייבער שלום-עליכם. אויף דעם אָוונט איז מיט אַ זייער אינטערעסאַנטן רעפֿעראַט אַרויסגעטראָטן פּראָפֿ. פּנחס ערליך, שרייבער, ליטעראַטור-קריטיקער און פֿאָרזיצער פֿון דער יידישער קולטור-געזעלשאַפֿט אין רחובות.

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רחובות - דער יידיש-קלוב אין רחובות, געגרינדעט מיט 15 יאָר צוריק, האָט פֿולשטענדיק באַרעכטיקט זיין עקזיסטענץ. די גרופּע טיכטיקע עסקנים און די אויסגעברייטערטע פֿאַרוואַלטונג פֿירן פֿאַרצווייגטע קולטור-טעטיקייטן.

נאָך אַ פֿאַרשטענדיקונג מיט אַ צאָל שול-דירעקטאָרן, זיינען געעפֿנט געוואָרן יידיש-קלאַסן אין אייניקע שולן. די מוניציפּאַליטעט פֿון רחובות האָט געשטיצט מיט אַ ברייטער האַנט דעם יידיש-קלוב. אויך די הסתדרות האָט טיילווייז געשטיצט.

מיטן איבערציען זיך אין אַ נייעם לאָקאַל, אין צענטער פֿון שטאָט, אַ ווערטפֿולע מתנה פֿון שטאָט-ראָט, האָט די טעטיקייט פֿון קלוב נאָך מער זיך פֿאַרברייטערט: ס'זיינען צוגעקומען מיטגלידער, איבערהויפּט נייע עולים. איצט האָט מען געעפֿנט אַ קורס פֿון יידישער געשיכטע און אַ קורס פֿאַר יידיש-לימוד.

די ביבליאָטעק פֿאַרמאָגט איבער פֿיר טויזנט יידישע ביכער און האָט צוגעקראָגן נייע לייענער.

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Nadel — needle; Faden — thread; Fingerhut — thimble; Sher — shear and Biegel and Schereisen — pressing iron.

JNF maintains mission as dollars decrease

Organization's leaders meet

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Worldwide contributions to the Jewish National Fund (JNF) are not keeping up with the agency's work, Moshe Rivlin, world chairman of JNF's board of directors, warned the organization's leaders here earlier this month.

The JNF is constantly refining its mission to remain relevant and to meet Israel's changing needs, but must do so with reduced donations, Rivlin said in an impassioned address to roughly 150 delegates who gathered in Jerusalem for the World Conference of JNF Leaders.

Among them were Alan Posluns, immediate past president of JNF Canada; his wife, Sandy Posluns, a vice-president of JNF Toronto; Sid Halpern of Winnipeg, JNF Canada's incoming national president; and Avner Regev, the newly-appointed national executive vice-president of JNF Canada.

While JNF's budget for land reclamation and development has doubled in the past three years, from $64 million (U.S.) to nearly $130 million, donations dropped 11 per cent from 1992 to 1993, Rivlin noted.

While "more people are realizing that Keren Kayemeth (Hebrew for JNF) is not just [planting] trees," that realization is not being translated into donations," Rivlin added.

The drop is, in part, a reflection of profound changes in the world Jewish community, he said. The new generation of leadership increasingly views the State of Israel as "a natural existing fact and not as a miracle of the Jewish people."

This new leadership has turned increasingly inward to invest in Jewish education, he said.

The younger generation "doesn't understand what Israel means" in terms of "Jewish responsibility and security for every Jew in each community. And then people say they're concerned about Jewish continuity?"

Rivlin said Jewish education is important but should not come at the expense of Israel.

"I don't believe in education (on) Jewish continuity unless the country of the Bible and the language of the Bible is a central element of that education," he said.

Delegates to the JNF conference were occupied this year as much by questions of Jewish identity and Israel-Diaspora partnership as by the finances and achievements of the agency, which has an annual budget this year of roughly $172 million. About 22 per cent of the budget comes from worldwide contributions.

Yehiel Leket, acting chair of the Jewish Agency-World Zionist Organization, said one of JNF's biggest responsibilities is to increase its investment in education and help in the "identification with Judaism through Israel."

Education allocation

The current education allocation from the JNF's central budget is $8.7 million, up from roughly $6 million in 1992.

Whoever says Israel does not need money from world Jewry is "absolutely detached from reality," Leket said.

He said if JNF did not invest in ecology, the Israeli government would have to spend the money, taking funds away from the 600,000 Israelis who live below the poverty line.

Rivlin told delegates that JNF has not abandoned its original commitment to afforestation and land reclamation for rural settlement and agriculture.

But it has in the last few years also invested in preparing housing sites and infrastructure for the recent immigrant wave, cleaning polluted rivers, developing tourism and building reservoirs to cope with Israel's chronic water shortage, he pointed out.

And it will work with the government in its efforts to solve the problem of affordable housing in the centre of the country, Rivlin pledged.

Meanwhile, JNF is raising its international profile, delegates learned. It will host a conference on June 19 of the International Arid Lands Consortium.

More than a dozen countries will be represented at the conference, including Egypt, Kenya, Ethiopia, China and India.

Goren wants Arafat dead

Jewish Telegraphic Agency and Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Israel's former Ashkenazi chief rabbi Shlomo Goren last week issued a halachic ruling effectively condemning PLO leader Yasser Arafat to death.

"There is no doubt that Yasser Arafat deserves death according to Jewish and international law," Rabbi Goren said.

To support the ruling, he cited remarks Arafat made during a recent speech at a Johannesburg mosque calling for a jihad, or holy war, to "liberate" Jerusalem.

Rabbi Shlomo Goren

"As long as he (Arafat) declares jihad against the Jews and works to wrest Jerusalem from our hands, his status is like one who pursues in order to kill, and every Jew is commanded to kill him because of the verse 'don't stand idly by the blood of your neighbor.' "

Rabbi Goren's ruling was contained in an open letter signed by the Committee of Rabbis of Judea and Samaria.

International law, he said, finds no difference between a man who murders with his own hands and one who heads a terrorist organization that kills people.

He also addressed the question of whether Arafat must first be put on trial or whether his life may be taken by anyone who has the opportunity to do so.

For Rabbi Goren, the answer is clearly indicated in Jewish sources. He described Arafat as a "rodef" — one who pursues or persecutes — because of his call for a jihad.

Rabbi Goren called Arafat an outlaw and added that every Jew is "commanded to kill him" without the need for a trial.

Commenting on Arafat's upcoming visit to the autonomous Jericho district, at which time he also plans to come to Jerusalem, Rabbi Goren wrote: "Every means possible must be used to prevent the master murderer from stepping upon the soil of the sacred Land of Israel. He must be prevented from sullying Jerusalem and the Temple Mount."

The rabbi added: "There is no doubt that it was forbidden for the government of Israel to sign a peace agreement with the head of the murderous organization when it is clear he has not changed his way of murder and terror, and has not canceled the murderous organization's covenant calling for the destruction of the State of Israel."

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid said Rabbi Goren is "acting crazy.

"There is no need to react seriously to his comments because his status today does not obligate one to take him seriously. So what if he said this? Many people are saying crazy things lately, this is just another example."

Earlier this year Rabbi Goren called on Israeli soldiers to disobey orders to evacuate Jewish settlements, and that observant Jews should not heed laws passed by the Knesset if they were not passed by a majority of Jewish MKs.

The rabbi was later the subject of a criminal investigation by police, but the probe was soon dropped.

In the past few weeks, a number of public figures have come out in favor of Arafat's assassination, including National Religious Party MK Hanan Porat, Jerusalem city councilman Shmuel Meir and the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

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World

Ethiopia wants end to Israel-bound exodus

Jewish Telegraphic Agency and Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — The Ethiopian government has signaled to Israel in recent days that it is no longer receptive to the systematic immigration to Israel of the Falash Mora — Christians claiming to be descendants of Ethiopian Jews.

Ethiopia has warned that Israel must stop the stream of would-be emigrants to the capital of Addis Ababa.

Hundreds of Falash Mora have immigrated to Israel over the past several months.

But recently, the Ethiopian police chief told Israel's ambassador to the country, Ori Noy, that the Falash Mora claim of Jewish lineage is a "fabrication."

Chief Hassan Shifra reportedly threatened to intervene in the situation any way his country sees fit if Israel did not take action.

The chief reportedly said that all citizens in the northern region of Ethiopia — including himself — could be considered Falash Mora according to the Israeli definition.

Israeli officials say the Ethiopian government is worried about the chaos and dislocation created by the steady migration of residents from the north into squalid shanty towns around Addis Ababa, from where they hope to depart for Israel.

The Ethiopian stance pits Israel's Foreign Ministry, which is apparently eager to appease the Ethiopian government, against the Absorption Ministry, which has been seeking to increase the flow of Falash Mora into Israel from the current 80 per month to 200.

Proof of Jewishness required

One Foreign Ministry official said recently that those who were closely involved with Operation Solomon — the massive airlift of some 14,000 Ethiopian Jews in 1991 — uniformly agree with the Ethiopian government.

They believe that the Falash Mora claims of Jewish heritage and their claim of belonging in Israel are "baseless."

Current Israeli policy permits the immigration of Falash Mora in humanitarian and family reunification cases.

It also permits them entry under the Law of Return if they provide proof of their Jewishness in the form of a certificate by a kes — an Ethiopian Jewish spiritual leader.

The Ethiopians do not object to the emigration on an individual basis, said an Absorption Ministry spokesman.

The Ethiopian government does not recognize the Falash Mora as a legitimate ethnic group, in part because it doesn't want a massive internal migration, he said.

Meanwhile, Absorption Minister Yair Tsaban has called for increased "sensitivity" on the position of the Ethiopian government, and has said he aims to lower the profile of the issue.

At the same time, the Absorption Ministry has been trying to put out the fires over recent news reports of a budding industry in Addis Ababa in conversion certificates forged by kessim.

The alleged problem was apparently leaked to the news media by the Foreign Ministry.

Tsaban issued a statement strongly criticizing what he called the distortions and generalizations about the Ethiopian spiritual leaders.

He added that the publicity generated by the issue damages relations between Israel and Ethiopia and can hurt the process of bringing the Falash Mora to Israel under current guidelines, he said.

Moshe Shaked with Tali and Yona, two of the many Ethiopian children he was responsible for flying to Israel during the Operation Solomon rescue mission three years ago. [Israel photo]

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Aliyah from CIS reaches half million

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The Jewish Agency for Israel last week marked the arrival of the 500,000th immigrant from the former Soviet Union since the wave of immigration began in 1989.

In a small ceremony at the Agency, the massive influx was hailed as historic and as changing the face of Israel and the Jewish people.

Speakers touched only obliquely on some of the problems the immigrants face in the course of their absorption — a topic much on the minds of some immigrant advocates, who claim the government has failed to make absorption a high enough priority.

As a result, immigration advocates claim, the government has been unable to attract hundreds of thousands of additional Jews who remain in the former Soviet Union.

Because the various Israeli agencies responsible for immigration and absorption use different methods to calculate the flow of immigrants, it was impossible to determine with certainty who the half-millionth immigrant was.

Instead, a group of newcomers who arrived on the last plane in May was invited to symbolize the milestone.

According to a recent report by the Central Bureau of Statistics, these recent arrivals from the former Soviet Union now constitute 10 per cent of Israel's population.

The report also broke down the Russian immigrant community by profession: 57,000 were registered upon arrival in Israel as engineers; more than 12,000 as doctors and dentists; 12,000 as artists, composers, writers and journalists; and an additional 12,000 as nurses and workers in other medical-related fields.

More than 50 per cent were over the age of 15 at the time of arrival, and approximately 200,000 said they had at least 13 years of education, according to the report.

Yehiel Leket, acting chair of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization, opened last Monday's gathering by citing the "tremendous and meaningful contribution" to Israel made by the influx of highly educated immigrants, despite problems some encountered while adjusting to life in Israel.

By boosting the number of Jews in Israel, it will help Israel soon to become the largest Jewish community in the world, he said.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat called the aliyah "one of the most historic events" in Israel's history and the result of years of hard work.

In spite of the fact that not all the immigrants are working in their original professions, by most standards, the absorption has been successful, Shohat said.

At the same time, he conceded that the relatively low numbers of recent immigrants from the former Soviet Union are cause for concern.

Projections for immigration from Russia and other former Soviet states for this year stand at 60,000, down slightly from last year, and sharply down from the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Uri Gordon, head of immigration and absorption at the Jewish Agency, called for more public recognition of the achievements of the immigrants.

About three weeks ago, Gordon gave a briefing to Israel's cabinet on the dropping numbers of immigrants from the former Soviet Union and the need to improve absorption.

He said he knows "there are a lot of problems and a lot of pain" among the immigrants, but that he's confident the picture will improve "because we are very serious about absorption as part of our responsibility as a Jewish state."

At the same time, "the Jews in Russia are not rushing to come out," but have adopted a wait-and-see attitude, in part because they know the gates of Israel will remain open to them.

Nonetheless, "We have to continue to push to bring another half-million."

For his part, Natan Sharansky, the most celebrated advocate for the immigrants here, found the ceremony "meaningless," supposedly because it did not reflect the struggle to make absorption a higher government priority.

"I think everybody has ambivalent feelings," he said. "The real question is whether the half-a-million came because of the [government] efforts or in spite of the lack of efforts."

The News in Brief

Peres Under Fire Over Documents

JERUSALEM — Foreign Minister Shimon Peres last week defended the government's claim that it had published all documents relating to the agreements with the PLO, and said the dispute over an unpublished letter on the protection of Palestinian institutions in Jerusalem was a "matter of interpretation."

Likud MK Benjamin Begin continued the controversy, accusing Peres of deleting a paragraph in the version of the published letter.

Peres rejected Begin's accusations, saying the letter had been published in its entirety, as it had been sent to Norway's late foreign minister.

Peres said the letter had been sent long before the signing of the Cairo agreement and that the undertakings it contained had been included in a speech he had made to the Knesset the previous month.

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Extend Autonomy, Peres Says

JERUSALEM — Foreign Minister Shimon Peres warned last week that the intifadah will resume unless the government agrees to extend autonomy to the rest of the West Bank in stage two of the PLO self-rule agreement.

During a Labor faction meeting, Peres clashed with several MKs over whether to proceed with stage two of autonomy, as set out in the Declaration of Principles.

The faction agreed to meet next week to discuss the issue at length.

"It is better to apply some of the autonomy in [all of] the territory than all of the autonomy on some of the territory," a faction spokesman who attended the closed meeting quoted Peres as telling MKs.

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Labor Launches New Group

JERUSALEM — Labor Party hard-liners launched a new group last week that would limit the amount of land Israel cedes to its Arab neighbors as part of any peace package.

The group, calling itself The Third Way, held its founding congress here last Sunday, the 27th anniversary of the start of the 1967 Six-Day War.

The group seeks to provide an alternative both to dovish elements favoring a return of all or most of the land captured in the 1967 war, and to hawkish leaders who vow not to return one inch of land to Arabs.

The new group, which attracted some 1,000 people to its opening session, supports the peace process and is ready for territorial compromise.

But it stresses that Israel must retain control of the Golan Heights and the territory in the Jordan Valley north of Jericho.

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Hamas to Enter Politics?

JERUSALEM — For the first time since the signing of the Israel-PLO agreement, Hamas leaders are openly saying they are considering entering the political process.

Sheikh Jamil Hammameh, a Muslim leader with links to Hamas, said the organization is examining all options and will soon determine which political strategy will serve its interest best.

In Jordan last week, Hamas spokesman Ibrahim Ghoshe was more specific, saying Hamas may form a political opposition party.

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Arafat Delays Trip to Jericho

TEL AVIV — PLO leader Yasser Arafat's scheduled ceremonial arrival in the West Bank town of Jericho may not take place until the end of June or the beginning of July acccording to PLO officials. He had been scheduled to arrive last Sunday.

Arafat reportedly ordered the closing of all PLO offices in Tunis by June 15, but there have been no signs that the offices were actually closing.of this happening.

Israeli officials meanwhile are arranging to call up the maximum number of forces in preparation for Arafat's arrival, which has met with calls for protests from political, religious and settler groups.

Announcements that Arafat intends to visit Jerusalem to attend prayers at the Mosque of Omar on the Temple Mount have led to threats of massive demonstrations.

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Pollard a 'Traitor': Aspin

JERUSALEM — Former U.S. Defence Secretary Les Aspin last week called Jonathan Pollard "a traitor to his country," and who spied for Israel solely for money.

Appearing at Hebrew University, Aspin said: "I think Jonathan Pollard was a traitor to his country. I think he deserved the sentence that he got. He didn't do it for Israel. He did it solely for cash. He later made up the notion that he did it for Israel. He is not a hero."

Aspin, who left office this year, recommended that Pollard serve his full life sentence, claiming he had passed on classified information from his jail cell.

Pollard was convicted of spying for Israel in 1987 and has spent most of his imprisonment in solitary confinment. U.S. President Bill Clinton denied Pollard commutation of his sentence this past spring.

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German-Jewish Centre Opens

POTSDAM — Described by the leader of the Jewish community in Germany as a "milestone" in the field of Jewish education in Germany, the Moses Mendelssohn centre for Jewish Studies officially opened June 1 in this eastern German city.

Speaking at the opening ceremonies for the new centre, Ignatz Bubis, head of Germany's Jewish community, said that in light of continuing xenophobia and anti-Semitism in Germany, it was important to promote the cultural contributions of Jews.

The director of the new centre, Julius Schoeps, said the institute would help promote democracy in eastern Germany.

The centre is housed in a building that was used by the Russian KGB in the days before German reunification.

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Israel Blamed For Vote Result

BUDAPEST — Hungarian political extremist Istvan Csurka, known for his frequent anti-Semitic diatribes, has blamed Israel for the Socialist victory in last month's national elections here.

"Israel directed the results of the Hungarian elections by remote control," Csurka wrote in the newspaper *Magyar Forum*.

Csurka's right-wing Hungarian Justice Party received only one per cent of the vote in the first round of balloting and was thus unable to win re-election to his Parliament seat.

Hungary's voters handed a stunning victory to the Socialists, which was created by the reform wing of the former Communist Party, in the May 29 elections. They soundly defeated the ruling right-of-centre Hungarian Democratic Forum, to which Csurka formerly belonged.

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Newspaper Marks 2nd Anniversary

MOSCOW — A newspaper known for its anti-Semitic content recently celebrated its second anniversary with an appearance by one of the leaders of last year's violent power struggle against President Boris Yeltsin.

Ruslan Khasbulatov, the former speaker of the Russian Parliament, offered his congratulations to the *Al-Kods* newspaper at a Moscow event attended by about 1,000 people.

It was Khasbulatov's first public appearance since he was released from jail in February as the result of an amnesty granted by the Russian parliament.

He had been in jail for his dominant role in last October's bitter fight for control of the government, which culminated in Russian tanks firing on the parliament building.

Al-Kods, which is Arabic for Jerusalem, is published by Shaaban Khafez Shaaban, a Palestinian, and is renowned as one of the most anti-Semitic publications in Russia.

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Nazi Found in Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — Costa Rica's Jewish community has located a Nazi war criminal who has been living freely here since fleeing the United States 10 years ago.

Bohdan Koziy, a Ukrainian police official during World War II who was found to have shot and killed a 4-year-old Jewish girl at point-blank range, has been living in a suburb of San Jose, the capital, only minutes from the city's Jewish community centre.

Koziy, 72, escaped to Costa Rica from the United States in June 1984 after the U.S. Justice Department obtained a court order to deport him to the Soviet Union.

He had been stripped of his American citizenship in 1982 after a trial in Florida in which eyewitness testimony described his murdering a Jewish family in Ukraine, including the 4-year-old girl.

Koziy was also charged with killing Jews in the Ukrainian town of Stanislau and with lying about his wartime past when he applied for a visa in 1949 and for U.S. citizenship in 1956.

The World Jewish Congress here said it was launching a global campaign to expel Koziy from Costa Rica.

"Jewish communities in 80 countries around the world will call on the Costa Rican ambassadors in their capitals to demand an end to this intolerable situation," the WJC said in a statement.

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Rabbinical Reflections

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

In this week's sidrah we are taught the laws of the classic statute, the parah adumah (the red cow). It was about these laws that the wisest of all men, King Solomon, declared: "I said I could be wise enough to understand it, but it is far removed from me."

The commentaries point out that since our sidrah begins with the words, "zos chukas haTorah" (this is the statute of the Torah), and not "zos chukas haparah" (this is the statute of the red cow), it is evident that the idea of the statute applies to the entire Torah. Certainly there are mitzvot which seem more logical than others, and the reason for obeying them is within the realm of our understanding. But the fact that we see mitzvot which apparently have no rational reasoning for their observance (their purpose only understood in relation to the Divine wisdom of the Almighty), reflects that in every mitzvah of the Torah there is an element beyond human comprehension.

Rashi comments on the first verse: "Because the Soton (Satan) and the other nations of the world taunt Israel saying, 'What is this command, and what reason is there for it?' Therefore the Torah writes the word chukah, a statute. It is a decree from Me; you have no right to criticize or question it."

One of the more widely known statutes is that of kashrut, the entire gamut of the dietary laws, not only keeping a kosher home but maintaining at all times and in all places a kosher stomach.

It is beyond the scope of this limited space to review the subject of kashrut. Great philosophers and commentaries have expounded on this topic. But one thing must be noted. As Rabbi Jacob Cohn states: "It is beyond any possibility of a doubt that this law of separate diet has done more for the preservation of the identity of the Jew, and consequently for the preservation of the Torah which represents the Jewish ideal of God and life, than any other single observance which Jews practice." (*The Royal Table*, p. 33).

One may argue that perhaps the Shabbat or another mitzvah may vie for the title of Rabbi Cohn's champion mitzvah, but the point is certainly well taken — keeping kashrut goes a long way in distinguishing the observant and practicing Jew from the non-observant one.

If we had asked the average Jew a century ago (and perhaps a long time after that) if he or she kept kosher, a likely answer would have been, "Of course! I'm Jewish!" For our great-grandparents, keeping kosher was as natural as the act of eating itself.

For those who are still Torah observant, there has been no change. Certainly, due to the many kashrut organizations and the automatic services of kosher butchers, the adherence to kashrut laws has never been easier. But it is the rationale and the false reasoning attributed by the non-believers that separates us.

Many who are ignorant of Torah law and genuine Jewish philosophy, or who have grown up in non-observant homes, rationalize that the laws of kashrut are archaic and quaintly anachronistic. They have been falsely taught that kashrut is an obsolete health precaution, valid in the days before refrigeration but no longer relevant. Our great teacher and prophet Moshe Rabbeinu (Moses) was presumably then a kind of early FDA administrator, and the prohibitions against eating meat and milk together, or consuming pork and shellfish, had to do with bacteria, trichinosis, sanitation or the like. This absurd explanation fits in well with all the other preposterous notions conjured up by those who sought to destroy Torah observances.

The Almighty Himself clearly enunciates the purpose of the laws of kashrut despite the fact it is within the realm of chok, a statute: "Do not contaminate your souls . . . so that you not be defiled . . . for I am the Lord your God, and you shall sanctify yourselves and be holy, for I am holy . . . for I am HaShem Who brought you out from the land of Egypt, to be to you as a God, and you shall be holy, for I am holy." (Leviticus 11: 43-46)

The essence of the Jewish people is its spirituality and holiness; within the body of the Jew resides a holy and eternal neshamah (soul). Each mitzvah serves as a constant reminder of this. The result of eating treif food is referred to by the sages as timtum halav, damaging the heart's ability to be fully sensitized and attuned to holiness.

Throughout Jewish history, the loyal Jew endured the pressures of persecution rather than eat non-kosher foods. To such a Jew there exists a religious force so deeply embedded in his or her soul that even the most delectable treif food becomes abominable. But this abomination is not rooted in the physical essence of the food. Rashi in fact quotes the Sifrah: "A man should not say 'I do not desire to eat the flesh of the swine. I do desire it. But what can I do, my Father in Heaven has so decreed it [that I may not eat of it].' "

How disappointing it is, therefore, to see each week in this very paper, which bears the name of and represents the voice of Canadian Jewry, pages full of advertisements of non-kosher establishments that openly advertise true tarfus. At the same time I must say in commending *The CJN* that in recent months articles of kashrut and the publicizing of kosher establishments have become much more common.

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Upon accepting the Torah at Mount Sinai, the Jewish people uttered two words that reverberate to this day in our consciousness . "nassen v'nishmah — we will observe and hearken." May we merit the privilege of reaffirming this pledge and merit the Almighty's concomitant blessings of becoming "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation;" a light unto the nations, a blessing to the world. And in the great merit of the mitzvah of kashrut observance may true peace come to klal Yisrael and the entire world. Amen!

Stopped at Hebron Tomb

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Members of the Israel Defence Force (IDF) twice last Wednesday forcibly prevented would-be Jewish worshippers from entering the Tomb of the Patriarchs in the West Bank town of Hebron.

A group of about 50 Orthodox men from Jerusalem, including some 20 Ger chassidim, arrived in Hebron on Wednesday intent on praying at the Tomb, a site sacred to Muslims as well as Jews.

Their plans called for them to pray at a wall alongside the seventh step of the staircase leading from the street into the Tomb of the Patriarchs.

But the IDF — which had declared the site a "closed military area" in the wake of the Feb. 25 Hebron massacre — prevented the group from praying at their chosen spot.

A similar attempt was made later in the day by a group of women settlers from Kiryat Arba, who also sought to pray at the Tomb of the Patriarchs.

They, too, were removed from the site, this time by female soldiers.

Front Line

Can Yitzhak Rabin deliver what he promised?

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

My last column recorded the prevailing doubts over Yasser Arafat's willingness — and ability — to play the part he committed himself to, when he signed the Declaration of Principles in Washington. Let us now look at the Israeli scene, which unlike the inscrutable Arab world, is more transparent. The flow of information and speculation here is endless, but also quite confusing.

Yitzhak Rabin did not look too enthusiastic when he had to shake Arafat's hand, but would not have come to Washington unless he was determined to test a new course for peace. Back in Israel, he successfully mobilized the support of the majority of the public for his choice. To keep the peace process alive, he made concessions to the Palestinians despite the incongruous behavior of Arafat in all the subsequent rounds of negotiations. He controlled his temper when faced by the frequent efforts of the official Opposition to weaken his government and reacted stoically even to the very vulgar and insulting provocations of the extremist right-wing fanatics.

During all these months he was criticized by many of his own supporters both for adopting a policy of benevolent tolerance vis-a-vis the initiators of incidents as long as they were Jewish, as well as for the collective punishments he inflicted on the Arabs after every act of terrorism and instigation of violence. And he was careful not to antagonize the settlers' community as a whole, although the most virulent opposition to his policy comes from their ranks, perhaps because he knows many of them had moved to the territories encouraged by the various Israeli governments, including the one presided over by him in the early '70s.

Rabin also remained committed not to dismantle any Jewish settlement in the territories during the interim autonomy period and true to the principle that even the most exposed and isolated settlements, however small, must be defended against terrorist attacks whatever the human and financial costs of this committment. This concept is also anchored in the "understandings" with the PLO. The Palestinian police, now in place in Gaza and in Jericho, is expected to assist in the prevention of such attacks.

Yeshayahu Anug

A typical example of the price of maintaining this principle is the situation in Hebron, where after the mosque massacre a handful of Jewish fanatics are still shielded from the hostile Arab population of 130,000 by a significant contingent of Israeli soldiers and security personnel. Despite all these provisions and the presence of a number of helpless international observers, bloody incidents are frequent. In the centre of the Gaza Strip are two isolated Jewish settlements guarded by troops more numerous than their inhabitants.

How long can this policy continue? Now the prime minister seems to have second thoughts. In an almost unnoticed appearance he said recently that the blood of Israeli soldiers is now being shed for no other purpose "than that to rule over another people" and expressed the hope that the IDF "will soon cease to be an army of occupation." He also directed a few unflattering remarks at some members of the Opposition who insist that a few religious students must continue their studies in a building in Jericho, "which became a yeshivah only after the peace agreement."

These were unprecedented remarks and the question arises why he, who is responsible for this policy and could change it, does not act according to what transpires from what he says. One answer may be that he regards the costs of a drastic change to be politically unbearable at home for the time being. On the other hand, the present situation exposes settlers and soldiers alike to frequent terrorist attacks. These are generally followed by Israeli repression and the cycle of violence never stops.

News from the other "peace fronts" are no less confusing. No tangible developments can be reported on the simmering Syrian-Israeli contacts and the formal talks, interrupted in February after the Hebron massacre, are still to be renewed. Moreover, the situation in the northern sector is also directly affected by the activity of Hezbollah in Lebanon. The recent massive raid against a Hezbollah training camp was militarily very impressive. But considering the close vicinity of that objective to the Syrian border, it was also an act of brinkmanship of unforeseeable consequences.

The Syrian reaction was muted and instant Hezbollah revenge was at least discouraged, reportedly due to Syrian and maybe even Iranian pressures. There are several possible speculations regarding this Syrian attitude. President Hafez al-Assad is either not ready now to risk a major military clash with Israel or maybe he used the opportunity to signal to the international community and to the Americans that his determination to seek a peaceful solution of the conflict is strong and dictates restraint even in the face of provocation. Time will tell.

Either explanation leaves the ball in Israel's court and Rabin will have to decide how to continue the play. The feeling is that a clear Syrian call for peace directed at Israel's public, even if less spectacularly staged than the one launched by the late Anwar al-Sadat in 1977, could dissipate part of the Israeli distrust in peace with Syria without the Golan. But such a gesture is not in the nature of the Syrian leader and may never come. However, a formula for a gradual arrangement with Syria is in an advanced state of gestation. Its costs for Israel are both politically and militarily higher than they are for the Syrians and so is the risk factor.

American Secretary of State Warren Christopher will probably come to the area soon with the declared purpose of encouraging the two parties to continue their efforts, which he described as "serious." Israel will have to decide what it wants to pay for an understanding with Damascus. The present status quo cannot be maintained very much longer, without the risk of a major regional deterioration. Furthermore, Syria holds the key for the peace arrangements in all other sectors. No Israeli-Palestinian accord can hold without Syrian acquiescence.

Right now Rabin's agenda is replete with a number of internal issues, on which sound decision-making is urgently required. First amongst them is the near collapse of the health system. But overburdened as he may be with this issue and many others, he'll have to make up his mind how to continue the peace process and let the nation know. As his government is already two years old, he has but one year to act; 1996 is election year both here and in the United States and hardly suitable for judicious reflection.

Yiddish language starting to return to Israel

By SHELLEY KLEIMAN
(World Zionist Press Service)

One of the casualties of Israel's struggle for independence was Yiddish, the language that nurtured the spiritual and intellectual life of Eastern European Jewry until the eve of the Holocaust. Many Zionist leaders considered Yiddish the language of the Diaspora, of the ghetto, and of right-wing orthodoxy. It was therefore a threat to the revival of Hebrew and the rebirth of the Jewish people in their ancient homeland. It was the antithesis of everything they were striving to create. Israel's first prime minister, David Ben Gurion, called it a "nerve-wracking, alien language."

Forty-six years later, in what might be considered an indication of the nation's self-assurance, there is growing interest in Yiddish. Courses are flourishing in elementary and high schools, as well as community centres and universities throughout Israel. But in an ironic turn of events, the language of instruction is now Hebrew.

"To my parents' generation, Yiddish was an embarrassment," says Nathan Cohen, a doctoral candidate and language instructor in the Department of Yiddish Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Although both his parents are Israeli-born, Cohen heard Yiddish at home from his maternal grandmother, who immigrated to Palestine from Poland in 1906. From her, he developed a passion for the language.

Cohen delights in introducing Yiddish to his students. "Most are surprised by the richness of the language," says Cohen. The secular culture — the literature, theatre, press — that flowered in Eastern Europe, he says, comes as a shock to students whose meager association with Yiddish is limited to *Fiddler on the Roof* and a few caustic remarks. To many, Yiddish is a dying language with little more than sentimental and nostalgic overtones.

Why, then, are increasing numbers of Israelis of all ages, returning to Yiddish?

"The reasons are hard to pinpoint," says Professor Chava Turniansky, acting head of the Yiddish Department. Some simply wish to fulfil a degree requirement or to facilitate research in the Holocaust and other areas of Jewish history.

But others' reasons go far deeper. The roots of the language can be traced back some 1,000 years — the earliest written document is dated in the 11th century — and for centuries Yiddish was the common denominator uniting Jews in many parts of the world.

Some recall hearing Yiddish at home, for others, Yiddishkeit simply entered their collective Jewish consciousness. "It is part of our neshamah" (soul), says Daniel Jolay, chair of Yiddish Lovers — The Second Generation, a non-profit, Israel-based organization which promotes Yiddish clubs throughout the country.

Many Yiddishists cite the search for roots during the 1960s and '70s in America as the catalyst that got things rolling. This ethnic impulse, coupled with the growing realization of all that the Holocaust had destroyed, spurred interest in Yiddish in universities and adult education programs.

The most dramatic shift in Israel can be seen in the school system. Today 3,000 pupils, from third through twelfth grade, are studying Yiddish in 52 schools — both religious and secular — throughout the country.

Integral part of school system

"Eight years ago, only three schools offered Yiddish," says Mordechai Dunetz, supervisor of Yiddish instruction at the Ministry of Education, and the man who most single-handedly effected this change. "Yiddish is now an integral part of the school system. There is even a bagrut (matriculation exam) available in Yiddish."

Yiddish is offered as an elective foreign language ("ludicrous calling it a foreign language," says Dunetz), and either parental request or a principal's own initiative brings it to a classroom of Ashkenazi and Sephardi pupils. School-age children, says Dunetz, are totally unaware of its cultural importance. "I like the way it sounds. I like the songs," offered a third grader in a Jerusalem school.

And it is primarily through song, drama and folktale that children are introduced to a world that is no more. For them Yiddish is not presented as a dead language. With the basics under their belts, pupils visit hospitals and nursing homes to converse with senior citizens in a language that almost speaks for itself.

While Yiddish remains the spoken idiom in certain ultra-Orthodox communities, and Yiddish words and phrases have become incorporated into everyday speech, it is unlikely, even unthinkable, that Yiddish will ever become the vernacular it once was. "This renewed interest in Yiddish is nothing like a renaissance.," says Turniansky. "That," she adds grimly, "would imply returning to what existed before the Holocaust."

Adult education classes and Yiddish-speaking clubs notwithstanding, the university seems the most likely bastion for preserving Yiddish. And judging by the number and size of classes in Israel, there is room for optimism.

All the major universities offer language courses in Yiddish, which many students take after completing the highly popular introductory courses in Yiddish culture, taught in Hebrew. But few students — perhaps three or four every year at Hebrew University — choose to major in Yiddish.

Bar Ilan University in Ramat Gan has a special teacher training program for elementary and high school teachers of Yiddish, and the Hebrew University has a renowned research-oriented department — the only independent Yiddish department in the world.

Latvian-born Yiddish teacher Michael Bordin's enthusiasm is infectious. In his three beginners' classes at Hebrew University, the approach is no-frills, straight grammar — one way, he says, to weed out the less serious students. Instead of producing yawns and absenteeism, a determined sense of camaraderie prevails, as students enthusiastically conjugate verbs and practise their tenses.

The class is a heterogeneous mix of young and old (one woman is a mother of seven, and grandmother of five), native Israeli and immigrant — even Jew and non-Jew. However, the majority of the students — despite media focus on a handful of Japanese and Yemenite students learning Yiddish — are Ashkenazi.

Rachel, a doctoral student of chassidic music at Hebrew University, says her degree gives her the perfect opportunity to learn Yiddish, and Leah talks of the need to translate more Yiddish literature into Hebrew. "If not, the next generation will know nothing of the Yiddish language's rich past."

Michael, a combined music and Yiddish major, immigrated to Israel from Russia three years ago. It was his childhood dream to learn Yiddish, he says. Having settled in Israel and mastered Hebrew, Michael's dream is now becoming a reality. What would Ben Gurion say now?

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The Rebbe, ז"ל

The Lubavitcher Rebbe was an extraordinary man. He engendered great love among his more than a quarter million followers, hostility among some elements in the fervently Orthodox haredi community, and wide, almost reverential respect among both Jews and non-Jews alike.

Politics and theology aside, the chassidic world of the Rebbe was essentially an inclusive one. It spoke to the secular as well as to the observant Jew. It espoused full involvement in the modern world. It included Zionism and military service in the IDF. And it drew no distinctions among the countless Jews, however far-flung, whose spiritual or physical "rescue" was always its first priority.

Menachem Mendel Schneerson was the most prominent Jewish religious leader in the world. For 43 years he led the Lubavitcher Chassidim as their seventh Rebbe. During that time he revived the remainder of the Lubavitch community which came to America in 1940, and nurtured it into the strong, global movement which today claims more than 250,000 adherents. Some 3,000 shlichim or emissaries of the Rebbe run nearly 1,600 different religious and social service facilities around the world, from Montreal to Madrid, from Melbourne to Moscow.

The Rebbe's home and Lubavitch head office in Crown Heights became a meeting ground and often a personal crossroads for thousands of Jews, young and old, secular and religious. He drew scores of Jews back to their people.

The impact of the Rebbe's brand of visible Judaism has been noted throughout the Diaspora and Israel. In North America his policies have had a positive ripple effect on Jewish life. Writing recently in the *Jerusalem Report*, Yossi Klein Halevi stated that "the Rebbe built Lubavitch into the most powerful chassidic movement in history ... Tens of thousands around the world feel and act a little more Jewish because of him; no one else comes close to that achievement."

There is no denying the Rebbe's role in making people throughout the world more aware of their Judaism. In a post-Holocaust world, he brought a bold, confident, self-assured face to Judaism. He spread that Judaism into scores of searching Jewish hearts. And he extended the Jewish world into the farthest corners of the globe.

And he did so with wisdom, understanding and knowledge.

The Rebbe's passing is a loss we will all mourn.

May his righteous memory be for a blessing.

Zichrono tzadik livrachah.

A disconcerting poll

It was very fashionable in recent years to dismiss Arab anti-Semitism as an unfortunate by-product of the Arab-Israeli imbroglio. In this scenario the systematic teaching of contempt for Jews, Judaism and the State of Israel was a kind of war propaganda .

It has now been nine months since Israel and the PLO signed Declaration of Principles (DoP) in Washington. The negotiations which preceded and followed those talks have now produced a PLO presence and administration in Gaza and Jericho and an armed Palestinian police force of almost 10,000 men. The State of Israel has taken heroic risks in agreeing to this arrangement.

The question must now be asked: have Israel's bold moves towards peace — executed, it must be remembered, without the PLO's renouncing its covenant or the formal ending of the Arab boycott of Israel — diminished the virulence of its haters in Arab countries?

A partial answer to this question is found in a disconcerting poll released by Prof. Hilal Khashan of the American University of Beirut. Khashan asked 1,000 Muslim Lebanese, Syrians and Palestinians on the eve of the DoP if the Arabs are ready for peace with Israel.

The survey showed (Frontline, *CJN* May 26) that 75 per cent of the respondents favored immediate military confrontation with Israel. "The remaining one-fourth call for maintaining the present situation of no peace, no war, pending the time when Arabs can attain their objectives," Khashan reported. He concluded that even those who supported negotiations with Israel "are not psychologically ready for peace."

Khashan explains the results of his poll as evidence of the systematic conditioning of Arabs by their elite since the 1920s to suspect and hate Jews and to seek the destruction of Israel.

After 70 years of being exposed to hatred of Jews and Israel on a colossal scale it is not surprising that current Arab regimes find it difficult to get off the anti-Semitic and anti-Israel tracks they have been running on for so many years. Bad habits are notoriously hard to break.

This is one bad habit, however, that cannot be permitted to continue. It is time for Arab governments from Riyadh to Damascus and from Amman to Sana to reel in the nets of hatred and hostility towards Israel. A new era is dawning in the Middle East and it's time the Arab world as a whole realized this.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

ALETHEA'S MARCH

I want to thank the Jewish community on behalf of my daughter for the recent March to Jerusalem.

Reluctantly, I dropped my daughter off at 8 a.m. on a dreary wet Sunday morning near the start at Mountain Sights and Westbury and had her meet with her group, "Yachad." I drove home and by 10:30 a.m. was quite nervous that she'd be complaining of "too much walking."

I got into my car and started to check at each 'city' with no sign of her. I drove through Outremont and even questioned some of the marchers. I was sure she was lost. A downpour came and I got even more concerned so I went to a security person and he used his walkie-talkie and a car came up five minutes later and I gave a brief description of my 19-year-old "challenging needs" daughter.

Someone had seen Alethea on the mountain trail.

A few minutes later, I was told she was with two volunteers at Queen Mary Road and Ponsard near Haifa, 13 kms. from the start. When I met up with her, she insisted she should continue so I drove slowly and just watched. But by Felix and Norton, she quit!

She adored the two dressed up cookie makers, but was wet and exhausted. She kissed her helpers goodbye and we drove through the rest of the march. My daughter got out at each city to get her book stamped. She was indeed proud to raise a little over $38.

Maddy Engel
Montreal

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BBYO — WHERE ARE YOU?

In 1964, the following people went on the BBYO Israel Summer Institute. We are trying to locate all of our friends who were on that trip. The address(es), in 1964, that we have are: David E. Hamer, 1714 6th Avenue South, Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 1B4; Stan Kirsch, 149 Searle Avenue, Downsview, Ontario M3H 4B2; Bobbi Koffler, 18 Restever Gate, Toronto, Ontario M9W 4B9; Barbara Daltrop, 4875 Borden Avenue, Montreal, Quebec H4V 2S9; Marilyn Belfer, 5168 Jeanne Mance Street, Montreal, Quebec H2V 4J1.

If anyone can help us locate the above, please contact Les Berman at 6220 Shadycreek Drive, Agoura Hills, CA 91301-(818) 707-2880, Fax (818) 707-7844.

Les Berman
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UNITED NOTHINGS

How can the world stand still and not do anything for the people of Rwanda?

The noon TV news on June 2 showed the faces of those children who are fearful of being systematically murdered.

Which countries are selling armaments to the combatants?

If the United Nations cannot do anything, then it was just hypocritical to send them there.

In Israel they were called the United Nothings.

Bella Brownstein
Montreal

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WHERE ARE ARAB SHEIKHS?

If lack of financial support leads to the collapse of self-government in Gaza and Jericho the results would be disastrous for the entire Middle East peace process. The necessary success in Gaza and Jericho is the very foundation of future stability and mutual cooperation.

Just as Jews in the Diaspora have rallied behind Israel both morally and financially since 1948, so Arabs throughout the world must help build a stable Palestinian entity. Where is the extraordinary wealth of Arab sheikhs and princes at this time of urgent need? The sheer number of Arabs throughout the world makes the task attainable.

If the Arabs and their leadership fail to support the Palestinians now, it will prove irrevocably that their call for a Palestinian State over the years was nothing but empty rhetoric.

Bert Raphael
Toronto

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CLOSED SESSION OKAY

I am astounded to see that a Jewish publication would presume to criticize the Writers Thru Race conference to be held soon in Vancouver. Attendance at this conference is exclusive to natives and people of color. The Writers' Union, the sponsors of this conference, feels that these people have special problems in writing and getting published. So they have decided to get together to discuss interests that are special to them.

Many other groups of writers, women, blacks, and last but not least, Jews, get together in little conferences to discuss problems exclusive to their group. It does not necessarily mean that they want to widen the divisions between various ethnic and other groups in Canada. They have a specific, legitimate problem, namely writing and publishing as natives and people of color.

That seems perfectly all right to me and I cannot understand why a Jewish organization, of all people, which has these exclusive conferences of one kind or another, is objecting to the Writers Thru Race conference.

Marvin Fremes
Toronto

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UNCLE BILL HOROWITZ

I want information about my great uncle Bill Horowitz. He emigrated to Toronto from Minsk sometime between 1900 and the early 1920s. My grandmother, Molly (Malka) Horowitz Kaminsky (who died circa 1953) was his sister. She lived in Detroit and had three children: Miriam, Michael and Isabel (all of whom are deceased). If you have information regarding Bill Horowitz please contact me.

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THE WALLS OF JERICHO HAVE GONE UP AGAIN!
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THE LORD WORKS IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS!
TRUE.
BUT NOT NEARLY AS MYSTERIOUS AS...
THE WAYS OF SOME OF OUR GOVERNMENTS.
BY KIRKMAN

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The offices of The CJN will be closed July 1 for the Canada Day holiday

Opinion

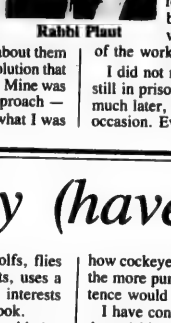
Memories of visits to the old South Africa

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

During the '70s and '80s I made two lecture tours in what was then still the old South Africa: strict apartheid, drinking fountains for whites and non-whites, appalling poverty in the black townships and a bland disregard of the most elementary rights of anyone not lucky enough to be born with a white skin.

My wife and I have never been able to get over some of the incidents we witnessed. At a lovely poolside party, the head waiter was a dignified black man dressed in formal attire, clearly a competent person. But when the "master" did not find him responding quickly enough to one of his blared commands, he kicked him in front of all his guests. We left the party as fast as we could.

These particular hosts were Jewish, but let it be said that South African Jews were among the very first to work for a new community in which everyone would be treated civilly and have a chance for a decent life. Rabbi Moses Cyrus Weiler, a graduate of Hebrew Union College, was the first to establish special school and teaching facilities, and he had the full support of his congregation — though not of all of the Jewish community, who were afraid for their status. (The rabbi later made aliyah and experienced great tragedy: two sons, both officers, were killed in service.)



Rabbi Plaut

Even 20 years ago, however, the stirrings of a new South Africa could be felt, and many Jews became convinced their own position would become untenable if they "stepped out of line." I was advised not to talk about black-white issues, certainly not in criticism of state policies. But talk about them I did, by describing the new social revolution that was then going on in the United States. Mine was a strictly historical and reportorial approach — and I am sure that my hearers knew what I was talking about.

We had occasion to visit Helen Suzman, one of the great fighters for black equality. She was a Jew who put herself on the line — and history will come to recognize her place.

We had a quite unforgettable visit with Alan Paton, South Africa's foremost novelist and author of *Cry, the Beloved Country*. He had just built a lovely home outside Durban, and one of the stories he told us still sticks in my mind: While the building was in progress the white laborers found out they were building shower facilities for Paton's black staff. The idea that blacks should have decent facilities was simply too much for them and all of the workers left the job.

I did not meet Nelson Mandela then; he was still in prison. I had a chance to encounter him much later, when he visited Toronto on a state occasion. Everyone here and there wishes him well and hopes his conciliatory policies may have a chance of success.

The June 2 issue of *The Jerusalem Report* contains a fascinating article entitled Jews in the New South Africa. It is written by editor Hirsh Goodman, who was raised in South Africa:

"A disproportionate number of whites fighting apartheid were Jewish. But for many, too many, blindness was the order of the day. They led an indulged life at the expense of four out of five people in the country, something they conveniently forgot about until they had no choice. One can only hope that the blacks, now in government, will have more compassion than they received in South Africa."

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The Kids are coming!

This year there is only one place where you can watch five Israeli youngsters, aged 9 to 13, who will show you what future tennis stars are made of. The place for my favorite happening is Toronto; the date is June 19. Call Sandra Kaminsky (905-660-1999) for details.

Happy Father's Day (have a hankie...again)

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

I hate Father's Day. I love my father, but hate Father's Day. I never know what to get for my Dad.

For that matter, I don't know what to get for my husband, either. I would like to give him a Father's Day gift even though he's not my father. After all, it's my fault, so to speak, that he's a father at all, although that doesn't make it any easier to find a present.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

Father's Day gifts seem to fall into categories: golf clubs, fishing gifts, or clothing. No madcap whimsical presents exist in the male realm, even though it is easy to find such pleasant toss-offs for women. I can locate no knickknacks of any particular merit, few fads for fun-and-forget-it presents, and almost no items that inspire a man enough to ask for them.

Not that men ask for most of the things we give them. There is not a man on the planet who, if awakened from a sound sleep and asked, "Okay, buster, what do you really want?", would roll over and groggily confess, "A tie, I want a brand new tie."

The real problem with Father's Day isn't that gift choices are so limited. The real problem with Father's Day is that men don't want stuff. It's not just ties, they don't want anything.

Men mostly want to own less stuff, not more. And when men want something, like a shirt, they go buy it. No muss, no fuss, no gift wrap. One white dress shirt more or less doesn't seem to stir their desires.

If I ask my father what he wants for Father's Day, he'll say, "That's just a phony holiday, honey, don't worry about it." But, I worry about it. He'll say, "Don't spend your money." But, I'll spend. He'll say, "Don't go to any bother with that." But, I'll bother, and all this will take place in the fond name of being a loving — if disobedient — daughter.

It's just as bad with my husband, who has fewer hobbies than my Dad. Dad at least golfs, flies a small airplane, grows outdoor plants, uses a computer and travels. Each of those interests offers the faint possibility of a gift book.

My husband, on the other hand, snow skis (no good in June), raises small children (me too, and it's no hobby), wrestles with legal documents, exercises sporadically, and, by and large, stays home. What do you buy for someone like that? Especially for someone like that who doesn't really want anything, except perhaps a couple of evenings of peace and quiet.

It is easier for the children. Their paintings, their carefully wrought construction of popsicle sticks and clay, their printed poems are all precious gifts, unavailable in the commercial marketplace, and just right for the occasion, no matter how cockeyed they look. The younger the child, the more pure spirit matters. Technical competence would be a bonus.

I have considered falling back on the always dependable way to a man's heart: food. But, I'm not sure the perfect treat for the men in my life even exists. My husband is kosher, weight-conscious, lactose-intolerant, boycott-observant and rushed. My father avoid foods that challenge his bridgework, add sugar or fat to his system, smack of "nouvelle" in any way, or fail to appear in their natural form. He doesn't like anything molded, mashed, pureed, minced or blended. Dad likes my cooking (I think) but the first few company dinners I made after I got my food processor, I don't believe he thought anything on the table was worth eating.

But no matter how far gone I am, my Father's Day desperation has already been bested by one relative, who shall remain nameless. Several years ago, she gave her father a package of nice handkerchiefs for Father's Day. About 10 months later, she saw the still untouched box of hankies in her Dad's bureau. She nicked them, wrapped them up and gave them to him again for Father's Day that year. He loved them just as much as he had the year before. So she did it the same thing next year. And the next.

The hankies are about 10 years old now, and already freshly gift wrapped for their 1994 appearance. There's a daughter who has beaten the Father's Day rap. She knows, already, that her dad will be pleased and surprised . . . again.

Life in the CIS still far from normal

By WENDY EISEN

It's time to stop taking for granted the security of Jews in the former Soviet Union.

Since communism's demise five years ago, over half a million Jews have emigrated to Israel from Russia and the surrounding republics. With the 350,000 already there, 850,000 former residents of the region are now living in Israel. This miraculous volume of aliyah unfortunately leads many to assume that Jewish life is perfectly normal in what was once the Soviet Union. Our recent United Jewish Appeal (UJA) mission to Moscow, Tbilisi and Baku demonstrated starkly that nothing could be further from the truth.

Today in Tbilisi, the Georgian capital, educated professionals earn the equivalent of $4 a month. There is nothing to buy in the stores. Theatres and opera houses hold only matinee performances, because the city is under curfew after dark. Tbilisi, once a cornerstone of culture and intellect, is now famous for bombed out buildings and bullet-riddled walls — the remains of civil war. Some 25 per cent of the Georgian Jewish community emigrated in the past year. Only 17,000 remain.

After three years of war with Armenia, Baku, the oil rich capital of the Azerbaijan, is impoverished. Income from the country's ample natural resources is being spent on defence rather than benefiting the city's citizens.

In all the countries of the Caucasus, the story is the same — ethnic warfare, bankrupt governments, corruption, murders and kidnapping, with Jews, in many cases, the victims.

In Moscow, anti-Semitism is bubbling powerfully below the surface. On May 9, during the annual Red Army Day parade, ugly banners proclaiming that "dirty Jews are ruining Russia" and "kick the Jews out" appeared in full view. Even assimilated Jews question their future when anti-Semitism rears its head.

The Jews of Russia and the 14 neighboring republics still need our help. For them, the UJA-supported Jewish Agency is the central source of rescue.

Since the first Jewish Agency office opened in Moscow in 1990, 30 more have blossomed across the former Soviet Union. The offices are staffed by 77 men and women, many of whom were born in the U.S.S.R. These devoted emissaries come from Israel to teach Jews about Judaism, console them about their concerns and promote aliyah. For Agency officials like Lev Bardani, Baku's coordinator, the work day often ends at 4 a.m., when he oversees the safe transfer of new immigrants to Israel.

This summer, 20,000 children will be enrolled in Jewish Agency camps, and hundreds of teenagers will be arriving in Israel under the auspices of Aliyah 16. They're coming without their parents to complete their high school education, expecting to stay in Israel and, one day, reunite with their families.

As our flight from Baku disembarked at Ben Gurion Airport, we felt a sense of urgency. A shaky political climate and deteriorating conditions in the former Soviet Union could once again close today's window of opportunity. At any moment, 1.4 million Jews could quickly be subjected to totalitarianism.

This is no time for illusions. The reality is grim. There is still a Soviet Jewish crisis.

Wendy Eisen is co-chair of the 1995 United Jewish Appeal campaign, which funds the Jewish Agency for Israel. She is a veteran activist on behalf of Soviet Jews.

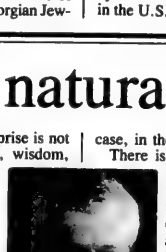
Meetings subject to natural laws and dynamics

By JACK CHISVIN

After a year of denial I have decided to come out in the open and admit that I was an addict.

During the time I served as president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, I became a meeting junkie. In the two years I attended 800 meetings; had others been willing to accommodate me I would have attended more. While I still suffer from withdrawal symptoms — awakening in the middle of the night, bathed in perspiration, heart palpitating, wondering what meeting I have missed — my addiction is behind me. I have learned to say no when invited to yet another meeting.

With the information highway at our doorstep — E-mail, cellular telephones, fax machines and the proliferation of electronic communications technology — it is paradoxical that there is still a need to attend meetings. The pervasion of meetings is like a contagious disease for which there is no immunization and once contracted no known antidote. It is a genetic disease, afflicting mostly Jews. To rise to the top of any enterprise is not so much dependent on intelligence, wisdom, cleverness or even street smarts as much as the endurance to sit through interminable meetings. Success accrues to meeting survivors — to those who have the requisite sitz-fleish.



Jack Chisvin

Meetings, regardless of their composition, purpose and agenda, are subject to certain dynamics and follow natural laws akin to both Parkinson's Law and the Peter Principle. They are convened too frequently, attended by too many and go on too long. Meetings begin, more or less, at a specific time but adjournment is unpredictable, invariably concluding with a definite maybe and a final resolution deferred to the next meeting.

Attendants at meetings can be characterized according to the behavior patterns they exhibit. There are those who immediately upon entering the room must flick the light switches and adjust the thermostats. These people, as soon as they sit down, start poking around — in their briefcase, in their pockets, in their nose.

There is another type who enters the room loudly, speaks loudly, and complains that the noise in the meeting room is too loud. Every meeting has at least one late arrival who is almost always a contrarian and is intent on reversing everything that may already have been decided. Arriving late is this person's modus operandi.

Meetings seem to attract people who believe in the transmigration of inanimate objects. They rearrange coffee cups, transfer keys and coins from one pocket to another, remove their glasses and tighten the ear piece with a nail file, then clean their fingernails with a pencil. Another phenomenon at meetings is the frequent interruption by ringing devices. If it isn't the alarm on a wrist watch, it is a cellular phone. You can differentiate the two by observing if someone starts whispering into a briefcase.

Discussion at meetings is usually monopolized by a person who, seemingly, never has enough time to get to the point. This person confuses rhetoric with persuasive debate. It is reminiscent of the lawyer who was taking so much time arguing his case that the judge impatiently asked how much longer he would be speaking. "I need just a little more time," said the lawyer, to which the judge replied, "You have already exhausted time — you are now in the realm of eternity."

The language used at meetings must be carefully interpreted. If one calls for support of a position with "it's OK," it means a catastrophe; if it's with "It's in the bag," it means a lost case. If the chair says we will dispose of this item "in short order" it means several hours. If someone undertakes to pursue a matter in "a day or two" it means a year, or if it's "after the holiday" it means you can forget it.

I overheard Rabbi Dow Marmur quoting a reliable source that meetings are the reason for such a low birth rate among Jews. Because of my own experience I believe something must be done to treat the problem of addiction to meetings. I therefore propose to organize Meetings Anonymous. To that end, I ask all like minded people to join me in a series of planning meetings. . .

Rabbi Schneerson's death saddens Lubavitchers

'We all feel that we lost a father, we feel orphaned.'

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — People were not talking much last Sunday outside Lubavitch World Headquarters in Crown Heights.

But the sound of tambourines and chants of "Melech ha-Moshiach" — the chassidic movement's call for the biblically prophesied Messiah — could be heard all along Eastern Parkway, the main thoroughfare of the Brooklyn neighborhood.

Though the movement's 92-year-old spiritual leader, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, had died of a heart attack just a few hours earlier, the determination that the Rebbe would still reveal himself as the Messiah was heard amid the prayers of mourning.

"I think the Rebbe's going to redeem us," 19-year-old Yehoshua Smukler said as he stepped away from a circle of dancing men. "He's going to get up and take us into redemption."

Others in the tight-knit community struggled silently to manage their grief among the throngs of reporters, police officers and public figures who had descended upon Crown Heights to witness the funeral that many in the movement had insisted would not occur.

Behind a maze of police barricades, hundreds of men in black fedoras lined up for a chance to pass by Rabbi Schneerson's coffin. Others prayed in the synagogue at 770 Eastern Parkway.

Upstairs at Lubavitch headquarters, where Rabbi Schneerson had managed the movement's vast network of religious outreach services, Rabbi Yehuda Krinsky spoke of an orderly continuation of the Lubavitch mission.

"We know pretty much what the Rebbe wants of us," said Rabbi Krinsky, the movement's official spokesman and a close aide to the Rebbe. He pointed out that in the 27 months since the Rebbe's first stroke, the movement had grown by 20 per cent.

"That continues," Rabbi Krinsky said quietly. "That will always continue."

But Rabbi Krinsky, his blue suit torn in mourning, also insisted that the movement be given time to sort itself out.

"We all feel that we lost a father, we feel orphaned," he said. "You should give us a chance to wrestle with that."

Rabbi Krinsky said that Rabbi Schneerson had left a will but that a successor was not named.

Satelite broadcast of Rebbe's funeral beamed worldwide

Word of the Rebbe's passing spread almost instantaneously to the movement's offices across the globe by fax, electronic mail and telephone. Television cameras crowded the Crown Heights headquarters while Lubavitch representatives in South America and Australia called to arrange live satellite hookups to the funeral.

In Kfar Chabad, the movement's stronghold near Tel Aviv, some Chassidim refused to believe the Rebbe had died, or believed that if he had, he would reappear to redeem the Jews.

About an hour after the Rebbe's death became known, a group of men gathered in a local synagogue, dancing and singing, "Long live our master, teacher, and rabbi, the King Messiah for all generations."

One of those who joined in said he was singing out of the belief that the Rebbe would "at any moment" arise and come to Israel.

But back on the street in Crown Heights, Leib Simcha Meadvin, a 30-ish man dressed in the traditional chassidic black hat and coat, said the community had been in denial about the possibility of the Rebbe's death and now does not know how to handle it.

"There's all these people running around without answers. No one wanted to think about it before, and now that they have to think about it — I don't know."

Like some others standing out in the rain on Eastern Parkway, Meadvin said that this generation simply may not have done enough to merit redemption by the Messiah.

"Maybe," he said, "we have to do more."

"Things had to come to a head either way," said Zelda Stein, a Lubavitcher from Long Island. "But now there's no one telling them what to do tomorrow, so what's going to happen then? A little bit has to fall apart, but let's see how much."

With files from the Jerusalem Post Foreign Service.

The Lubavitcher Rebbe at a farbrengen in the 1970s. Standing behind him to his right is the late Toronto Jewish philanthropist Joseph Tannenbaum. [CJN file photo]

Rebbe's many qualities remembered

By **LEILA SPEISMAN**
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The sense of personal loss was palpable, as, with their husbands, brothers and grown sons away in New York, the women of the Lubavitch movement gathered at the Lubavitch Community Centre in Thornhill to mourn the death of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson.

But to them he was not Rabbi Schneerson, the world-renowned religious leader. He was simply "the Rebbe," their source of guidance, inspiration and religious wisdom.

The women sat numbed, with stunned faces, many tearstained, without the heart to control their children, who ran around the room, stopping from time to time a little timidly, to stroke the women's arms, or get a fierce hug.

After the recitation of Tehillim (Psalms), people began to reminisce about the Rebbe's teachings, his prophesies, the sometimes inexplicable things he did.

They spoke about how he had promised that Israel would be the safest place to be in the Middle East during the Gulf War, and had known just when the war would end — and he was right; about his knowing someone's Hebrew name even when they themselves didn't; about his picking up a child scheduled for surgery, and the child's returning home and being told he didn't need it anymore.

One talked about how Rabbi Schneerson had encouraged women to study, not just Torah but Talmud too, and urged those present to continue studying in his memory.

Edith Hochler, a teacher at Eitz Chaim Schools, and a long-time follower of the Rebbe, called his death "shattering. I really thought he would get better. I guess I really wanted him to get better."

She said that the world will miss him just as the Lubavitch do. "He had something to say on every topic."

While saying she feels it is too soon to think about what will happen next and adding "I can't imagine life without him," she said she felt encouraged after seeing the women at the gathering.

"I can see that the work on bringing the Messiah is not going to end. That is the direction we still have to work on."

Bina Cole, a former president of the Lubavitch women's organization in Toronto, called this an "exciting and awesome time."

"We are confident, full of excitement that the process that has been taking so long and has been so painful is about to come to fulfillment. The great and awesome day (the coming of the Messiah and the rebuilding of the Temple) is at hand."

She said that it is important to realize that G-d "makes things happen when it seems impossible. I want my children to know that what is important is not what things look like. The Moshiach will be revealed."

As this paper went to press, the officials and rabbis of Toronto Lubavitch had not returned from New York, and so were not available for comment.

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Rabbi Moshe Stern, issued a statement on behalf of the Vaad Harabonim of Greater Toronto:

"The Lubavitcher Rebbe was unquestionably the post-Holocaust generational leader. He had an impact on almost every Jewish soul and Jewish community in the world. His legacy can be found in the thousands upon thousands of baalei teshuvah who themselves have changed Jewish community life."

On a more personal note, Rabbi Stern added: "Having been a student of the Lubavitch yeshivah in Montreal, the Rebbe's advice to me on numerous occasions was an invaluable source of inspiration, strength and guidance."

Rabbi Howard Joseph, chair of the national religious and inter-religious affairs committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, said that Rabbi Schneerson "will be recognized as one of the outstanding Jewish leaders of the twentieth century.

"He will be remembered for his great scholarship...and for the unusual efforts he made in reaching out to Jews throughout the world who may have become alienated from Judaism or lived in isolated Jewish communities, and in offering his emissaries to teach and guide them.

"He believed that his efforts were directed at improving the world and at preparing for the messianic era of peace between all peoples."

B'nai Brith Canada heard the news of Rabbi Schneerson's passing "with profound sadness and a sense of great loss."

On behalf of the organization, executive vice-president Frank Dimant praised him for his "commitment to the spiritual welfare of the Jewish people," his "enhancement of Jewish pride," his "devotion to rebuilding and reinvigorating Jewish life in the post-Holocaust era.

"No community was too small, no outpost of Jewish life was too remote, for him to be ready, willing and able to respond to its need. His love of all Jews and his desire for positive coexistence with the non-Jewish community was unremitting and inspiring all at once."

Numbness and grief grip Montreal Lubavitch followers

By **DAVID LAZARUS**
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — In Montreal, the third largest North American Lubavitch centre after New York and Los Angeles, a sense of numbness and grief seemed to grip the community of 3,000 on Monday, June 13.

Rabbi Ronnie Fine, a local director of the Chabad Centre on McGill University campus reached in New York, declined to predict what the future would hold without Rabbi Schneerson.

"One thing is for sure. It was not expected," he said of the Rebbe's passing.

In Rabbi Fine's view, there would be no point to finding a successor because "there can be no successor."

"What's the point?" he asked. "Each one will [have to] be an emissary. Each individual will be a successor."

Rabbi Fine also said there will surely be a period of "soul searching" within Lubavitch as it looks toward the future. But the Rebbe's teachings "will continue to live on through his emissaries."

Other Montreal Lubavitch centres, while technically open, looked vacated. Rabbi Fine said hundreds of Lubavitch leaders and members of the Montreal community began leaving for New York early in the morning on June 12, using cars and hastily chartered buses and airplanes.

At the Lubavitch Montreal Torah Centre on Monday, usually humming with activity, only two members of Lubavitch were present, quietly sipping coffee and discussing the significance of the weekend events.

Shlomo Merling was convinced that the Lubavitcher Rebbe is in a "state of revelation that will lead us into Jerusalem now."

His friend, Shmuel Leib Bodzy, said because the Rebbe has "physically left his body, his ability to reveal himself can no longer be natural. It will come in a miraculous way."

Neither man, however, was willing to admit to a sense of personal loss, although Merling said there is a void and Bodzy acknowledged a "sense of the unknown."

Even without the Rebbe's physical presence, Merling said, "the ship is not rudderless because the Lubavitcher Rebbe is with us."

The fact that the Rebbe did not speak for over a year previous to his passing has only served to make the community and the faith stronger, Bodzy said.

Merling, however, thought a successor would eventually emerge. Bodzy disagreed, since the Rebbe represented the final "seventh generation" of Lubavitcher leaders.

A sense of what both men were certain would come, however, was on the Torah Centre's door.

On a sheet of paper taped to the front door, a message written in pen read:

"Services with the Rebbe Hamoshiach in Jerusalem!"

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Rabbi Reuben Poupko, newly elected president of the Rabbinical Council of Canada (RCC), eastern region, said the RCC "joins the whole House of Israel in mourning the loss of a man who, along with Aaron Kotler and Joseph Soloveitchik, established Jewish traditional life in the spiritual wilderness of North America.

Speakers square off over sex of Moshiach

Gender-free or male?

By PHIL FINE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Both speakers were articulate. Both spoke with conviction. But the two could not have been more diametrically opposed.

Rabbi Immanuel Schochet, a prominent member of Toronto Chabad-Lubavitch and professor of philosophy at Humber College, and Prof. Rena Ziedman, chair of the Jewish Studies Department at Queen's University, spoke at a recent public forum sponsored by the Lubavitch Moshiach campaign.

The forum — at Associated Hebrew Schools' Neptune Campus — saw a three-person panel differ with Rabbi Schochet on the nature of the Messiah and the Messianic age.

But the confrontation of the evening, which lasted for close to three hours, was between Ziedman and Rabbi Schochet.

Ziedman told Rabbi Schochet the rise of Jewish feminism mandates a re-evaluation of the entire Messianic concept.

Indeed, she added, the many notable women in Judaism necessitates a redefinition of the Messiah's very identity.

"We must see the Messiah in a different light — one that is gender-free, neither female nor male, but one who brings general enlightenment and peace to the world," Ziedman argued.

But Rabbi Schochet responded that the person who will redeem the Jewish people cannot be a woman because Halachah (Jewish law) stipulates that the Messiah must be a king, not a queen.

Traditional concepts of Messianic Judaism are based on divine revelation and are, as such, unchangeable, Rabbi Schochet told Ziedman.

He added, however, that given the specific requirements the Messiah must meet, 95 per cent of Jewish men would also be excluded from the position.

Ziedman questioned Maimonides' claim that the coming of the Messiah would bring about the reintroduction of those laws which had been suspended after the fall of the Second Temple.

She said many of those laws, such as polygamy, were detrimental to the female condition.

"If these laws are meant for reinstatement, what kind of world will we be fostering?" Ziedman asked.

But Rabbi Schochet told Ziedman the Messianic age will be just as Maimonides predicts. To argue otherwise, a person would have to be able to challenge Maimonides (the Rambam) chapter and verse.

"If you cannot do that, you're stuck with Rambam — whether you like it or not," Rabbi Schochet said.

Ziedman and Rabbi Schochet did agree that the feminist movement's emphasis on universal peace was one manifestation of the Messianic age.

Rabbi Schochet also lauded the feminist movement for battling the stereotype of women as sex symbols.

The feminist movement, Rabbi Schochet continued, has "brought the world to a greater consciousness of human beings as creatures of G-d" regardless of gender and color.

Rabbi Schochet told Ziedman, Jewish women, whose merit has been a factor in every major redemption, have always played a pivotal role in Jewish history

"It's the men who gave up hope in Egypt. It's the men who were completely assimilated in Egypt," Rabbi Schochet said. "And it's the women who kept the faith."

Rabbi Schochet also noted that it was the women, not the men, who insisted upon entering the land of Israel after the Jews had wandered in the desert.

Rabbi Schochet said certain practices such as animal sacrifices, which are prophesized to resume in Messianic times may seem outlandish by 20th century standards.

But he said the coming of the Messiah would entirely change people's perspectives.

"The world will be in a completely different setup," Rabbi Schochet said. "We will see things in a completely different way."

One of the panelists, Rabbi Shmuel Spero, of Toronto's Minsker shul, asked Rabbi Schochet if it wasn't wrong to encourage all Jews to ask for the Messiah when an individual might not be worthy of redemption.

But Rabbi Schochet said a person's unworthiness should be the very reason why he should ask God to send the Messiah.

"The lower I am, the farther removed I am," Rabbi Schochet said. "I want Moshiach now, to drag me out of the gutter — and, along with me — everybody else."

Correction

The story, "Simcha Cricket Club wins championships" (*CJN* June 9), referred to cricket player Daniel Reynolds as a member of Canada's gold medal softball team at the last Maccabiah Games. Reynolds was in fact a member of the 1990 junior Maccabi gold medal softball team. *The CJN* regrets the error.

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Vancouver CJA names chairpeople

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Richard Israels has been named general campaign chair of Vancouver's Combined Jewish Appeal (CJA), and Ruth Ross will serve as chair of the women's division, it was announced last week.

Israels says he is "excited, optimistic and thrilled to make a positive contribution to this year's CJA campaign . . . It's the only campaign that is specifically directed towards Jewish values, Jewish beliefs and Jewish traditions — Jewish people giving time and money for Jewish people."

A former Winnipegger who moved here with his wife and family in 1976, Israels is a criminal defence lawyer. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1988.

Israels and his family have visited Israel on a number of occasions and last year he and his wife Bette-Jane participated in the Federation leadership mission to Russia and Israel. He has been involved with the CJA in a number of positions and was this year's winner of the Dennis Frankenburg Award.

For the Israels family, he says, living in Vancouver is a privilege — one that carries with it appreciation and responsibility. "Tzedakah is the rent we pay for our place on earth. We must never be evicted for non-payment of rent."

The women's division chair, Ruth Ross, was born in the United States and raised in Montreal. She graduated from university with a degree in speech pathology.

An active participant in the women's division for the past 10 years, she says her vision is that "we, the diverse members of the Greater Vancouver Jewish community, will pull together, recognize our common goals and choose to provide a community to which our children and grandchildren will feel tied." She hopes the CJA campaign will raise the money required to support all local needs, Israel, the needs of Jews throughout the world "and to plan for the future."

Ross says her campaign will take a person-to-person approach. Her goal is to create networks which will reach out to the diverse Jewish population of the Lower Mainland "and to make everyone feel welcome."

Ross and her husband Hy were involved in the North Shore Jewish Community from its inception and Hy, who is a doctor, served as the first cantor of the North Shore shul, Har-El. She was recognized for her CJA campaign work by receiving the Elaine Charkow Award in 1993.

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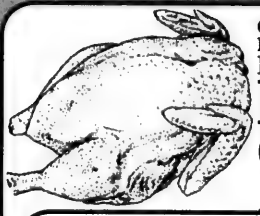

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Human rights leader gets AJC award

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritime Correspondent

HALIFAX — Dr. Ken Ozmon, chairman of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission, was presented with the Atlantic Jewish Council's Jerusalem Plaque at a Halifax ceremony June 7.

Ozmon, also president of Saint Mary's University in Halifax, received the award from council chair Larry Freeman "as a member of a community involved in peace and world justice."

It was the second presentation of the award, which was also given this year in New Brunswick to Premier Frank McKenna and Rev. James Leland of Fredericton, a man who has spoken against anti-Semitism and Holocaust deniers such as Malcolm Ross.

Last year Halifax Mayor Moirs Ducharme received the first Jerusalem Plaque.

"I am honored," Ozmon told the audience of more than 200 at Shaar Shalom Synagogue.

"I accept on behalf of the many people who work harder and are more deserving than I in fostering human rights in Nova Scotia," he said.

In an interview, Ozmon said the Nova Scotia commission offered to assemble a panel on human rights discrimination for the New Brunswick commission to further discuss the Malcolm Ross issue, "but they didn't pick up on it. I think it is worthwhile to talk of the whole matter of free speech.

"There has to be some point where free speech has the potential to affect someone else's rights. And that's the Malcolm Ross issue, where there is an objective of fomenting hatred. There have to be mechanics to face this."

The plaque presentation was accompanied by 12 Nova Scotian teens recalling their experiences on the recent March of the Living.

The Halifax teens spoke eloquently about the emotional ups and downs they felt. "Poland was death," said Naomi Ginsberg. "But Israel was life. Flying into Israel was such a hopeful sight. It was one of the most magnificent feelings."

Lisa Mendelson said the beauty and warmth and greenery of Israel was welcoming after being in "cold, dirty, grey and disgusting Poland. You had a sense you were finally home." The small contingent of Maritime teens was also overwhelmed by the camaraderie of being among 3,000 other Jewish youngsters.

"At schools, there are only a few Jews and at Camp Kadimah there are a couple of hundred," said Shawn Keyes. "But on the March there were so many, from so many countries. It was a marvelous experience."

Carmi Rubin was touched by the courage of the Jews who perished on their march to the death camps. "We marched on a very cold day, for only a few hours, and were wearing coats and sweaters and scarves and warm shoes and gloves. When the Jews of Poland marched, they had poor clothing and they marched for days and weeks."

On the bus that transported the Maritimers and several Montreal teens, Heidi Lipkus and Morris Glazman of Halifax asked everyone on board to join them in singing *We'll Rise Again*, a patriotic Cape Breton song written by Sydney's Leon Dubinsky and made internationally famous by the Juno-award winning Rankin Family.

"We sang it first and taught it to the rest of the kids," said Lipkus. "It was very emotional. Then we all sang it in an old Polish synagogue near Auschwitz. There was a massive group hug and lots of tears as we felt so close."

She said the song became somewhat of a theme for the trip as they presented it at "a lot of gatherings, any opportunity we could."

The 12 teens then rose again and concluded their 45-minute presentation to the Halifax community with another rousing rendition.

LEARNING ABOUT ISRAEL

Students at North York's Pleasant Public School learned about Israel and Judaism in a recent two-day program organized jointly by Orit Praag, Habonim Dror shlicha, and the Israel Program Centre.

Praag (holding poster of Israel) posed with ESL teacher Jean McGauchie and some of the many students who saw slides of Israel, heard Israeli music and learned about Jewish holidays, Jerusalem and kibbutz life. One of the classrooms was converted into a mini State of Israel decorated with flags, maps, posters and pictures. The program was adapted to suit students of all ages.

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With Judy and Leslie Dan at the Tikkun Olam is Herb Gray (left), solicitor general and Liberal house leader in the House of Commons. [Paul Appleby photo]

Aish HaTorah holds world-wide hookup

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — If enthusiasm could mend the ills of the world, last week's Aish HaTorah international celebration would have done it.

Tikkun Olam, Fixing the World, they called the event, held here at Beth Avraham Yosef Congregation in Thornhill. A satellite hookup linked the Toronto celebration with others in Los Angeles, Moscow, Boston, St. Louis, Cleveland, New York, Washington D.C., Miami and the Aish HaTorah headquarters in Jerusalem.

The evening honored Toronto philanthropists Leslie and Judy Dan, who have dedicated Aish HaTorah's new world centre, scheduled to open in November opposite the Kotel in Jerusalem. It will be called The Dan Family Aish HaTorah Community Centre.

They have also dedicated the proposed permanent home for the organization in Toronto, which, according to Rabbi Ephraim Shore of Aish HaTorah Toronto, is scheduled to open in September 1995.

Dan, who said he had been making contributions to Aish HaTorah over the years not for recognition but because "it was the right thing to do," noted that he and his wife are not themselves Orthodox, but Reform Jews.

He said that he supported the organization because of its goal of rekindling and spreading Judaism and Yiddishkeit among all Jews, whether or not they are Orthodox.

He reminisced about seeing his rebbe being marched away by Hitler's minions in Budapest in 1944, his black hat and coat and long beard identifying him as an Orthodox Jew.

"It suddenly dawned on me ...in the eyes of the world we are all the same — we are all Jews and we should be proud of it. The differentiation is manmade and it is among us Jews."

He urged the over 1,000 in attendance that "the Jewish people continue living by practicing the teachings and values of our Jewish religion as given to us at Mt. Sinai ... and interpreted by our early prophets and learned rabbis."

Rabbi Noah Weinberg, founder and dean of Aish HaTorah, said that Jews should be like Sarah Schneirer (the founder of the Beth Jacob school system for girls) and the great sage Eliezer Ben Hyrcanos.

"Sarah Schneirer cried for those without education, Eliezer cried for wisdom.

"If we cry, we must act, and look for solutions. If we look for solutions, we will find them."

The hook-up with a group of Aish HaTorah students in Moscow, led by Rabbi Sholom Schwartz, former director of Aish HaTorah Toronto, introduced Olga from St. Petersburg, Valarie from Minsk and Olga from Moscow. They spoke with humor and enthusiasm about rediscovering their Jewish heritage and pride.

Valarie remembered having his brit milah, as an adult, in Jerusalem. "I felt reconnected to Jewish history."

He issued an invitation to Steven Spielberg to visit the Aish HaTorah centre in Minsk.

When the hook-up brought in Spielberg in Los Angeles, the producer and director of *Schindler's List* said that he would indeed try to get to Minsk when he went to the former Soviet Union for the opening of the movie — the first time, he said, an American film legitimately opened in that country.

The emotional highlight was the presentation of an award to Emilie Schindler, wife of Oskar Schindler. Edna Wertheim, a Schindler Jew, described how Mrs. Schindler was "warm, kind, shy, a good woman." She gave the workers extra food, established a small hospital and "acted as a mother to those who had none."

Emelie Schindler, a tiny woman dwarfed by those around her, nevertheless dominated the stage, and the screen those around the world watched her on.

She said in German that she had acted for totally humanitarian reasons, when she saw helpless, suffering people, stripped of all their rights, not for reward or honor.

President Bill Clinton sent a taped greeting to the event, praising the contribution of the Jewish people to the world, and Aish HaTorah's educational efforts.

Musical entertainment was presented by Aish HaTorah student Brad Schachter, Alex Moses and the Zemer Orchestra.

The Toronto link of the satellite broadcast was coordinated by Ricky Magder of Motion Picture Video.

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Hamilton couple honored at Negev Dinner

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — What is most disturbing about the continuing rise of anti-Semitism and racism, a Conservative member of the Ontario Legislature told close to 500 guests at the recent Jewish National Fund (JNF) Negev Tribute Dinner here, is the "false separation" between the Holocaust and anti-Semitism.

"While the Holocaust horrifies us, anti-Semitism, in whatever form it takes, does not receive a quick response from our society," charged Burlington South MPP Cam Jackson.

He said it took eight days before a swastika daubed on the side of the Ontario Legislature was removed, as if it "had little or nothing to do with the Holocaust."

Nowhere, remarked Jackson, "is this false separation between the Holocaust and anti-Semitism seen more clearly than in the often confused debate of racism in our society today.

"The most clear example of this is the Nation of Islam," an organization billing itself as a movement to combat racism, yet whose leaders, he said, "are noted for their violent anti-Semitic statements."

But rather than condemning these statements and trying to stop public hatred, "what we are seeing," Jackson stated, "is a prolonged debate in the media that appears all too frequently to find some sort of justification for it."

Held at the Hamilton Convention Centre, the dinner in tribute to Stan and Liz Tick was one of the most successful in the 41-year history of this event here.

Tributes to the popular and well respected couple were warm and heartfelt and, as JNF Canada national vice-president Pat Alpert observed, it was "a wonderful night" with "a very special excitement in the air."

Alpert commended the Hamilton community for their contributions to JNF.

Consul General Dror Zeigerman was there on behalf of the state of Israel. He said Israel can continue peace negotiations only with freely and democratically elected representatives of the Palestinian people.

The presentation of the Negev Dinner citation was made by 1976 Negev Dinner honoree William Morris, who said of the Ticks, "service is their hallmark."

The couple each paid eloquent tribute to their late parents for having instilled in them, as Liz's late father Harold A. Minden, put it "the importance of being involved in the community, of giving of courselves and of both our time and our means."

Stan, a prominent city lawyer, said "a strong community is a necessity if you want to teach your children values and Jewish identity, which will ensure continuity for them.

"Continued growth of the community can only be accomplished through a strong Federation, where all the institutions work together for the common good of the community," said Stan, a former Federation president and UJA campaign chair.

There were tributes from Deputy Prime Minister Sheila Copps, who five years ago accepted a Negev Dinner citation for her late father, Mayor Victor Copps; Stan Keyes, Liberal MP for Hamilton West; Hamilton Mayor Bob Morrow and Dundas Mayor John Addison; Jewish Federation of Hamilton-Wentworth president David Steinberg; and Hamilton Hadassah-WIZO president Linda Waxman.

Hamilton 1994 Negev Dinner honorees, Liz and Stan Tick, with Deputy Prime Minister Sheila Copps (right).

There was also a tribute from the Tick children, Jackie and Keith Barwin, who expect their first child this month, and Howard and Robbie.

Proceeds from the dinner, which was co-chaired by Marcia and William Halpren, will go towards the Reshafin Reservoir in the Beit She'an Valley.

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The same uncomplicated trend also holds true for men's wear with blues and whites high on the list. Light-weight cotton stripped rugby shirts, cable-knit V-neck sweaters or button-down denim shirts matched with cotton or denim pants will keep him feeling and looking cool all season.

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FINANCIAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

A special planning committee, chaired by Paul Morton, sought to bring together differing points of view on the future of fundraising for our community. Mr. Morton and fellow committee members Shoel Silver, Saul Koschitzky, Gerry Sheff, Lionel Schipper, Judy Scheininger and Elizabeth Wolfe consulted local and national experts in preparing their report. The committee was mandated to make recommendations on: ensuring the primacy of Federation fundraising; strengthening endowment and annual fundraising; and combining planning and fundraising perspectives.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

Lawrence Bloomberg and Lawrence Fein, Co-Chairmen
Debbie Kimel, Women's Campaign Chair

A key component of Financial Resource Development, UJA is the community's primary fundraising arm, enabling the Federation to support myriad services in Toronto, nationally, in Israel and around the world.

• The UJA Target - Despite a distressed economy causing hardship to many contributors, the campaign met its $40 million target. Approximately 30,000 contributors and 2,000 volunteers helped accomplish this difficult task. The most important factor responsible for UJA's success was the Challenge Fund, established by a group of donors to match all pledge increases. The Fund contributed nearly $5 million to the campaign.

• *Golden Givers* Program - The first of the combined Financial Resource Development initiatives, this program, honouring donors with at least a 25 year history of giving, has registered more than 1100 participants. Golden Givers have been awarded special certificates and receive their own newsletter. The program chair is David Green.

The Women's Campaign raised over $4 million through the efforts of more than 500 volunteers. The campaign counted on the largest number of contributors in the past five years.

• Washington Mission - Forty women flew to Washington for two days of fact finding on diplomatic developments and issues affecting North American Jewry.

• Dor L'Dor - The *Generation to Generation* program was undertaken by the Lion of Judah and Atarah Divisions to encourage mothers and daughters to share UJA fundraising efforts. These two divisions raised $1.9 million.

BEQUEST AND ENDOWMENT FUND

Wilfred Posluns, Chairman

The Fund, another key component of Financial Resource Development, provides permanent financial resources for new and growing needs beyond the Federation's capacity to finance through annual UJA contributions.

• More than $3.5 million in gifts were added to the Fund's base, an increase of over 10% of its total assets.

• The Fund ensured the availability of $1.8 million over 2 years for the JCC rescue operation. Approximately $400,000 has already been disbursed.

• Multi-year grants were allocated to Camp Ramah for the Tikvah Program, which integrates special-needs campers into a full camp experience; Jewish Family & Child Service and the JCC for a unique Multiple Sclerosis self-help project; and Jews for Judaism to combat missionary activities.

THE BOARD OF JEWISH EDUCATION

Sandra Brown, Chair

The BJE supplies subsidies and grants to Jewish school students, through UJA campaign funds. It also offers professional development for teachers and administrators, ongoing consultation services, a pedagogic library and an audio-visual centre.

• BJE co-sponsored a two-day Mini-CAJE conference for 1300 Jewish educators, with 97 sessions presented by some 70 lecturers from Israel and across North America.

• BJE hosted the National Bible Contest and the Creative Writing Contest. Other community events included the annual Jewish Schools' Choir Festival (*Zimriyah*) and dance festival (*Rikudiyah*).

• Through the Jewish Teachers Seminary, the BJE expanded its teacher certificate program and maintained its study program for senior teachers seeking academic and pedagogic development.

PROGRAM INITIATIVES

ONTARIO JEWISH ARCHIVES

Cyrel Troster, Chair

• Archives benefited from the acquisition of several significant collections.

• Exhibitions were mounted at Gibson House, the Betel Centre, the Baycrest Centre and the new Bathurst-Clark Library in Vaughan.

• "Sense of Spadina" tours were provided for many Jewish day schools, synagogues and organizations.

TEL-AIDE: JEWISH DISTRESS LINE

Bonnie Kates, Chair

Tel-Aide meets a critical need for people seeking comfort when faced with difficult and desperate situations. Specially-trained volunteers compassionately handle calls on wife abuse, behaviour problems, grief, loneliness, disintegrating relationships, poor health and suicide.

• Highlights •

DEPARTMENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

Judy Gwartz, Chair

The mission of the Department for Human Resources Development is to assist in the recruitment, training, placement and development of lay and professional personnel. This past year, HRD:

• conducted workshops for decision-makers on financial and policy issues

• offered orientation sessions on the role, structure and operating procedures of the Federation Board

• provided support for the professionals of small Jewish agencies

• created ongoing connections with downtown Jewish community residents

• supplied more than 100 direct service volunteers to affiliated agencies

• welcomed over 500 Jewish newborns to the Toronto community through its *Welcome to Our World* program

TASK FORCE ON JEWISH CONTINUITY, ASSIMILATION AND INTERMARRIAGE

Aaron Brotman, Chairman

The task force report follows two years of intense attention to the topic, including focus groups and dozens of meetings with organizations and individuals. The task force is composed of high school and university students, and lay leadership covering the entire community spectrum.

JEWISH WOMEN'S FEDERATION

Beverley Holtzman, President

JWF, the umbrella for 50 Jewish women's volunteer organizations, unites women from diverse religious, cultural and ideological backgrounds and strengthens their role in our community.

• Shalom Toronto - More than 50 volunteers greeted 90 newcomers to Toronto from around the world, under the leadership of Yvonne Martell and Debbi Stern.

• Presidents' Council - Chair Judy Noyek gathered the presidents and vice presidents of 50 affiliate organizations for educational sessions on the dynamics of publicity and the Israel-PLO accord.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE

Eleanor Getzler, Chair

The Holocaust Remembrance Committee is dedicated to preserving the memory of the Shoah through education, and to preventing racism by helping others understand and apply the lessons of the past.

• Over 20,000 people, including students from across Canada and around the world, visited the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre at the Lipa Green Building this past year.

• The 13th Annual Holocaust Education Week was an unprecedented success, with more than 50 community-sponsored programs attended by over 5,000 people.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ALLOCATIONS

Barry Tissenbaum, Chairman

Community Planning and Allocations (CP&A) addresses a wide array of needs: educational, social, cultural and community development. CP&A committees undertake policy setting, planning, evaluation, program development and budgeting.

• Central Campus Agency - CP&A developed a new approach to delivering services for university-aged women and men, on and off campus.

• Elder Services/Long Term Care Reform - In response to a provincial initiative, the Federation, Baycrest Centre, Senior Care and the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living participated in this joint effort. A proposal to create a Jewish multi-service agency is being prepared for presentation to the government. Alan Sandler, chair of the Elder Services Committee, teamed with Baycrest's Stephen Cole, Ruth Margles and Elliott Peranson of Senior Care and David Magil of the Betel Centre to develop this proposal.

• Jewish Community Centre - Federation president Bernard Ghert, together with Marty Goldberg, Alan Sandler, Alan Winer, Michael Daren, Wilfred Posluns, George Wasserstein and Lorie Waisberg led the Federation effort. A financial restructuring was achieved with the bank's cooperation. New operating and governance procedures are being discussed with the JCC leadership. A "transition" team composed of Marty Goldberg, Tom Lobel, Sheila Engel, Geoffrey Bledin, Paul Nightingale, Phil Daniels, Barry Tissenbaum, Elizabeth Sokolsky and Jack Chisvin has been working on the concept and design of the new Bathurst JCC operation.

• Jewish Arts Directory - Under the leadership of Brooky Robins and Cyrel Troster, the Federation published this unique directory which lists 300 Jewish artists and arts-related resources.

• Jewish Hospice Program - This inter-agency project, chaired by Michael Steele, is currently handling 45 cases, 15 more than projected capacity.

• Jewish Information Service - Under the direction of chairman Victor Rosenthal, JIS has been experimenting with extended hours during the week to provide more convenient access to Jewish community information.

Award Winners to be Honoured at Annual Meeting

BEN SADOWSKI AWARD OF MERIT

This prestigious award is presented to an outstanding Jewish community leader for ongoing commitment, for interest in the welfare of others and for combining high ideals with community participation.

This year, JUDY GWARTZ is the 1994 Ben Sadowski Award of Merit recipient.

Mrs. Gwartz's long and varied volunteer career exemplifies the outstanding leadership which this award recognizes.

She has already been honoured with the Federation's Leadership Development Award. Among the many organizations with which she has been associated are United Israel Appeal, Jewish National Fund, Mount Sinai Hospital, Baycrest Centre, Beth Tzedec Synagogue and the United Way.

Within the Federation, Mrs. Gwartz has served as chairperson of the annual UJA Women's Campaign, the Holocaust Remembrance Committee's Anne Frank Exhibit, the Women's Advisory Committee for the Bequest and Endowment Fund, and the Jewish Information Service Advisory Committee. She was also the first President of the Jewish Women's Federation, and serves as a Federation officer.

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The Federation is proud to announce two Leadership Development Award recipients: DR. JILL GOLDBERG REITMAN and LES KLEIN.

Dr. Goldberg Reitman has consistently demon-strated community leadership. She is currently vice-president of the Jewish Women's Federation Social and Political Action Committee, and a former chairperson of UJA's Business and Professional Women's Network.

In addition to her Federation role, Dr. Goldberg Reitman is or has been active with Mount Sinai Hospital, United Synagogue Day School and the Canada Israel Cultural Foundation.

Les Klein started his communal activities as a participant in the Federation's Leadership Development program. He soon became a member of its planning committee and eventually its chair.

His leadership ability is obvious to all, through his work in the UJA Construction Division and as chair of the Federation Social Planning and Allocations Committee.

Mr. Klein is a senior partner in the architectural firm Quadrangle Associates.

SHEM TOV AWARDS

These awards are presented annually to leaders who represent the highest levels of excellence in volunteer service to the Toronto Jewish community.

LEWIS J. MOSES, Board of Jewish Education

Mr. Moses's Jewish community involvement covers more than 40 years. A long time member of the Board of Jewish Education, he also serves on the board of Eitz Chaim Schools, and is an officer of the Jewish National Fund. Mr. Moses has devoted himself to raising funds for UJA, Israel Bonds and a host of other important causes.

ELLIOTT PERANSON, Senior Care/ Community Services to Jewish Elderly

Mr. Peranson has been a Senior Care volunteer for 10 years, serving as president from 1989-1993. He remains a member of the Board and Executive Committee, and was recently presented with its *Marie and Jack Freedman Memorial Award* in recognition of his long-time contribution on behalf of the community's Jewish elderly.

JACK SCHWARTZ, Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cassa

Mr. Schwartz is a founding member of the Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cassa, and currently serves on its Board. The agency provides interest-free loans for business, personal or educational uses. In addition, Mr. Schwartz successfully raises funds for Israel Bonds, the Jewish National Fund and the Chabad Lubavitch Movement.

MICHAEL STEELE, Kehilla Residential Programme

Mr. Steele, currently president of the Kehilla Residential Programme, has been involved since it began 12 years ago. His previous positions include: director, Social Planning Council of Metropolitan Toronto; chair of the Jewish Hospice Advisory Board and the First Conference on Palliative Care. He was also instrumental in establishing the Elm Ridge Seniors' Residence.

RABBI DR. SOL TANENZAPF, Jewish Student Federation

Rabbi Sol Tanenzapf, Ph.D., has fused a career as a York University Religious Studies Professor with an abiding concern for Jewish continuity. A board member of the Jewish Student Federation since its inception, he has also lent his expertise to the United Synagogue Youth Commission and Jewish Family & Child Service.

CYREL TROSTER, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto/Ontario Jewish Archives

Mrs. Troster has been an invaluable guardian of Jewish culture in Greater Toronto. She chairs the Ontario Jewish Archives and is actively involved with the Cultural Services Planning & Allocations Committee (CSPAC). One of her favourite pastimes is leading "Sense of Spadina" historical tours.

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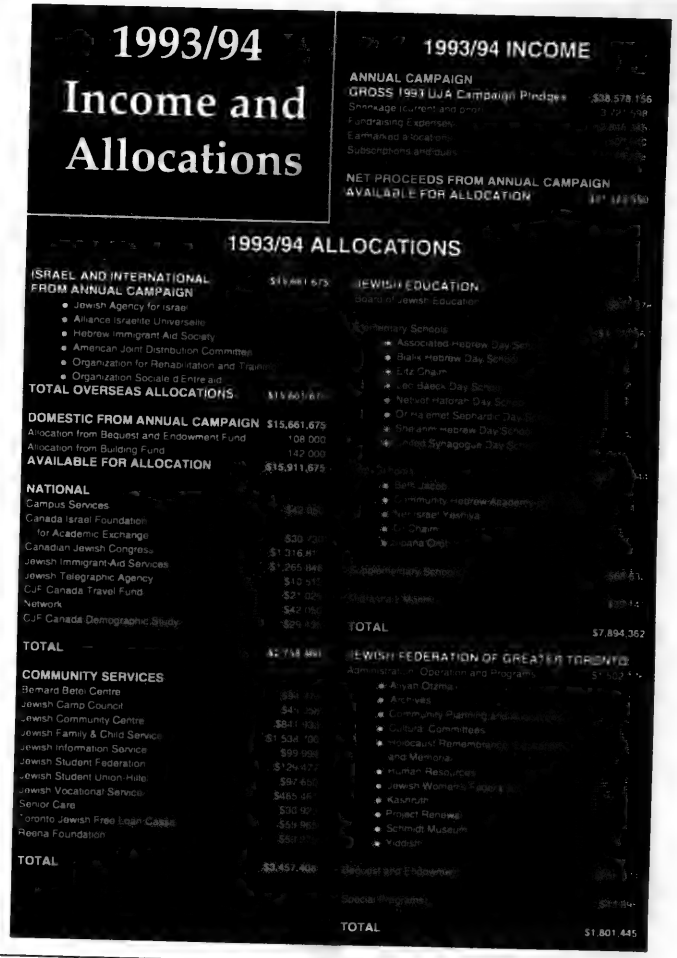

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Organizations and People

Weizmann Women fete group's founder

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In its five years of existence in Toronto, Weizmann Women for Science has worked to educate women about science, particularly about research at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel. Over time the group's mandate broadened to include educational programs for both men and women.

Women for Science recently made its first foray into fundraising with a tribute dinner honoring Marvelle Koffler, the group's founder. The gala celebration at the Sheraton Centre, attended by over 400 people, marked the successful inauguration of the International Weizmann Women for Science Research Fund to underwrite research into diseases affecting women, such as cancer, arthritis, heart disease, osteoporosis and reproductive disorders.

American gynecologist Florence Haseltine, Washington-based president of the Society for the Advancement of Women's Health Research, emphasized that women's health issues are not restricted to gynecology, but include gender-specific symptoms and effects of any disease.

Four years ago the women's health issue "exploded" over the fact that women had not been included in a major medical research study, Haseltine said. "That study is now cited more often for women not being included than for whatever the result was," she added.

Haseltine thanked Koffler for introducing her to Weizmann Women for Science and spoke of the "spirit of community" she has found at the Israeli university as a visiting researcher.

Robert Prichard, president of the University of Toronto (U of T), spoke of the collaboration which exists between the U of T and Weizmann on projects such as cancer research. "The Weizmann Institute is a leading example of an organization seeking the benefits of research without national boundaries," he said.

A highlight of the evening was the performance of *Visions*, a specially commissioned musical tribute to Koffler composed by Ben Steinberg, director of music at Temple Sinai. The piece was performed by two young musicians, Naida Cole on the flute, accompanied by pianist Xak Bjerken.

"While commissioned works are never an exact portrait, I was very conscious of certain things about Marvelle, namely her visions, because she is a visionary, her joyfulness, her determination, and at times a certain expression which can best be described as reflective, and I wanted to include those in the work," Steinberg told *The CJN*.

Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld of Temple Emanuel, who recited Hamotzi, spoke of Koffler's "boundless enthusiasm, inexhaustible sense of humor and love of all G-d's children."

"Marvelle had a clear vision and was able to transform it [into reality]," said Carol Gordon, co-chair, Weizmann Women for Science. "She is a source of inspiration." Gordon co-chaired the dinner with Raylene Godel and Jill Kaplan.

Koffler, whose husband Murray founded the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science in 1965, chaired the first meeting of Weizmann Women for Science in Israel in 1988. Women from around the world took the idea back to their respective countries to form local groups. Buenos Aires, London, Los Angeles, Mexico City, Miami, Milan, Motevideo, Montreal, New York and Paris are among the cities which have Weizmann Women for Science groups.

"I felt the need for women to take a more active role in the activities of the Institute and to have women more identified with science," said Koffler, who received two standing ovations. "Weizmann Women for Science has in a very short time not only fulfilled its mandate to educate woman and man about science, but has evolved to the point where it is now building bridges between the broad community and science.

"The Weizmann Institute is a symbol of humanity at its best. It is a place of hope, of light, of responsibility and the search for truth," said Koffler.

Lt.-Gov. Henry Jackman spoke briefly, as did Rose Wolfe, chancellor of the University of Toronto and honorary dinner chair, who introduced Prichard. Guests of honor included former lieutenant-governor Lincoln Alexander; Geraldine Kenney-Wallace, president of MacMaster University; former federal cabinet minister John Roberts; and Haim Waxman, Israeli vice-consul. Zubin Mehta, conductor of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, paid tribute to Koffler in a video clip.

Marvelle and Murray Koffler. [Robert Stamenov photo]

Shofar Award presented

TORONTO — Phil Lev, a board member of Toronto's Beth Sholom Synagogue and leader of Beth Tzedec Synagogue's 166th Cub Scout pack, has been named the second Canadian recipient of the much-coveted Shofar Award, presented by the National Jewish Advisory Committee on Scouting and Guiding.

Lev recently received the award at Beth Tzedec Synagogue in a sanctuary filled with hundreds of Cub Scouts and their parents, and family, friends and associates from chartered accountants Deloitte & Touche, where he is a partner.

The award was presented by Jewish Advisory Committee executive member Robbie Engel to recognize Lev's promotion of scouting among Jewish youth.

Lev has been part of the Cub leadership team since 1986. Beth Tzedec Cubs raise money for the Baycrest Centre, Jewish Family & Child Services, United Jewish Appeal, MAZON Canada and contribute to the Passover Food Drive of the National Council of Jewish Women.

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Dr. Steven Cohen is an Ear, Nose and Throat surgeon and Chief of the Department of Otolaryngology (ear, nose an throat surgery) at Centenary Health Centre in Scarborough. After 12 years of experience with the classic method of surgery to eliminate snoring, Dr. Cohen this year became the first doctor in Scarborough to offer Laser Assisted Uvula-Palatoplasty as a solution for heavy snorers. The new procedure, commonly referred to as LAUP was developed by a French surgeon. It is performed under local anaesthetic (similar to the freezing in a dentist's office) and, says Dr. Cohen, initial reports show elimination of snoring or reduction to tolerable levels in 85 - 90% of cases.

To understand how the laser procedure works, we must first explain how snoring occurs. During sleep, the muscles in the side walls of the throat relax allowing the walls to collapse. The tongue falls backwards. The back end of the palate and the uvula (the small piece of flesh hanging down in the middle at the back of the palate) get caught and starts to vibrate like a nose maker.

The laser is used to reconstruct the back of the palate to change its firmness and trim off a portion of the uvula. The result - snoring disappears or reduces to levels which are no longer a problem in the vast majority of patients. The actual time to do the procedure is about 10 - 15 minutes. Between 2 - 4 treatment sessions are usually required, spaced 1 month apart. After each treatment there is some discomfort in the throat but regular activities and work can be resumed with minimal, or no time off.

Another condition, related to snoring is called sleep apnea. This occurs when the throat muscles relax even further and the collapse of the tongue and the throat cause the patient to actually choke himself while sleeping - and even stop breathing for short periods of time. This condition can be medically dangerous - involving abnormal blood pressure and reduced blood supply to the brain. The LAUP procedure, while 90% effective for people with snoring alone; has about a 50% success rate when the person has sleep apnea as well. The alternative to the surgery is a mask device called CPAP (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure).

The LAUP procedure is not covered by OHIP. However, more and more people are discovering that this is an invaluable new innovation which now allows them - and others close to them - to get a good night's sleep.

Steven R. Cohen, M.D., B.Sc., F.R.C.S.(C) is certified by the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada and has been practicing Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery, for the past twelve years.

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Diplomacy called key to 'grown-up' marriage

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — A "grown-up" marriage involves not just compromise but gracious compromise, according to the author of the *New York Times* best-seller *Necessary Losses*.

"In other words, when we give him his way we must do it without reminding him, how fine, how good, how sensitive and how unbelievably magnanimous we are being," said Judith Viorst.

Viorst recently spoke about marriage, children, being a grown-up, turning 50, and caring for elderly parents, at a Toronto Hadassah-WIZO Youth Aliyah luncheon held at the Four Seasons Inn On The Park.

The prolific author of several collections of poetry, children's books and non-fiction, she has received a special commendation from the American Psychiatric Association "for contributions to the mental health of the nation."

A grown-up marriage, she said, involves the recognition that we are not each other's teacher, parent, editor or home improvement project. "In a grown-up marriage we know that we do not always have to be in love with each other. The advantage of a grown-up marriage is that during those times when you fall out of love [and] he falls out of love with you, you stay together until you [both] fall back in again."

We got carried away with the message we received around us and in magazines, urging us to express ourselves without holding back, she told the all-female audience. "We were frank, we were honest and we bruised and battered each others feelings a lot, all in the holy name of communication."

In a grown-up marriage, she stressed, there are times when the most absolutely perfect thing you can do is just shut up.

Viorst acknowledged that no marriage is totally grown-up, adding that there may be certain irritating qualities in a husband that we can never accept, such as a man's tendency to refuse to ask for directions if he gets lost while he is driving.

As our children grow more independent, she said, we have to stop telling them how to live their lives. "We have to make the switch, and it is a tricky switch from being parental protector to parental presence. We have to be grown-up enough to let them grow up."

As young adults, one of our important grown-up discoveries is learning that we do not have to follow our parents' agenda — share their moral precepts or their tastes, or join their synagogue or political party. A few years later we may discover that it is not necessary to reject everything our parents value entirely, Viorst pointed out. "We learn that separation doesn't have to involve repudiation . . . I'm very much like my mother and father and I know that is just fine."

As we grow older and our mothers and fathers grow older, she said, we may find ourselves becoming our parents' parents. We may drive them to the doctor, write cheques for them, take time off work when they fall ill, all the while trying to figure out how we will ever meet our obligations to them, our families, our jobs, and if we can fit it in, to ourselves. "Faced with their need for our help, we feel compassion, concern and very responsible."

Becoming a grown-up means coming to terms with our parents' aging and with our own, Viorst noted, "with the fact that our body is not what it used to be, with the fact that our options aren't what they used to be."

Although she believes to be grown-up is to understand your limitations, she said we still need to leave room in our hearts for a few crazy dreams.

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What's New

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

The regular deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, June 16, is deadline for June 30 issue. However, due to an upcoming holiday, please note that Wednesday, June 22, is deadline for the July 7 issue. And since we are not publishing a July 14 edition, all items that would ordinarily have appeared July 14 must be included in the July 7 columns. I am at my desk on deadline days only (Thursday, June 16, and Wednesday, June 22) to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Sunday, June 19

DINNER AND SHOW

Canadian ORT — Ontario region is presenting a dinner and show 6:30 p.m. at the Limelight Supper Club, 2026 Yonge St. Proceeds from *The Sound of Music* show will benefit the ORT Israel Scholarship Program. For information, 661-3136.

HEBREW: THE DNA OF CREATION

Ohr Somayach of Thornhill announces a public lecture by **Rabbi Mordechai Becher**, senior lecturer of Ohr Somayach, entitled Hebrew: The DNA of Creation, 8:30 p.m. at Ohr Somayach: Thornhill, 613 Clark Ave. W. No admission fee. For information, (905) 886-5730.

YIDDISH KULTUR COUNCIL

The Yiddish Kultur Council presents renowned Yiddish writer of Montreal, **Chava Rosenfarb**, who will give a lecture on A. Suchever, the Poet of Constant Renewal, 8 p.m. Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Admission $3. For information, 665-2785.

METRO AUCTION '94

Everyone loves an auction! Especially when it's Metro Auction '94. Be sure to drop in at Edward's Gardens (preview 1 p.m., auction 2 p.m.) for great bargains and a chance to save on jewelry, furs, leather and suede coats, home furnishings, collectibles, appliances, electronics, toys, housewares, travel and vacations, art and much more. Proceeds to benefit educational scholarships for Lubavitch Day School.

COUNTRY SHUL BARBECUE

The Country Shul in Richmond Hill is holding its first barbecue picnic 4 p.m. at Upper Mill Pond Park. For information, **Linda Marcus**, 764-6400.

KIDSPORTS GRAND OPENING

Kidsports is a new family fun and fitness centre located at 6465 Erin Mills Pkwy. in Battleford Centre, Mississauga. Grand opening ceremonies are scheduled for noon, with federal, provincial and local dignitaries participating. Everyone is welcome. This grand opening is a benefit for Credit Valley Hospital.

TRADE OPPORTUNITIES

Pictured at a meeting to discuss investment and trade opportunities between Israel and China (see The CJN, May 19) are (from left), Mendel Green, host; Dror Zeigerman, consul-general of Israel; Tang Fuguan, consul general of China; and guest speaker Phil Dror, former Israeli minister of economic affairs.

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Monday, June 20

AISH HATORAH SEMINARS

Aish HaTorah presents two seminars —

Why the Jews?, a seminar revealing the shocking explanation of the world's longest hatred, 8 p.m., Aish HaTorah Thornhill, The Promenade, Suite 303. $5. For information, 636-7530.

LaMazel Tov, from birth to bris — everything you need to know about having a Jewish baby, featuring **Zale Newman**, 8 p.m., 884 Eglinton Ave. W. $5. For information, 636-7530.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM PLAYGROUP

Open house for Shaarei Shomayim Playgroup takes place 10-11 a.m. Playgroup offers two programs for September 1994 — five-day program for children born in 1991, and four-day program for children born in 1992. Both include crafts, music and play. For information or to RSVP, **Elise**, 785-6638, or **Carol** 785-3614.

FAMILIES OF GAYS & LESBIANS

The Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians meets 7:30 p.m., library, Holy BLossom Temple. For information, call, in confidence, 763-9111.

OPEN AIR CONCERT

An open air concert of Yiddish folk, theatre and klezmer music is being sponsored by Committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, 7 p.m. at Earl Bales Park. It features **Theresa Tova**, TV star (**Marge** of *E.N.G.*) and popular interpreter of Yiddish song; the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band with leader **David Buchbinder. Cantor Louis Danto** and **Aaron Fainer** are program coordinators. Bring along blankets and lawnchairs. In case of rain, concert will be held at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. Free concert.

Theresa Tova

Tuesday, June 21

LITERARY EVENING

At a literary evening sponsored by New Fraternal Jewish Association and the Overbrook Cultural Club, guest speaker **Prof. Adam Fuerstenberg** will speak on The Life and Works of Itzik Manger. Guest artist is **Allan Farkas**. At 12 Heaton St. (Lodzer Centre), 8 p.m. Public is invited.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM SISTERHOOD

Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood's closing luncheon meeting for the season, 12:30 p.m., features a mini-fashion show. for reservations, (905) 731-6660.

ANNUAL AUCTION

Aquarius chapter, B'nai Brith Women's annual auction is being held at Adath Sholom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W., starting 6:30 p.m. with silent auction and merchandise tables, followed by live auction 8 p.m. Admission $3. Proceeds will help support many community services and BBW projects.

Wednesday, June 22

HOW HEALTHY IS YOUR HOME?

Baycrest Centre's Wellness Education Group presents Air Quality — How Healthy Is Your Home?, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Lecturers include **Neil Shepherd**, director of Physical Plant; and **Stephanie Dowhan**, director, Occupational Health; both of Baycrest. Open to the public. Admission $2 (to be paid at door). For seating purposes, register by June 21, 785-2500, ext. 2267. For information, **Judy Chu**, 785-2500, ext. 2555.

Thursday, June 23

COURTSHIP COMMUNICATION

Jewish Community Centre New Leadership Division in association with Aish HaTorah presents the fifth RSVP (Relationships Seen Though Varied Perspectives) round table discussion for singles ages 30-45 with **Mitch Mandel** speaking on Courtship Communication! Can Women/Men Bridge the Gap? Doors open 7:30 p.m., program 8 p.m., Jewish Community Centre North Y branch, Room 206, 4588 Bathurst St. $10 per person. Pizza, refreshments. RSVP **Rosanne**, 636-1880, ext. 358. First 50 people to RSVP receive a JCC Health Club pass.

And What Else Is New...

SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

A Summer Music Festival with entertainment, door prizes, pastries, coffee, tea, is being sponsored by Metro Toronto Lodge, B'nai Brith Canada, Monday, June 27, 7:30 p.m. at Earl Bales Park auditorium. Don't miss the Metropolitan Toronto Police Association male choir as well as two Russian artists, pianist/oboist **Senya Trubashnik**, and pianist **Natalya Tyomkina**. Also, **Phil Givens** will be in attendance. $5 per person. For information, **Morris King**, (905) 738-8236 or **Gordon Saltzman**, 661-4329, or **Jack Kuretzky**, 493-4479.

OHR SOMAYACH PROGRAMS

Ohr Somayach/Thornhill announces a new crash course in Judaism with **Rabbi Mordechai Becher**. The series is comprised of six Thursday evening lectures about Judaism You'll Never Forget and includes the following topics — Belief in G-d (June 9); The Sabbath (June 16); Prayer (June 23); Jewish Observance (June 30); Sexuality (July 7); The Land of Israel (July 14). Classes held 8:30 p.m. at Ohr Somayach/Thornhill, 613 Clark Ave. W. No admission charge. Register by calling (905) 886-5730. Everyone welcome.

Ohr Somayach of Forest Hill's new program, Beyond Bagels and Lox, with **Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz**, senior lecturer of Ohr Somayach will be held Sunday mornings, 7:30-10, at Ohr Somayach/Forest Hill, 27 Gilgorm Rd. (Chaplin Cres. and Eglinton). This new educational minyan consists of Hands-On Halacha, 7:30 a.m. (learn to use tallis and tefillin the right way); Shacharit, 8 a.m., followed by breakfast; and Mysteries of the Siddur — Philosophical and Kabbalistic Insights. For information, (905) 886-5730.

CHAI SHALOM FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Chai Shalom invites you its first anniversary celebration, a dinner and dance with entertainment by **Yitchak Argaman** and **Mickey Lewin**, Tuesday, June 28, 7 p.m., Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. Chai Shalom members $8, nonmembers $10. Tickets at synagogue office, sold on a first come basis. For information, **Paul Sheffield**, 445-8153; **Marlene White**, (905) 731-2515 (evenings); **Willie Silverberg**, 633-3748; synagogue office, 633-3838.

NEWS FROM SOLEL-MISSISSAUGA

Upcoming happenings at Solel Congregation, Mississauga — Friday, June 17, **Prof. Eileen Schuller** of McMaster University will speak about the Dead Sea Scrolls. Schuller is the only Canadian who is part of the Scroll team. Regular services will be held Friday, June 17 and June 24, 8:30 p.m., and Saturday, June 18 and June 25, 10 a.m. Also, There's a Tuesday morning minyan at 7 a.m. All welcome. For information, phone Solel, (905) 820-5915.

LIFESTYLE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Lifestyle Retirement Communities Forest Hill Place, 645 Castlefield Ave., is presenting Health and Fitness Day with stimulating activities and special guests **Mayor June Rowlands** and **Rhonda Katz** of CFRB on Thursday, June 16, 9:30 a.m.; and the Jewish Community Centre choir on Thursday, June 23, 2 p.m. Admission is free but seating is limited. Reserve by contacting **Gloria Gibbins**, 785-1511.

LEAH KIDRON CHAPTER, EMUNAH

Leah Kidron chapter of Emunah holds a buffet lunch and social gathering every Wednesday, followed by card games, noon to 4 p.m., 3636 Bathurst St., large social hall. $5 each week. Call 789-5714.

DO YOU LIKE TO DO LUNCH?

Do you like to do lunch? If so, why don't you volunteer for Baycrest Centre's Lunch Brunch. Volunteers make a difference during lunch times by assisting clients to eat in a friendly, social atmosphere. Comprehensive training is provided. Call the Volunteer Department, 785-2500, ext. 2572, to set up an interview.

GAYS, LESBIANS SUPPORT GROUP

The Coalition of Jewish Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students holds weekly confidential support meetings facilitated by a social worker from Jewish Family & Child Service, Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Vari Hall, Room 2005, York University. Meetings are free and will be held throughout the summer. Call **Claire** at Jewish Student Federation, 736-5179.

JCC VOLUNTEERS

The Jewish Community Centre North Y branch urgently needs young volunteers, ages 16-30, to assist in the Program Department. Volunteers will plan and develop creative ideas for innovative programs together with the program director. Reference letter and centre benefits will be provided. Contact **Rosanne**, 636-1880, ext. 358.

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GARAGE SALE

B'nai Brith Women of Canada Northern Lights chapter is holding a garage sale, Sunday, June 26, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 268 Osmond Cres., Newmarket. All proceeds go to charity.

ISRAEL SCOUT CARAVAN

The Israel Scout Friendship Caravan will be performing for the community Sunday, June 26, 7:30 p.m., at the Esther Shiner Stadium, 5720 Bathurst St., and Monday, June 27, 10:30 a.m. at Baycrest Centre Abe Posluns Auditorium. The Friendship Caravan is composed of 10 Israeli teenagers who through song and dance tell about Israel. This one-hour show is now in its 21st season.

The Caravan is part of the larger Israel Scout delegation, whose members serve as counsellors in camps and communities throughout Canada and the United States. This year, the Caravan will be in Montreal June 21, Ottawa June 22, Kingston June 23, Shabbat in Niagara Falls, Hamilton June 25, and then Toronto before leaving for the United States. The Toronto visit is co-sponsored by the Jewish Advisory Committee on Scouting and the Jewish Community Centre.

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Kehilla Residential Program, an affiliate of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, is seeking volunteers to assist in programs with children and seniors of all ages. Contact **Janice**, 932-1212, fax 932-1214.

DJ DANCE

In appreciation of the support for the Fabulous Singles Weekend, July 1-4, the DJ dance Sunday, July 3, at the Inn on the Park will be open to the community with proceeds going to the New Israel Fund. Price is $15 at the door. For information, **Sharyn**, 733-9848.

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ICRF HOSTS BARNES EXHIBIT

The Israel Cancer Research Fund will host a gala reception to preview the Barnes Exhibit at the Art Gallery of Ontario, Sunday, Sept. 18, 7-10 p.m. The Barnes Exhibit consists of 80 rare masterpieces of impressionist and post-impressionist art by **Matisse, Cezanne, Monet, Van Gogh, Renoir** and **Picasso**. Co-chairs are **Carole Herman Zucker** and **Gloria Lepofsky**. Tickets are now on sale at $125. For information, 487-5246.

SCARBOROUGH WOMEN'S CENTRE

Scarborough Women's Centre invites women to join its volunteer board of directors. Responsibilities involve up to five hours per month, attendance at meetings and participation in one additional committee. Women of all ethno-racial backgrounds and economic situations, aboriginal women and women with disabilities are encourage to apply. The board is especially looking for those with experience in such areas as law and fundraising. Call 296-7055.

BREAST IMPLANT LINE

Breast Implant Line of Canada is a federally registered non-profit organization providing self help and support to women who have had or are thinking of getting silicone gel breast implants. This organization works with physicians, researchers and others involved in breast implant issues. An annual membership provides the opportunity to attend bi-monthly meetings, receive newsletters, and connect via telephone with other women who have had silicone gel breast implants. Sensitivity and confidentiality are assured. The next meeting is Sunday, June 26. Phone **Joyce Attis**, 636-6618 for details.

for seniors

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club reports that information on the orientation for the November trip to **Israel** which includes a three-day, three-night **London** show tour, will be forthcoming. **Reservations** are being taken for the Stratford Festival trips — *Twelfth Night*, Sept. 29, and *Cyrano de Bergerac*, Oct. 18. For all activities, **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Book now for the **Senior Adult Services, Jewish Community Centre** trip to Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills, August 9-15. Call **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events — a movie Wednesday, June 22, 2 p.m. (members free, non-members $1); the musical *Forever Plaid*, Wednesday, July 6 (members $24, non-members $26); Catskills trip to Raleigh Hotel, July 25-31 (first bus filled, second bus bookings being taken); mah jong Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m.; ballroom dancing, Thursdays 2-3:30 p.m. For information on all activities, 395-7881.

For information on **Lifestyle Retirement Communities Forest Hill Place** programs, check item under And What Else Is New.

LZA Seniors Club is taking registration for trip to Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills July 20-26. **Libby**, 782-2059, or **Belle**, 633-5841. A day cruise on Lake Simcoe is planned for Wednesday, August 24, and registration is now being accepted for Stratford to see *The Pirates of Penzance*, Wednesday, Oct. 12. Discussion Group meets Tuesdays, 10 a.m., and Ladies dance Group Tuesdays, 1 p.m.

Senior Adult Services Jewish Community Centre Mah Jong Group is looking for new or used sets to accommodate their needs. For information, **Yvonne**, 636-1880, ext. 259.

Funtime Seniors has organized a cruise, Hawaiian show and lunch at Grand Island N.Y., Monday, June 27. Also, *The Music Man* and cruise, Tuesday, July 19. Call **Sylvia**, 730-0503.

A few seats are left for the **Young at Heart Seniors** 10-day Catskill trip to the Pines Hotel August 5-14. Package deal includes three meals daily catered to special diets, day and night entertainment. Cost $975 same as last year except for medical. **Doreen** or **Helen**, 635-6343.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). On June 23 there will be a lecture by **Sara Naor** on Man and the Environment. For information, 661-4689 or 783-9453.

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Father's Day luncheon, June 22, at noon, with **Lenka Lichtenberg** accompanied by **Michael Khinkis**, members $7. Concert 1:30 p.m., members $2, non-members $3. Tickets at Information Desk.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre presents Take Charge of Your Own Life with radio/TV personality **Leonard Rubenstein**, who will teach you to overcome stress, achieve peace of mind, free yourself from worry, Thursday, June 23, 1:30 p.m. Admission free. Everyone welcome.

Spend a day at the centre celebrating Canada Day Wednesday, June 29, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy greetings from local politicians, choirs, guest speakers, live entertainment, games for all ages, lunch ($3, sign up for lunch at Information Desk now) and a Canada Day birthday cake. Free admission. For information, **Irina** or **Rachel**, 225-2112.

The Arthritis Support group is going to Harborfront Monday, June 20, 9:30 a.m.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band Sunday, June 19, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Members $3.50, non-members $4.

The movie *Roxanne* will be screened Sunday, June 19, 2:30 p.m. Non-members $1.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. For information, **Anna**, 225-2112.

About People

ED MIRVISH RECEIVES AWARD

Entrepreneur/author **Honest Ed Mirvish** has received hundreds of prestigious awards throughout his career and now can add another one — a Certificate of Commendation award from Toronto's Historical Board, for his contribution towards enriching Toronto's history through the publication of his book *How to Build an Empire on an Orange Crate: or 121 Lessons I Never Learned in School*. The presentation was made by **Mayor June Rowlands** at Toronto City Hall Council Chambers. The hard cover autobiographical/advice book, released in Canada last fall, was also released this past March in the U.K.

USDS SCHOLARSHIP

The board of directors of United Synagogue Day School (USDS) of Toronto has established a scholarship in honor of outgoing president **Dr. Ira Schecter**, in recognition of his dedication and achievements. The Schecter-USDS Teacher-Israel Award will be awarded every second year on the basis of merit to a USDS teacher who will participate in a special course for Diaspora educators offered by the Samuel Melton Centre for Jewish Education at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Dr. Ira Schecter

Schecter, a practising dentist in Toronto, originally hails from Montreal where he graduated from McGill University School of Dentistry and where he had attended Talmud Torah and Herzilia High School. He served on the Toronto USDS board for 11 years, four as president. He has been active in UJA, Alpha Omega Dental Society, Adath Israel Congregation and is currently involved in the Board of Jewish Education. He and his wife **Paula** have four children; two are graduates of USDS and two are still there.

DEGREES FROM YESHIVA U.

Among the Canadians who received degrees at Yeshiva University's 63rd annual commencement exercises held at Madison Square Gardens in New York City recently are — **Rachel Goodman**, BA, Stern College for Women (SCW); **Elisa Bergel**, BA, (SCW); **Lillian Friedmann**, BA, (SCW); **Ephraim Gopin**, BA, Yeshiva College (YC); **Jeffrey Goldman**, BA, (YC); **Stephen Harris**, MS, Bernard Revel Graduate School (BRGS); **Chana Nusbaum**, MA, (BRGS); **Aviva Rosenstein**, BA, (SCW); **Akiva Sacknovitz**, BA, (YC); **Jonathan Miskin**, BA (YC), and MA (BRGS); **Michael Trapunsky**, BS, Sy Syms School of Business — all from the Toronto area. From Hamilton are **Daniel Green**, BA (YC), and MA (BRGS); and **Nathaniel Shiffman**, BA (YC).

PRESIDENT OF AHS

Sheldon Goodman was elected president of Associated Hebrew Schools at AHS's recent annual meeting. A lawyer and real-estate developer in Metro Toronto, he recently completed several years as vice-president of Associated. Goodman and his wife **Rosalinde (Lindy) Gross** have three children, all of whom are students at Associated.

Sheldon Goodman

Other elected officers are **Les Scheininger**, chairman of the board; **Louis Greenbaum, Brian Lass** and **Terri Weintraub**, vice-presidents; **Fred Guth**, treasurer; **Marlene Rochwerg**, secretary; **Mordechai Ben-Dat** and **Prof. Michael Brown**, co-chairs, Vaad Hachinuch; and **Michael Cadesky**, budget and finance committee.

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Metro Toronto Singles presents our annual Canada Day Long Weekend Party at the Baha Beach Club 277 Front St. in front of the Skydome. Thursday June 30th at 8 p.m. Cover $10. Door prize a pair of tickets for Pink Floyd concert. Call 222-7111 for info.

R.S.V.P. (Relationships Seen Through Varied Perspectives) THURSDAY JUNE 23, 1994 Jewish Community Centre North Y Branch, 4588 Bathrust St. JCC New Leadership Divison in association with Aish HaTorah presents its 5th informative, round table discussion for Singles 30-45. **SPEAKER MITCH MANDEL, Topic: Courtship Communication!! Can Women/Men Bridge The Gap?** Room 206, Doors open 7:30 p.m. Program 8 p.m. sharp. PIZZA/ Refreshments served. $10. RSVP 636-1880 ext. 358 **First 50 people to RSVP receive a JCC Health Club Pass.**

Select Singles is having another great Tennis Round Robin party and dance on June 25, 1994 at the Valley Tennis & Swim Club, 7015 Leslie St. Thornhill (North of Steeles). Tennis reservations a must. Tennis & dance $15. Starts at 7 p.m. Dance only $10 at 9 p.m. Please call for more information (905)889-0813.

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World ORT leader meets local group

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — On a recent trip to Toronto and Montreal, Ellen Isler, World ORT Union director general, gave ORT board members an update on ORT activities around the world.

At a Toronto luncheon held at the home of Moshe and Anat Wertheim, Isler told the group that the Israeli Council for Higher Education Authority has given "the penultimate stage of approval to Braude College, Karmiel, one of ORT's 120 schools in Israel, to grant bachelor degrees.

Braude's equipment must be upgraded to meet final approval. When that happens, Braude will get international recognition and transfer credits will be available. "Many more students will come from western and eastern Europe. The school will grow exponentially," Isler said.

She said ORT prides itself on maintaining a margin of excellence in all of its schools but in order to maintain this margin, extra money is needed.

"ORT Israel is responsible for one-third of the total secondary education in the country and there is an evergrowing need in order to keep up. The total number of Russians in Israel is about 900,000 and these people had to be integrated educationally. Many came with skills not applicable in Israel and one of ORT's jobs is to redirect people's talents and energies into earning skills."

Isler stressed that ORT is a healthy organization but it is in crisis. "The number of people are extraordinary. Either we have to find the means to follow through on our promises or we will have to cut back."

She said ORT will continue working with the two million Jews she estimates are still in Russia. "We have to do what we can to help them maintain the edge of excellence."

ORT is opening a high school in Moscow in September. The building and teacher salaries are paid for by the Russian government, while the Israeli government is supplying Jewish studies teachers of Russian backgrounds. ORT is responsible for a high-tech computer laboratory and the school principal. Isler said the Russians are involved "because they are desperate for models of educational reform and they figure if ORT hires the principals, its philosophy will purvail."

ORT also works with third world communities to establish mother-and-child care programs, like a community centre in Peru that included a kitchen and running water.

"We teach others to teach and then we withdraw. We make an incredible difference in people's lives," Isler said.

Mark Pearlman, president of Canadian ORT, Ontario region, introduced Isler. Present at the meeting were Dr. Mel Schwartz, national president of Canadian ORT, and Edie Glazer, national president Women's Canadian ORT. Longtime donors including Michael Landauaer, Max Guttmann, Percy Rosen, Mike Rogow and Ken Bodenstein were honored.

Goodman Judaica on display

TORONTO — The late Max and Evelyn Goodman were married 51 years and spent a considerable part of that time acquiring one of the most interesting collections of Judaica in Toronto.

Rarely seen before now, the collection will be on display at the Kanner Heritage Museum of Baycrest Centre starting June 20.

The exhibit, titled A Passion for Collecting: an Exhibit of the Judaica from the Estate of Max and Evelyn Goodman, is being presented with the support of the Goodman family: daughter and son-in-law Sheila and Robert Rothman and granddaughters Lorne and Mimi Anisman, Shawna Rothman and Richard Cornblum.

Evelyn Goodman, in particular, was passionate about collecting any work which reflected a Jewish theme or craftsmanship. She set up a worldwide network of contacts, although she herself rarely travelled outside of Toronto or Florida.

The Goodman collection includes colorful kippot from many countries, Middle Eastern amulets and jewellery, religious and decorative objects, textiles and tzedakah boxes.

Because they were also interested in local history, the Goodmans acquired posters advertising political meetings in Toronto; badges and pins from Jewish charitable organizations; calendars published by Jewish businesses; and watercolor paintings of Toronto synagogues, some of which no longer exist.

They collected plates depicting Jewish scenes or history from Royal Doulton and Wedgewood. They also gathered a considerable number of works on paper: stamps, magazine covers, newspaper articles, and rare haggadot produced for donors to the Jewish Orphanage for Girls in Israel.

Particularly notable are several large, three-dimensional New Year's cards; fine art by well known Jewish artists Arthur Szyk, Saul Field and Rappaport; and samples from Evelyn Goodman's vast collection of Jewish postcards, which number in the thousands.

The Kanner Heritage Museum is located in the Silverman Garden Court of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care at 3560 Bathurst St. The hours are Sunday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, please call 789-5131, ext. 2802.

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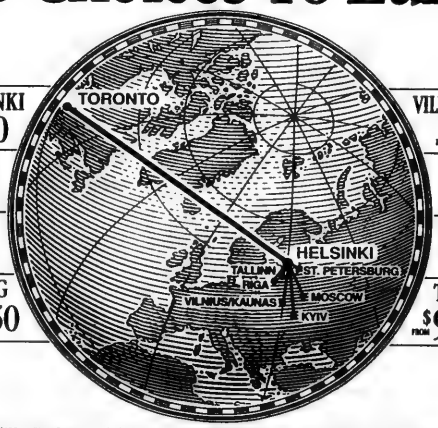

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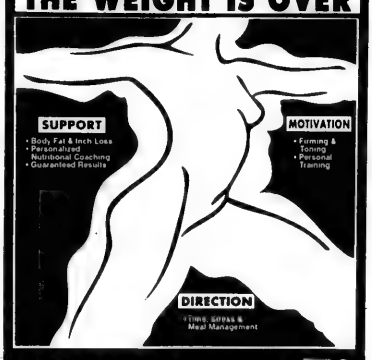

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Ottawa lawyer honored for service to community

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — Is winning awards becoming a habit for Stephen Victor? Two years ago, he received the Gilbert Greenberg Award, the highest honor given by the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa.

Last week, Victor was jointly honored in Ottawa by State of Israel Bonds and the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, at a dinner for 400, for his years of professional and community service. Thomas Keneally, author of Booker Prize winner *Schindler's List* was the guest speaker.

Victor, an Ottawa lawyer who was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1981, is the only person in the city's history to have chaired all of Ottawa's major Jewish organizations: the Jewish Community Centre, the United Jewish Appeal and the Jewish Community Council. He is on the national executive of Canadian Jewish Congress, a board member of the United Israel Appeal and an executive member of the Council of Jewish Federations. Last year he chaired the Canada-Israel Committee Parliamentary dinner and conference, a biennial event for the Jewish community and Members of Parliament.

Victor has also worked as a volunteer campaigner for the Ottawa Civic Hospital Heart Institute, Crohn's and Colitis Canada, Jewish Family Services and Hillel Lodge, Ottawa's Jewish home for the aged.

"I don't see life as a short dash over low hurdles...," said Victor. "Instead, I see life as a perpetual high jump or pole vault, where they keep raising the bar, and my job is to get over it."

Lest anyone mistake Victor for a saint, he took a bit of good-natured ribbing at the dinner.

About his successful law career: "He remembers the name of my clients who lost, of course, when I can't remember their name," said friend and colleague David Scott. "He quotes from judgments in excruciating detail, always judgments in his favor, always a complimentary aside from the presiding judge."

About his ambitions: "From our first meeting he showed me his dream," joked Israeli Ambassador Itzhak Shelef," and his dream was to become minister of defence of the State of Israel."

At Victor's request, friends wishing to make donations in his honor were asked to purchase Israel Bonds. About $600,000 in bonds was raised. Most will go to Hebrew University in Jerusalem to establish the Stephen and Gail Victor Centre for Trial Advocacy, where students will develop practical skills in trial law. But $100,000 of the money is earmarked for the University of Ottawa, Victor's alma mater, where it will support a graduate student exchange program between the University of Ottawa and Hebrew University.

Stephen Victor

"Hebrew University represents the quest of the individual for the growth of knowledge, to arm oneself with arguments, not armaments, the best defence for Israel in the years to come," Victor said.

As he did in Toronto some weeks ago, Keneally spoke about Oskar Schindler's extraordinary effort to save Jews from the gas chambers by employing them in his factory. Keneally said Schindler was the only manufacturer of those who used Jews — and there were others — who kept his workers alive and saved them from summary executions on the factory floor.

"The only dissenter from the general severity was this flawed, black-marketeer, " said Keneally.

He also spoke about the tenacity of Leopold Page, the luggage-store owner and Schindler Jew who pressed Keneally, as he had been pressing others, to write the book.

"Europe gave the Jews the emphatic message that their presence would not be tolerated. I don't know, if I had had that message, whether I would have spent 35 years telling the story about the Nazi who saved me," Keneally said.

Students' poem about peace gets first reading in Ottawa

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — A poem about peace written by four Beth Jacob School students so impressed Hamilton-Wentworth Liberal MP John Bryden that he promised to read it to Prime Minister Jean Chretien in the House of Commons. He kept his promise.

The poem, written by Lewis Greenspon of Grade 5, Grade 6 students Elana Zur of Kitchener and Michael Levy of Dundas, and Grade 7 student Elaine Cooper of Cambridge, was recited by Beth Jacob students as part of Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations at the Jewish Community Centre.

Among the local dignitaries and politicians assembled in the front row was Bryden. During intermission he approached teacher Sheila Freedman and asked her to send him a copy of the poem. The children had recited it from memory, but Freedman had luckily brought copies "just in case."

Freedman said Wendy Schneider, co-editor of the *Hamilton Jewish News* and also a Beth Jacob teacher, received a fax from Ottawa on the morning of May 6, informing her that Bryden was going to read the poem in the House that afternoon and that it would be televised on the Commons channel.

The children were unable to watch it that afternoon, but "Ottawa didn't waste any time and sent us a couple of videos," said Freedman. "The kids were really excited; we never expected this."

Bryden read the poem on the occasion of the signing of the Israel-PLO autonomy accord.

"A few weeks ago," he told the House, "the children of Beth Jacob Hebrew School in my riding gave me a poem they had written. I would like to share their words with you:

'Peace is special, it means love
The symbol of peace is a dove
Peace means to hope and to care
And make new friends everywhere.

There have been a lot of wars
We don't need this anymore

Enough of all the fighting, killing
Too much blood is all we're spilling.'

"Mr. Speaker," concluded Bryden, "the prayer of these children, all between 10 and 11 years old, has been answered. The dove of peace flies over Jerusalem."

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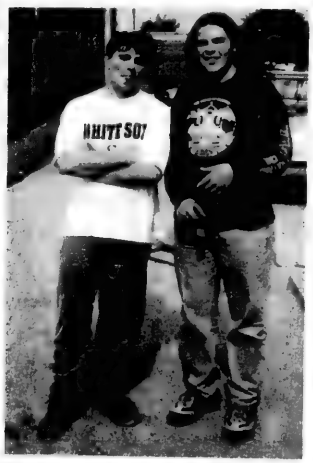
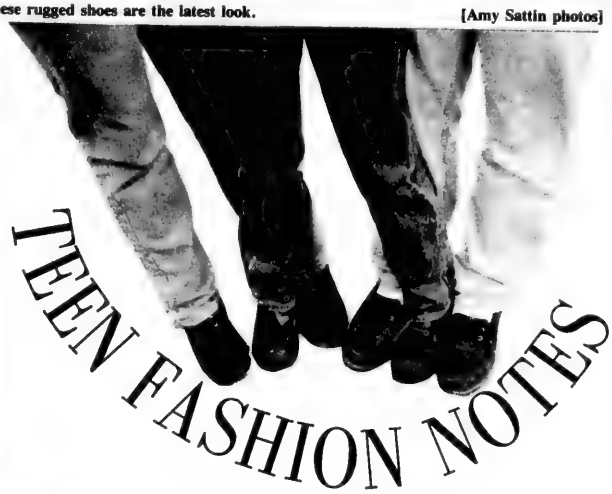


Noah Egelnick and Josh Wolfe, both 17, display their down-to-earth approach to fashion.

These rugged shoes are the latest look. [Amy Sattin photos]



TEEN FASHION NOTES

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

CHAT students Maureen Leshem, Mark Fischer, Melissa Behar and Daniella Siguy model teen fashion do's.

Daniella Siguy would never be caught dead wearing used jeans, but the weathered denims are Maureen Leshem's fashion trademark. Add to this the fact that Melissa Behar wears her jeans only in colors and it quickly becomes apparent that in teen fashion today, anything goes.

Siguy, Leshem and Behar are Grade 11 classmates at Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT). Their different approaches to fashion reflect their individual tastes and budgets; Siguy, 17, is a self-confessed clothes junkie who works part time in a fashion store to support her habit, while Leshem, 16, stretches her wardrobe by sharing with her two sisters.

But the three, along with 10 other CHAT students polled, say there are some fashions no one should wear. They include belts, Playboy pendants, platform running shoes, pigtails, sandals worn with socks, striped ties, jeans worn so low on the hips they defy gravity and going braless. CHAT's dress code is less demanding — "no shorts, no holes, no tanks," according to Leshem.

Some male students have their own set of fashion don'ts. "I like women without make up and with long hair — the natural look," says Mark Fischer, 16. Fischer himself wears low-key clothing — denim Gap shirt, jeans, white T-shirt and scuffed boat shoes — and is turned off by too much flash.

On this his female classmates agree. Most wear little make up and their jewelry is understated. "I haven't changed my earrings in three years," says Ilana Jackson, 17, fingering her small gold hoops. Siguy and Behar traded in the designer watches they got as bat mitzvah presents in favor of the glow-in-the-dark digital Timex Ironman. Rugged boots in leather (from Roots) and in canvas-rubber (by Palladium) complete the down-to-earth look.

Self-described individualist

Other looks include long flowing skirts, Blue System jeans, another shirt tied around the waist ("I'm self-conscious about my body," Behar says about the extra coverage), sports team paraphernalia, fishing vests, slim leather chokers and hair scrunchies. Birkenstock sandals are big too, but some CHAT students prefer Naot, the Israeli look-alike. "Buy Jewish," says Fischer.

Also popular is the hippie look, popular amongst fans of the counterculture band, the Grateful Dead. Josh Wolfe, 17, is one such "dead head," and points with pride to the beaded necklace he bought for $5 in San Francisco.

"It's my treasure," he says. "I got it in Haight-Ashbury [epicentre of the 1967 Summer of Love], right around the corner from the Grateful Dead's house. I've had it for three years and it hasn't left my neck."

Wolfe, who wears his hair long and his shirts tie-dyed, isn't above going clothes shopping with his mother. Actually, most of the CHAT teens I spoke to solicited their mothers' opinions. Wolfe went with his recently to a camp store to buy $10 cotton long-sleeved t-shirts in black and navy. "She lets me wear whatever I want to wear, as long as I don't go to shul in jeans or dress inappropriately for the occasion," he says.

But sometimes even moms get it wrong. Leshem was with her mother when she bought seven plaid shirts this January; she now finds them ugly and regrets the purchase. The self-described individualist also regrets buying clothes from Roots, Gap or Club Monaco stores "because everyone else has them."

Black Creek Pioneer Village.

Alleviate children's boredom with family-oriented events

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

When school ends and kids' boredom cries begin, its time to check out some of the myriad events taking place in and around Toronto.

Black Creek Pioneer Village, 1000 Murray Ross Pwy, near Jane and Steeles, is featuring A Soldier's Life For Me on June 18 and 19. The village, always full of activities displaying 19th century life, will be invaded by hundreds of soldiers in full color uniform who will stage mock battles and skirmishes. As well, a skilled hatter will display the rare craft of felt hat making. Fathers free on Fathers Day.

The Kortright Centre, on Pine Valley Drive in the city of Vaughan, is an environmental centre with about 180 acres of forest. On June 18 and 19 the kids will love Little Fish Stories, an interactive story hour featuring a walk around the pond and river. Beginning July 1 and continuing every weekend in July, Kortright Kids Stuff teaches kids to make environmental crafts such as birdfeeders. Honey bee trails, nature walks and hands-on activities are featured every day.

Riverdale Farm, 201 Winchester Ave. near Parliament and Wellesley is a city farm featuring such animals as cows, horses, bunnies and chickens. A variety of activities are offered, weather permitting.

The Town of Richmond Hill, Ward 3 Ethnic Relations Committee is running a Sell and Shoot Garage Sale with over 85 vendors and a basketball free-throw contest for the kids, June 26, 1-4 p.m., Bayview Community Centre, 114 Spadina Rd., Richmond Hill. Every Thursday at 7 p.m. in July and August, a variety of musical acts perform at Mill Pond Park on Mill Street

Ontario Place is awash with activities for kids big and small. Some of the new attractions include Laser Fantasy 3-D, a rock 'n roll laser show featuring a display of lasers and lights synchronized to a score of tunes by rock artists such as The Who and Peter Gabriel.

SeaTrek is a futuristic deep sea submarine simulator adventure combining special effects technology, large format film, a simulator theatre and animatronics. Set in the year 2055, SeaTrek invites visitors to participate in the story of the heroic Ocean Rangers who are engaged in a battle to defend a deep sea research station from an environmental pirate.

Other Ontario Place activities include the HMCS Haida Navel Museum, Lego Creative Play Centre, Nintendo Power Pod, Children's Village, Hydrofuge, MegaMaze, Mini Greens, Wilderness Adventure Ride, waterplay, pedal and bumper boats. Children's Festival performances, hosted by Babar the elephant, run four times daily.

Canada Day Celebrations abound in the Toronto area. . .

The City of North York's Mel Lastman Square is offering an evening of family entertainment featuring folk singer Valdy, the country tunes of Prescott Brown and comedians from Yuk Yuks. Fireworks begin at 10 p.m. Call the Hotline at 395-7350.

Day-long performances featuring such artists as children's performer Rosalie, the Royal Regiment of Canada and Bada Brava will be held at Skylight Theatre in Earl Bales Park. For information, call 392-3846.

At Plunkett Park Community Centre, Steeles and Islington Avenue, a three-day festival is planned including a bocce tournament, entertainment, live music and games. Fountainhead Park, Keele and Finch at Sentinel Road, is having a community festival including pony rides, a parade and fireworks in the evening.

In the Town of Richmond Hill, there will be a lot of goings on at Richmond Green. Activities include children's village games, petting zoo, clowns, mini cars and pony rides. Opening ceremonies are at noon and fireworks begin at dusk. Call 905-771-8870 for information.

The City of Vaughan is featuring events from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Maple Community Centre, 10190 Keele St. including children's entertainer Lenny Graf, carnival games, pony rides, dog show, children's crafts, free swimming, face painting and children's sports and relay games. For information, call 905-832-2377.

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Skating to economic success

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

** FACT: The unemployment rate for youth 15 to 24 years of age as of January 1994 is 19.2 per cent compared with 11.4 per cent for the general population.

TORONTO — Although the figures are daunting, many people, parents and children alike, are calling upon their skills, their sense of independence and their confidence to start their own businesses.

Brothers Brett and Devon Cranson, aged 16 and 14 respectively, are a perfect example. They illustrate the kind of ingenuity and dedication it takes to turn a negative situation into a positive, money-making venture.

April was the beginning of the second year of their seasonal business — Spring In-Line Skate Hockey League.

As Devon explains, their business idea was initially formed to provide a convenient, environmentally-friendly solution to their rollar blading street woes. He says that most evenings the weather and the sinking sun posed problems for them and for their friends just when the game was getting good.

These budding entrepreneurs put together a survey and headed to the nearby mall and the corner convenience store to determine who would be included in their target market. Application forms were made up to include a paragraph concerning injury liability for insurance purposes and parental permission.

The boys decided to run their league from April to the end of June, as this is the dry time before the beginning of summer camps and the traditional summer sports. Considering the competition they would have after June, their decision was well thought out. Brett is a camp counsellor and Devon attends camp; so after the three months of running the league, they can take the rest of the summer off.

Brett says the next step was the scheduling and since the local arena management was extremely helpful, this step was surprisingly easy. Last year, when the Cranson brothers held their first registration day, they ended up with 160 people who wanted to participate in the league. This year, that number rose by 30 per cent and instead of managing three divisions of 12 teams, they now have four divisions and 16 teams.

The cost of the three-month program was set at $100, which included the price of the arena, team jerseys that carry the company logo, and of course, payment for the league managers. Brett and Devon make about $1,000 for three months of work.

The old adage about all work and no play is something the Cranson brothers take to heart. As well as managing the league, they both coach and participate on teams. Their father is also a coach.

For Brett, who plans to go to university to study sports administration and eventually have his own arena, says this experience has been valuable. Devon, who plans to study to become a doctor, and perhaps a coaching professional, says that the fact that he ran his own business will look great on a resume.

Any pitfalls?

Devon says their ages were a problem in two cases — finding sponsors and getting other parents to accept them as responsible owners of the league.

"It takes a lot of dedication, a lot of hard work and you have to be willing to put a lot of effort into it [your own business]," Devon says, adding that expansion plans are underway for next year's league.

What do their friends think of the fact that the brothers are running their own business?

"Most of them are team participants so they love it," Devon says.

Programs established to increase small business

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Transferable skills, career planning and career infusion in the classroom — these are some of the 90s buzzwords of the jobless economy people age 15 to 24 are hearing from educators.

What these words mean is that the older generation is getting worried.

Gone are the secure positions that would see a worker from graduation to retirement. New technology means that keeping abreast of innovation is crucial. The shift to a global economy means that competition for positions will be fierce.

The current generation of educators, such as Susan Muskat, coordinator of guidance services at the Board of Education for the City of York, realize that the situation for new graduates is discouraging and intimidating, and they are determined not to lose a generation of young minds.

Therefore, by utilizing such methods as making students see their transferable skills (skills that may be transfered from the academic environment to a work setting — such as punctuality), career infusion in the classroom at a younger age (through cooperative and apprenticeship programs), and career planning, educators are instilling confidence and self-esteem into the next generation of workers.

Muskat notes that there is much work still to be done in educating parents and convincing teachers to implement this new approach to career planning.

In conjunction with the work that is being done in the classroom, unique programs have been developed that will offer other options to those facing unemployment.

One such organization, The Learning Partnership, is a not-for-profit organization founded in May 1993 by a group of Metropolitan educators and business leaders who share a common interest in public education. All private and separate school boards are members.

"We can no longer afford to operate in isolation. We each must take time to see what's happening in our communities beyond the walls of the boardroom and the classroom," says Charles Pielsticker, the founding chairman of The Learning Partnership.

Stumbling block

The literature sets out the group's goals. First is to bring together key leaders in education, business and the community so that educational resources and opportunities are maximized. Second is to encourage youth to develop skills that will make them better problem solvers as well as caring and responsible citizens for the future.

Other goals include: increasing literacy; improving student retention; promoting careers in science and technology; and motivating young people and enhance their readiness for school.

To that end, The Learning Partnership has set out a list of activities. They will be involved in the Entrepreneurial Immersion Project for elementary schools; they will implement the Inventor Mentor Project that will match students with mentors to come up with an invention; they will have a Take A Youth To Work day which will place a grade 9 student in the workplace; and they will help pilot The Reading Game to encourage elementary-aged children to read.

Many of these programs will kick-start the motivation of young people. For those who progress to the point where they want to establish their own business and create their own job, funding may be a stumbling block.

In addition to the work done by The Learning Partnership, the provincial government has several programs that will financially encourage young people to develop their own businesses.

For example, the Student Venture Program offers qualifying participants a loan of up to $3,000, available to students who wish to own and operate their own business. Over 10,500 firms have been started with program funds over the past 20 years. The loan is guaranteed by the Province of Ontario and is interest-free for the period between April 1 and Sept. 30.

Last year, the Ministry approved 655 applications and the principal advanced was $1,855,000. Based on 30 per cent final reports returned to the Ministry, total revenues generated to date is $1,941,632. Also 217 jobs were created, not including the owners. As reports come in, those reports will be considerably higher.

Those interested in obtaining more information on Student Ventures and other programs, contact the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade.

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This week The CJN features...Community Lifecare Inc.

By LORI DENNIS

TORONTO — "When family members begin to think about sending their loved one to a retirement home, 95 per cent of the time they can rest assured that they are making the right decision," says Harvey Hofbauer, administrator for **Terrace Gardens Retirement Residence,** at Bathurst and the 401.

"It's my experience that families suffer a tremendous amount of guilt and trepidation when thinking about such a change for their loved one. My advice is not to allow feelings of guilt to make you second guess your first instincts."

Children may have made promises to their loved ones that they are unable to keep. They may have assured them that they will always care for them in the comfort of their own home. But sometimes such promises are impossible to keep because the family needs to attend to their own obligations such as a career or caring for their young children. Or it may be that the family member simply requires more care than they can possibly provide at home.

"In recent years, we have seen residents enter our home at an increasingly older age and in much frailer condition. The average age of our residents is now about 85. This says to us that families [could be] struggling to keep their loved ones at home longer than ever before. But there comes a time when seniors need more than families can give," Hofbauer explains.

How do you know when your loved one is ready for a retirement home? Hofbauer suggests three factors to consider when deciding on the next step to take for your older parent, aunt, uncle or friend.

1. Early Signs of Dementia — A recognition that their mental condition has deteriorated. This may manifest itself in all kinds of ways such as forgetfulness on a continual, sporadic basis.
2. Specialized Care is Required — When their needs go beyond meals on wheels; they may be reaching the point where an individual home care worker cannot meet their needs and more care is required for a number of problems.
3. A Need for Companionship — Not everyone has a wide supportive network of family and friends. Your loved one may be lonely and need companions of a similar age and lifestyle.

When making your decision, Hofbauer suggests that you involve the potential residents in the decision-making process and allow their rights and needs to be expressed. And most importantly you must realize that you are not sending them to the "hole of Calcutta." In most cases, the residence that they're entering is designed to offer a better way of life.

"At Terrace Gardens, for example — one of the retirement residences owned by **Community LifeCare Inc.** — we generally see an upward curve in the resident's mental, emotional and physical health within four to six weeks. We've never lost a resident that has come to our home. In fact some of them have been here since 1985," says Hofbauer.

"We offer a home environment that carries a spirit of dignity and quality of life. All levels of care are provided as well as services such as a beauty salon, and activities such as theatre, swimming, bingo and other outings. Our challenge is to help our residents maintain their mental, emotional and physical health," he says.

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Entrepreneurial experience ...

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN
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TORONTO — A great motivator.

Perhaps this is what Neil Zworth was thinking when he quit his corporate life in multi-national marketing to start his own business.

Two years later, with sales tracking at $250,000 and a new son named Max, Zworkin says, "I did it with a lot of heart, not a lot of money."

In August 1991, Zworkin founded Neil's Soup Kettle. Although he had several business ideas, he went with the soup company because "there was nothing like it in Toronto at the time." That is, no one was offering a line of vegetarian soups with exotic flavors such as Szechuan Sweet and Sour, Kashmiri Carrot, Brazilian Black Bean or Panhandle Corn Chowder, to name a few. (The soups are not under supervision of the Kashruth Council.)

"My immediate family and my in-laws have a great appreciation of food and they were a great focus group for me," Zworth says, adding that he uses his mother's potato leek recipe and his mother-in-law's gazpacho recipe.

It wasn't always easy. Beginning a business in the heart of the recession meant Zworth's company had to grow slowly if he wanted to avoid spending too much money. Initially, the 34-year-old approached commercial kitchens to see if he could utilize their facilities during their off-hours. Many turned him down. Finally, arrangements were made with a caterer, and later with a pasta manufacturer. For several months, Zworth used these facilities until logistical problems forced him to secure a place of his own.

Today he owns a 1,600 square foot facility that gives him the space he needs for production and product development. He says that any money he made along the way was reinvested in the company.

Knowing he had the space to make and deliver larger orders, Zworth set out to market his soups. In February 1992 he established a small cart at the St. Lawrence market on the corner of Jarvis and Front Street.

He purchased a large soup pot and on market day he filled it with one type of soup and offered free samples to customers. It was only weeks later that the management at the market approached Zworth asking him to set up a permanent kiosk once their planned expansion work was complete. Zworth says he liked the fact that the market exposed him to a large cross section of people and agreed.

Today, he operates a 110-square-foot kiosk that is aptly decorated to illustrate the home-cooked goodness of his soups. He notes that bottling his soups in mason jars evokes a feeling of quality and traditional home cooking in many of his clients.

Zworth talks about some of the hardships he had to face. He says that the loss of a resource pool is a problem. Taking it to its simplest level, "You can't simply go to the supply cupboard when you run out of office supplies."

He points out that as owner he had to assume every role. "You have to realize that you are chief cook and bottle washer," he says, citing his "carrot chopping days."

"At the same time," he continues, "you have to then be able to change, put on presentable clothes and go out and sell your product."

Zworth says that having gone through the experience of wearing all the hats, he can now empathize with the person who has taken his place as the carrot chopper. "I will have an appreciation of jobs that other people are doing because I have done them myself."

Having turned a one-man operation into one that has a staff pool of five, where does Zworth see himself in the future?

"You look at the success stories like Ms. Vickies and hope that you can emulate that," he says, adding that the line will be expanded to include soup-related products.

Zworth says he has had "considerable interest expressed by a large, upscale company in Western New York."

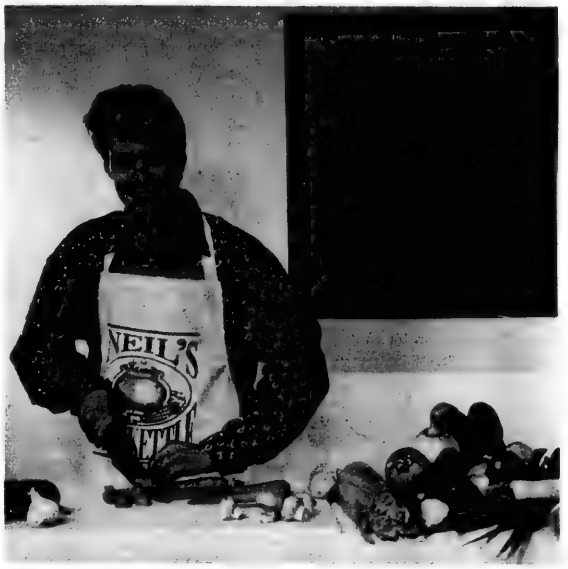
He cautions people against jumping in with both feet when they are trying to secure orders because if you can't deliver what you promised, your reputation will suffer.

Does Zworth have a golden rule?

"If you have something you believe in, stick to it and see it through."

Above all, Zworth stresses that support mechanisms are essential. He says beginning a business can be lonely and it is crucial to have family support as well as peer discussions and feedback. Later, as the company begins to succeed, the benefits are many. Zworth cites his quality of life and time flexibility as some of the benefits he is now realizing.

"I'm very happy and thankful for the support I get from my wife," he says, adding that if he wasn't his own boss, getting time off for his son's birth and his first few weeks of life wouldn't have been easy.



Neil Zworth has worn all the hats (and the apron) while getting his business, Neil's Soup Kettle up and running.

Business Briefs

51 Per Cent of El Al Is Sold

TEL AVIV — The government's privatization committee has approved the sale of 51 per cent of El Al Airlines to the general public, paving the way for privatizing the national carrier.

The announcement followed a meeting of the Ministerial Committee for Privatization which accepted the recommendations of Transportation Minister Yisrael Kessar and Finance Minister Avraham Shohat to privatize El Al.

The actual sale of shares is expected to take place in October when the once-ailing airline is to be taken out of the 13-year-long receivership under which it has been operating.

A board of directors for El Al will be named once the company is out of receivership.

Kessar opposed the sale of a controlling interest to a private investor in order to protect the airline's workers who have already expressed fears about their salaries and working conditions under the new owners.

El Al was put into receivership by the government 13 years ago when it suffered heavy losses in the wake of numerous strikes by one or more of the 12 local unions representing El Al workers.

Discussions were also held to study airline security. Security costs total about $55 million a year; 80 per cent of that is covered by the government.

Kessar and Shohat will decide during the privatization process how the security costs will be shared by the government and El Al shareholders.

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An Updated Economic Agreement

BRUSSELS — An updated trade and economic agreement between Israel and the European Union (EU) is expected to be completed by the end of the year, according to Michael Harish, Israel's minister of commerce and industry.

Speaking at the end of a two-day visit to Brussels recently, Harish said that since January, representatives of Israel and the European Executive Commission have been discussing the new agreement which will update Israel's 1975 free trade accord with the EU.

Europe is Israel's largest trading partner. Last year, more than 60 per cent of Israeli imports were from European countries and more than 38 per cent of Israel's exports were to the 12 EU member states.

In recent years, Israel has tried to elevate its trading status with the EU to gain better access to the European market.

Israel wants to include the telecommunications and services sectors and is eager to participate in European research and development programs.

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Israel Signs $2 Billion Deal

JERUSALEM — The United States and Israel recently signed the authorization for the St. Louis, Missouri-based McDonnell Douglas to produce 21 F-15I Eagle fighter jets for the IAF.

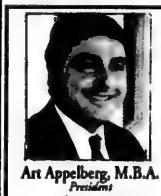
The decision to purchase the F-15I, a version of the U.S. air force's F-15E, was made last January, following a year-long evaluation process that included consideration of the Lockheed F-16ES, a jet tailor-designed for Israel.

The IAF finally decided to purchase the all-weather, day/night, long-range F-15I.

The deal, worth about $2 billion, is expected to extend the life of the F-15 production program through 1999. McDonnell Douglas officials said 93 F-15s are on order until the end of the century.

According to the deal, Israel will have the option of buying up to four more jets. Additionally, McDonnell Douglas and Israel will design an offset deal that will move the manufacturing of some of the plane's components to Israel.

The first planes will be delivered by 1997.



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By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "I have never been so happy making so little money," says Elliott Snitman, owner of Verigold Jewellers.

"I've also never had more stress, more grey hair or more satisfaction," says the 30-year-old who has always wanted to own his own business.

Snitman entered the jewelry business at the age of 15 when he and a high school friend formed the first Verigold Jewellers, selling their wares at flea markets and during holidays.

Up until two years ago, Snitman had been working for other jewelers, designing and selling merchandise. Then he decided he knew enough about the industry and business in general to establish his own firm.

Since that time, Snitman says, "Every dollar has been accounted for." He compares his venture to a baby: you have to feed it for many years and even then, it's never fully fed.

Like most entrepreneurs, Snitman does everything himself and this gives him the power to treat customers as he sees fit. For example, he tells of a woman who brought him a piece that needed repairs. Snitman told her he would have it ready for her on a certain day, but the day arrived and the job wasn't completed. When the customer did pick up the piece, Snitman didn't charge her.

Another example is the customer who brought him a 117-year-old porcelain family plate. The piece had been broken and she gave it to Snitman to see if he could repair it. He refused to charge her for his work.

Getting to know and care about his customers made Snitman decide to buy a store at Highway 7 and Markham Road in Markham. When he went to look at the property, the people in the area were very friendly and reminded him of the "open-door policy" with which he was raised. To this day, Snitman says, "My customers have not let me down."

Although he was reluctant to reveal any sales figures, Snitman did say that he is "anticipating completing this year with a 30 per cent increase at a time when the industry is suffering." Snitman added that he is covering his expenses and growing slowly.

One of the reasons for his continuing growth is direct contact with his clients. "I always considered myself a liaison between the boss and the customers when I was working for others. I had to satisfy the customer and create a profit for the company. Even if I got slapped on the wrist for it, I always stood up for the customer."

One of the pitfalls business owners face is a sense of frustration. Snitman says there are some days when you feel you're not accomplishing anything. You remember the paycheques you used to get and, at the same time, you see the bills stacking up. However, Snitman says, giving into that frustration hinders production. You have to be motivated.

Asked why he didn't tap into any government programs for help, Snitman replies that he wanted to set himself up on his own and says that "the government is totally unsupportive of small business." He says he would like to see taxes waived and access to government programs made easier. Those lucky enough to be accepted into a program drown in the paperwork they have to keep because of the government's strictness.

For himself, over the next five years Snitman anticipates growth and perhaps a second store if he can entice his brother into the business.

As well, being one who always gives back to the community, Snitman says he hopes to participate in the local high school cooperative education program so students can benefit from the hands-on learning experience.

Any words of wisdom for potential entrepreneurs?

"No. 1: do research; and No.2: when financing make sure you have lots of operating capital," he says, adding that once you think you have enough to survive one year, double it.

"No. 3: take it slow. Its the old story of the tortoise and the hare. Take it slow."

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By YARON HAIK
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — With the hustle and bustle of daily life most of us have little time to consider long term goals, such as how we can save the money for the down payment on a house or whether there will be enough left over for our children's education.

That's why it's important to take the time to think about your future, to think about your long-term goals and what you'll have to do to achieve them.

To set financial goals your first step is to establish your net worth, the difference between your assets and your liabilities. Your assets should include cash savings, Canada Savings Bonds, the cashable portions of life-insurance policies, jewelry, cars boats, RRSPs and, if applicable, the equity in any property or business.

Once you have determined your assets add up your short-term liabilities, such as charge accounts, credit card balances, loans and taxes due this year. Then, calculate your long-term liabilities, such as mortgages and business loans.

Always remember to factor in cash reserves — equal to about four months' worth of your salary — to cover emergencies, including loss of employment. Also, do you have enough to pay for short-term necessities, like vacations or appliances?

When you have calculated all of your expenses, how much cash is left to invest?

If there isn't very much, then you should seek a way to make both your fixed and liquid assets more productive. This is when you should examine your long-term goals, such as buying a home, a cottage or taking an exotic holiday.

Financial goals

Other things you will want to consider are whether you will want to buy a larger home in the future, or perhaps move to a different neighborhood. And do you want your children to attend a community college or university, or send them to an out-of-town institution?

Possibly the most important question you will want to ask yourself is: What kind of lifestyle do you expect to lead when you retire and will you have the means to support it?

It's very difficult to pin a precise dollar value to these questions, which is why you may need to consult a financial planner or investment advisor. A professional investment expert can advise you as to how much you'll need to earn to support your long-term goals and will be able to suggest ways in which you might better realize them.

These experts will likely suggest such investments as mutual funds, real estate or a carefully selected common stock portfolio. Mutual funds, in fact, might be the most attractive option because they are liquid, diversified and managed professionally.

Consider all investment options carefully with the help of a professional financial planner or investment advisor.

Examining these options is an important first step in meeting your long-term goals. However, once you have established a plan, have the patience to make it work. You won't become a millionaire overnight, but by reducing your expenses and debts, planning your taxes carefully, and saving and investing, you can make a great deal of headway in realizing your personal financial goals.

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Improved relations may lead to tours of Israel, Jordan

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

AMMAN — To Israelis, the gleaming white capital of Jordan seems as far away and inaccessible as Timbuktu.

But in reality, Amman is a one-hour drive from Jerusalem — for those who are able to get there.

Since 1948, Jordan has denied entry to all Israelis and all but a handful of Diaspora Jews wishing to visit the country. For decades, those few Jews who were able to sneak in with "clean" passports (those without Israeli stamps) risked imprisonment.

Now, thanks to warming relations between Israel and Jordan, visits by Diaspora Jews could be just weeks away.

And, according to a close adviser to King Hussein, Israelis will be welcome as soon as the two countries sign a peace treaty, possibly within two years.

Last week, David Clayman, Israel director of the American Jewish Congress (AJC), traveled here to explore the possibility of bringing Diaspora Jewish tourists to the country as an add-on to AJC tours of Israel.

Some 300,000 Jews have visited Israel on AJC tours over the past 30 years.

Throughout Clayman's three-day visit, key government officials and travel professionals expressed keen interest in opening their country to Jewish tourists, Israeli stamps and all, he said.

One official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, assured Clayman that the "clean" passport rule "is not an explicit policy," and noted that Jordan began to permit tourists with Israeli stamps to enter, albeit unofficially, several months ago.

Clayman, who had first visited Jordan in 1986 as a member of an AJC delegation invited by King Hussein, called this month's visit "very important."

"Everyone in Jordan, bar none, was interested in having us bring tour groups from Israel," he said.

The visit was the culmination of months of quiet negotiations between the AJC and Khalil Adwan, a Jordanian travel agent and unofficial emissary of the Hashemite government.

Since there are no communication links between Israel and Jordan, the American embassy in Amman served as intermediary, facilitating a meeting between Clayman and Adwan in Jerusalem in late March to discuss the feasibility of Jewish tourism to Jordan.

Sitting in the lobby of the Intercontinental Hotel in Amman, whose clientele includes Western businessmen and Arab sheiks, Clayman said, "I made it very clear from the start that AJC would not even consider adding Jordan to its itinerary unless the Jordanians allowed tourists with Israeli stamps to cross into Jordan and permitted 'double crossings,' " meaning that tourists can leave and return to Israel over the Allenby Bridge.

Behind closed doors, officials assured Clayman that the king will agree to these demands, perhaps as soon as this week.

"It is in the interest of the Jordanian government to enable Jews to visit," Clayman said. "The tourist industry is important to the Jordanians, yet it is minimal at best. They realize that Jordan is not on the American tourist map at all, and they want to tap into that market.

"Another motivation — and this is only conjecture — is that the Jordanians see American Jews as an important channel for influencing U.S. policy and public opinion," he said.

"They may want us to present their case to the American administration. They may be thinking that if we come and see their problems firsthand, we could be helpful in presenting their case both to the administration in Washington and the government in Jerusalem."

Nonetheless, Clayman added, "there is a real measure of sincerity in the Jordanians.' desire to see this terrible conflict end, to open the doors with Israel."

Adwan, the Jordanian emissary, couldn't agree more. Born in the Old City of Jerusalem, where he lived until the age of 16, he is eager to promote tourism on both sides of the border.

"I've always thought about tourism and open borders, but it wasn't until the signing of the peace agreement in September that I began to take the idea seriously," Adwan said.

A frequent visitor to Israel, Adwan readily admitted that "Israel has more to offer tourists than Jordan does.

"But I see Israel and Jordan as a package, combining the beauty of, say, Jerusalem's Old City with the wonders of Petra," he said referring to the ancient Nabatean city.

"That means that Jewish tourists will want to come to Jordan, and that Christian and Muslim Arabs will want to visit Israel. This will happen when there is a genuine peace."

Already, Adwan said, "things are improving. Crossing the Allenby Bridge used to be a humiliating experience. The Israelis would do a strip search and open up every single piece of luggage. Recently, they've introduced an X-ray machine and simply send the luggage through that."

Clayman, who said he encountered surly Israeli border police during his own trek across the Allenby Bridge, near Jericho, agreed that Israeli border guards "must learn to treat people with more respect, period."

For tourism to succeed, Clayman said, both sides must put aside their prejudices. "This is an Arab country with no history or experience with Jews. Even with all the rancor between Jews and Palestinians in the territories, there is as much binding us as separating us."

As a beginning, "the Jordanian press should stop publishing anti-Semitic articles and cartoons that depict Jews with long noses."

Jews, too, must change their perceptions for this project to work, Clayman said.

Though the AJC expects to be the first Jewish tour group to receive an official welcome from Jordan, it does not want to be the last.

"The AJC has worked out this arrangement, and the Jordanians are still careful and wary. They don't want to go too fast or too loud," Clayman said, adding that both sides will benefit if this experiment goes well.

"Within the near future, many American Jewish tour groups will be visiting Jordan."

TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

It's no secret that Israel's 270 kibbutzim, which have about 170,000 residents in total, are at a major crossroads. Many were established early in this century by groups of heroic settlers motivated by an ideological mix of communism, Zionism and the need for collective living. Encouraged by David Ben Gurion to spread far and wide and to establish settlements where others would follow, the kibbutzniks were often Israel's gatekeepers. No new kibbutzim have been established in the last decade, and it is widely conceded that the average kibbutz community can no longer make a respectable living from agriculture alone.

David Duvdevani readily concedes that the kibbutz movement, financially troubled and ideologically outmoded, must redefine itself to ensure its long-term survival. Duvdevani, representing the Kfar Giladi kibbutz in the Galilee, is one of a new breed of kibbutzniks who are trying to bring the uniquely Israeli institution into the 21st century.

"No one really knows what the future of the kibbutz will be," he says. "You can ask 1,000 different kibbutz members that question, and you'll get 1,000 different answers. All we know for sure is that the kibbutz is going through some sort of change. Eventually, it won't be anything like the first kibbutz, which was established in 1906."

Opened factories

Attempting to diversify, many kibbutzim have opened factories, thereby upsetting the socialist apple cart. Factories, kibbutz members discovered to their chagrin, impose their own class system, requiring specialized technicians, managers, shift supervisors and salesmen who wear suits, take clients for lunch, and go on business trips. Industrialization has altered the old order in which members shared all property, contributed equally and received rewards in equal portion.

In recent times, social problems from outside, like drug abuse and domestic violence, have crept into the kibbutz's relatively sheltered world. The first murder officially recorded on a kibbutz occurred several years ago. Unfortunately and inevitably, the idealism of the elders has trickled down as disillusionment to many of the younger generation. According to Duvdevani, only 3.8 per cent of the Israeli population live on kibbutzim, and as many as half the young people who grow up on kibbutzim leave as adults. The reason the first figure isn't higher, and the second isn't lower, is simple, he says: "People don't want to give up the material things."

In recent years, many kibbutzim have started to explore and profit from various high-tech ventures. Some manufacture superior farm machinery for export, some dabble in pure agricultural wizardry — for example, attempting to breed fish that are as meaty and tasty as chickens. Today's kibbutzim operate about 360 industrial enterprises that represent about $1 billion worth of investment and earn about seven per cent of the country's gross national product.

Duvdevani's own job title, as printed on his business card, underscores the new savvy capitalism of the kibbutz movement. He is the marketing and sales manager of the Kibbutz Hotel Kfar Giladi, whose slogan is, "You've got a friend forever in the Galilee." Founded by Hashomer Hatzair in 1916, Kfar Giladi's 740 residents are involved in the production of cement, eyeglass frames, turkeys, avocados and other produce; they also run a fishpond and the hotel, turning over about $55 million yearly from all sources.

Many kibbutzim like Kfar Giladi have expanded into the tourism industry. Some have built dedicated guesthouses, while others offer functional bed and breakfast rooms at reasonable rates, as well as restaurants, gift shops and daily activities that include swimming, tennis, horseback riding and mudbathing. Today the largest hotel chain in Israel is not Dan, Sheraton, Hilton or Moriah. It is the Kibbutz Hotels chain, which features 30 establishments with 2,400 rooms across Israel, from the Red Sea to the Hermon, the Mediterranean to the Galilee.

A few hotels in the chain are four-star but most are three-star, says Duvdevani, the chain's sales and marketing manager. "We try to be different. Most Kibbutz Hotels are not built as a single building. You'll see more gardens, more open spaces. There's a friendlier atmosphere and people dress casually." Rates, too, are friendlier. Roughly one-third of all occupied rooms in the chain are taken by Israelis touring their own country.

For a map and brochure detailing properties and tour packages, contact the Kibbutz Hotels reservation center, 90 Ben Yehuda St., P.O.B. 3193, Tel-Aviv 61031. Telephone 972-3- 5246161, fax 972-3-5230527. Or contact the Israel Government Tourist Office, 180 Bloor St. W., Suite 700, Toronto Ont., M5S 2V6. Telephone (416) 964-3784, fax (416) 964-2420. Toll-free line: (800) 669-2369.

Heritage tour set for France

From Paris to Provence: Jewish groups planning trips to France can take in the sights and enjoy a voyage into history with a special Jewish heritage tour offered by Provence Voyages.

Based in the south of France, the travel agency is offering a six-day tour that kicks off in Paris and ends in Marseilles. In between, participants will visit the cramped "carrieres" (Jewish quarters) in a variety of cities and tour museums dedicated to Jewish art and history. Also on the itinerary are visits to the oldest synagogue in France, located in the southern city of Carpentras, and to one of France's oldest medical schools, founded by Jews and Arabs from Spain in the picturesque city of Montpellier.

The tour includes a view of Les Baux de Provence, a medieval village situated on a rocky plateau, as well as a tour of the papal palace in Avignon and the famed "pont" (bridge) nearby. The tour ends in the old city of Marseilles, with a walk through the port area and a visit to the city's main synagogue.

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BOOKS

By BERNARD BASKIN

The God I Believe In by Joshua O. Haberman, Maxwell Macmillan Canada $32.50

Do you believe in a personal God? Have you ever had a profound religious experience? Does God intervene in history? Are the Jews a chosen people? How do you understand the idea of "brit" or covenant? How do you explain the Holocaust and the nature of evil? Do you have faith in the coming of a Messiah or a messianic age? Is there an afterlife?

These are the basic questions that Joshua O. Haberman, retired senior rabbi of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, asked 14 prominent Jews. Those interviewed included rabbis Rachel Cowan and Louis Jacobs; theologians Emil Fackenheim, Steven Katz and Yeshayahu Leibowitz; novelists Cynthia Ozick and Chaim Potok; scientists Philip Leder and Arno Penzias; Talmudist Adin Steinsaltz; chassidic leader Levi Isaac Horowitz, known as the Bostoner Rebbe; Yeshiva University president Norman Lamm; writer and editor Norman Podhoretz; and former Soviet refusenik Natan Sharansky.

As might be expected the answers from this diverse group — although frank, thoughtful and often surprising — cover a wide range of positions and beliefs, from Orthodoxy to near agnosticism.

Despite the chilling inhumanity of our century (what the author refers to as 'the chamber of horrors we call history"), most of those interviewed still maintain some faith in a monotheistic God and intelligent purpose in the Universe.

For Katz the conception of God is a reflection of our desire for a sense of security and meaning. He insists that "meaninglessness is the ultimate enemy of Judaism," that our actions do matter and that there is some kind of ultimate universal design into which we fit.

When Rabbi Lamm is reminded that the human being in cosmic terms is merely a speck of dust, hardly to be measured against astronomical time and that God cannot be concerned about us individually, he responds, "It all depends on how big a God you believe in. Somehow a small computer has only a certain number of bytes but a very big computer can process a great deal more information.

"I believe in a very big God who can be concerned with everything, even a speck as apparently insignificant as my own life in this vast universe."

The belief in and nature of the Messiah is a source of both mystery and anticipation. For Steinsaltz the Messiah is the answer to the world's unsolved and unsolvable questions. To believe in such a personality is not to go about in a purposeless, useless way. Ozick warns that "whenever we have held such a belief, it has engendered devastation afterwards: Bar Kochba, and Shabbatai Zvi whose movement degenerated in the Frankist sect, even as much earlier a Messiah cult led to Christianity.

This book, a refresher course in Jewish theology, resolves none of the tough, complex issues that it raises. But from the adroit and knowledgeably conducted interviews there emerges for the thoughtful reader new avenues of awareness and the opportunity to re-examine and re-evaluate long held beliefs and opinions. In this sense the book is an overarching success.

Secular, shul choirs present vibrant profile of Jewish music

By ROSE TOGMAN HEILBRONN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — From the Holy Ark in Beth Tzedec Synagogue's main sanctuary, your eyes sweep up 40 feet of solid brocade drapes then veer right to focus on bold Hebrew letters standing out from the wall. The letters form the first words of the High Holiday prayer "Shemah Kolaynu" ("Lord, our God, hear our voice").

On May 31st, those voices belonged to 12 secular and synagogue choirs participating here in the Toronto Festival of Jewish Choral Music.

With selections from liturgical, traditional and folk songs, 285 performers gave a vibrant profile of Jewish music in Toronto.

"Toronto, unusual in the number and range of its choirs, is one of only a few North American cities with a choral festival," said festival organizer and composer Ben Steinberg.

The evening was sponsored by the Toronto Jewish Music Committee of the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto.

Opening the program with a vivacious *Uri Tzion*, the Holy Blossom Singers set the trend of combining modern and traditional elements. Their two other selections were an amalgam of traditional text with contemporary music.

Many of the more than 700 audience members hummed or sang along with Kol Shira's tender rendering of *Oseh Shalom*. More than a prayer, it evoked the Jew's aching for peace.

Two new compositions were presented by Temple Sinai's Choir: *Shehecheyanu*, by musical director Steinberg, and *Hashir Shel Moshe*, by Marlene Kezwer, a Temple Sinai member who two years ago won an Honorable Mention in the International Guild of Temple Musicians Young Composers Competition.

Journey through history

In a recent interview, Steinberg explained this celebration of Jewish choral music was originated almost 40 years ago as an attempt to bring together all the Jewish choirs in Toronto. In previous years, choirs also travelled from Oakville and Windsor to participate in the popular community event.

The average size of each choir was 30 members. The smallest choir, the Heritage Singers, consisted of seven women.

Excited murmurs of "young blood" greeted the Ne'Imot Singers, whose uplifting Israeli selections brought whoops and rousing applause.

Conductor Anne Berlin's choir from Temple Kol Ami led the audience on "a journey through the history of our Jewish musical heritage." Its *Ma Toyu*, with traditional text set to contemporary music, represented the beginning of Reform music.

Beth David's a cappella tour de force, featuring cantorial soloist Yehuda Rottner, was an audience favorite.

A special feature of the festival was the finale. The combined choirs were led this year by Brahm Goldhammer, conductor at Beth David Synagogue, who focused on the Golden Age of Eastern European cantors and composers.

Goldhammer, whose own congregation loves traditional liturgical arrangements, drew out the choir's orotund rendition of the evening prayer *Hashkivenu* — "Let me lie down in peace and rise to life" — set to music by 19th-century Jewish composer Nisse Spivak.

For Steinberg, the evening represents pride in our community and in our city.

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"When choir members stand shoulder to shoulder raising their voices in a common expression of love for our people's music, it is an expression of harmony of klal Israel," he said.

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Media Watch: There are two items of special interest in this month's *Saturday Night* magazine — one positive, one negative. First the good news. Congratulations go to Norman Doidge, a staff psychiatrist at institutions in both New York and Toronto, for writing *The Suit*, one of three winners of the CBC Radio/Saturday Night literary contest. It's a deeply moving personal essay by a man whose father, a Holocaust survivor, died when his son was seventeen months old. Awards of $10,000 were given in each of three categories: personal essay, short story, and poetry.

Why I Hate Schindler's List, by Mordecai Richler, is a scathing critique of Steven Spielberg's critically acclaimed film, his most mature and serious to date. Richler, the enfant terrible of Canadian letters, offers a seemingly endless litany of complaints. Spielberg, he says, trivializes the subject, presents predictable scenes, has a "tin ear" for dialogue, omits essential historical information, dolls up women prisoners at Auschwitz with facial make-up, and takes untenable dramatic liberties by showing, for example, an Auschwitz shower-room that uses water instead of poison gas.

Overall, he calls the film "a badly flawed but useful primer for a younger generation only dimly aware of the Holocaust," and implies that its director — "a precocious boy" — should stick to comic-book adventure stories.

Richler's pugilistic stance is a familiar one. The Montreal author enjoys being provocative and iconoclastic, as evidenced by his various novels that satirize Jews and their society, and by his news-making exposes of Quebec separatism in the *New Yorker* magazine. In the *Saturday Night* piece, his sarcasm relating to Jews has almost a knife edge to it, and some readers may be offended. The part of the article that I liked best is the photograph that accompanied it, showing Spielberg on the set with his three principle actors.

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Women's Book of Grieving: Linocuts by Toronto artist Rochelle Rubinstein Kaplan are used to illustrate *A Women's Book of Grieving*, a new book by New York writer Nessa Rapoport, formerly of Toronto. Rapoport and Rubinstein-Kaplan have been friends since childhood and, as Rapoport recently told *Toronto Star* books columnist Beverley Slopen: "I could tell from the third grade that she (Rochelle) was an artist. She was interesting even then and had a lot of flair." The artist's mother, Judith Rubinstein, has been both the subject of and the writer of highly interesting articles in *The CJN* in recent months.

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Children's Concert: A polished children's entertainer, Rosalie (Moscoe) enchants young audiences with her upbeat singing, dancing, and dramatic presentations. Let Rosalie, Woogie the dancing bear (Ron Harrison), and Herman the frog puppet delight your youngsters at the Barry Zuckerman Amphitheatre, Skylight Theatre, at Earl Bales Park, Canada Day, July 1. Two shows, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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Guitarists Release CD: Brian Katz and William Beauvais, two of Canada's leading guitarists, have released a CD reflecting years of collaborative musical experimentation. Combining and contrasting various musical genres — Latin, baroque, folk, jazz improvs — Katz and Beauvais define the sounds they produce as "chamber music that reflects a jazz esthetic." To celebrate the CD's release, Katz and Beauvais are playing at various venues around Toronto in June, including The Music Gallery, 179 Richmond St. W., June 17. *Bridges* — as the CD is called — is available at stores across Canada.

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U of T Writers' Workshop: Running July 17 to 23, this year's Writers' Workshop at the University of Toronto is open to wordsmiths eager to work intensively on their writing with the guidance of a professional writer. Instructors include Susan Musgrave, Katherine Govier and Susan Swan. Charles Israel, former director of the Banff screenwriting program, is set to launch a new screenwriting workshop; he has more than 500 radio, TV and film credits. Tuition for the week is $475. For a brochure, phone the U of T School of Continuing Studies, 416-978-6714.

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Fireworks Extravaganza: The largest musical fireworks competition in the world gets under way in Toronto June 18 at 10 p.m., when fireworks are lit on a massive barge just off Ontario Place. More fuses in the Benson & Hedges Symphony of Fire are due to be lit June 25 and 29, and July 2, 6 and 9 (the Grand Finale). Information Line: 416-314-9900 or -9811.

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Portraits from London: Laura Marks, a Toronto artist who went to Forest Hill Collegiate and later moved to London, England, has been showing some of her work at Nancy Poole's Studio, 16 Hazelton Ave., Toronto. The exhibition continues through June 16, with the artist in attendance 2 to 4 p.m.

Sephardi concert delight to senses

By JACK KOHANE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Sephardi culture is alive and well, and making wonderfully glorious music at Toronto's York University.

That institution recently hosted a special musical afternoon featuring performances by top singers and musicians in the Sephardi community.

Over 300 people packed York's Burton Auditorium for the musical first, featuring artists from Yemen, Morocco, Spain and India. There are approximately 30,000 Sephardim living in Toronto.

The concert was a delight for the senses. Listening to the chatter among the spectators, one could hear French, Spanish, Arabic and a smattering of vernacular from the Far East. Brightly colored caftans and saris added to the international flavor.

On stage, we were treated to medleys of lively songs and pulsating rhythms that have distinguished Sephardi music for centuries.

First up was acclaimed Yemen-born Israeli songstress Ahuva (beloved in Hebrew), who set the concert's pace with a rapid-fire series of Jewish and Yemenite numbers, including celebratory Sabbath songs *Dour Yikra* and *Lecha Dodi*. Clad in a beautiful black silk and gold brocaded Yemeni dress, Ahuva left the audience breathless with her renditions of *Yim Ninalou*, a song in praise of God, and a haunting love poem set to music which, roughly translated, is called *I'm Dark, I'm Beautiful, I'm Yemenite*.

The voices of the Neimot Singers, a 16-person Israeli choral ensemble conducted by Doron Ophir, resounded throughout the auditorium with a selection of Ladino and Hebrew melodies based on Biblical passages, Songs of Songs, *Komi Zei* and *Erez Shivat Hamin*. Accompanying the choir was Michael Rumack, who pounded out the tempo on the tambour, a drum of ancient origin.

Of particular interest was the a cappella recital by the Bnei Israel Quartet, representing Indian Sephardim. Never numbering more than 27,000 people, Jews of the Asian subcontinent have a long and illustrious past. Singing in a perceptible but pleasingly harmonic Indian dialect, Bnei Israel performed prayer-songs *Eliyahou Hanavi* and *Zor Mishelou Achalnou*.

Master acoustic guitarist Aaron Skitri displayed his craft with sensuous Spanish flamenco pieces and their heart-pounding rhythms.

The Sephardi concert was part of an array of fundraising events spearheaded by Sarah Taieb-Carlen, committee chair of the Department of Jewish Students at York University. She sees a vital need to raise awareness of Sephardi culture and traditions, both inside the Jewish community and amongst the general public.

According to Taieb-Carlen, York University has seeded some money for the expansion of Jewish studies to include wider research into Sephardi history, possibly to include the establishment of a permanent chair of Sephardi studies. "This would be the first of its kind in Canada," she said. "Funding such a new and innovative program is our major challenge now."

Prof. Sidney Eisen, director of York's Jewish Studies Program, emphasized the need to expand the university's Jewish curriculum.

"By developing a department dedicated to the examination of the totality of Jewish experience, we not only promote a heightened understanding of our roots among academics, but these same students will then take this knowledge out into society when they graduate. The benefits are evident."

Karp's New York exhibition goes on display in Toronto

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Live from New York, It's the O. K. Harris Gallery is a show of selected works now on exhibit at Marcia Rafelman Fine Arts.

Ivan Karp, the founder and director of So-Ho's O. K. Harris Gallery, is known for his discovery of Andy Warhol and for his pivotal role in the development of pop and modern art. He was in Toronto recently for the opening of the exhibit.

Karp, known as "The Pope of Pop," is a walking encyclopedia of New York art. He started his art career as a resident critic for the new-born *Village Voice* in 1955. His love of fine food led him to accept an invitation by Leo Castelli which culminated in his joining the gallery, where his sense of adventure and his loose, personal style of art dealing created an environment in which Pop Art would flourish.

His willingness to be open to new possibilities and his lack of a strict art philosophy account for his now famous open door policy, which enabled him to be the first to see the work of promising young artists.

Through this open door came Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein and many others who started out as shy, young artists nervously showing their works to Karp. Many went on to become titans of the art world.

In 1969, he founded the O. K. Harris Gallery in lower Manhattan. Karp named the gallery after a fictional character who could be blamed for everything that went wrong. "I'm only the director, but basically the final decisions are made by Mr. Harris," he would explain.

Karp says his ambition is to exhibit mature, adventurous and imaginative work of great craftsmanship by painters, sculptors and photographers, and on occasion artifacts and collectibles worthy of esteem.

Karp chose Marcia Rafelman Fine Arts for a Toronto show of selections from his gallery because of his preference for innovative spaces and ways to show art. Rafelman's new home gallery, designed by John Shnier, a well known architect, is an original setting for art shows.

Rafelman, a private art dealer, transformed a quaint Victorian house into a combined private dwelling and contemporary art gallery. She is known for her wide-ranging selection of vintage photography and international works of art. Rafelman is one of only two Canadian members of the American Association of Private Art Dealers.

Marcia Rafelman Fine Arts is located at 10 Clarendon Ave. in Toronto. The O. K. Harris Gallery exhibit continues to June 25. For viewing, by appointment, call (416) 920-4468.

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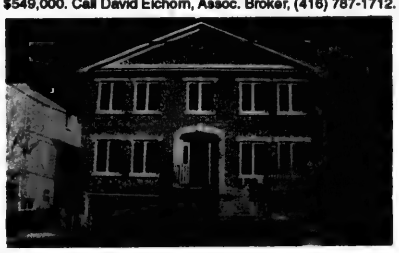

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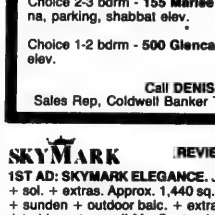

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Notice of filing of cemetery by-law #92-001, revised June 1, 1994, by the Amalgamated Dawes Road Trustees for Dawes Road Cemetery: Beizatchiner Congregation (0); Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation (4,114,115); Federation-Chessed Shel Emeth (S) ; Hebrew Sick Benefit Society (108); Kahillas Jacob (Q); Kieltzer Sick Benefit Society (105); New Yorker (104); Palmerston Synagogue (112); Temple Sinai Congregation (8,9); United Jewish Peoples' order (111); and all common ground at the Dawes Road Cemetery. TAKE NOTICE that the Amalgamated Dawes Road Trustees has filed By-Law #92-001; Revised June 1, 1994, for approval with the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations, Cemeteries Branch, pursuant to the Cemeteries Act R.S.O. 1990 and Regulations. ANY INTERESTED PERSON(s) may access, inspect and make copies of the proposed by-law at the office of the Trustees at 3768 Bathurst St., Ste. 205, Downsview . The proposed By-Law is subject to the Registrar's approval.

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The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late Charles Posner. father of Helen Schwebel, Brenda Schnier & Richard Posner will take place Sunday June 19, 11a.m. at Dawes Road Cemetery, Dritzer Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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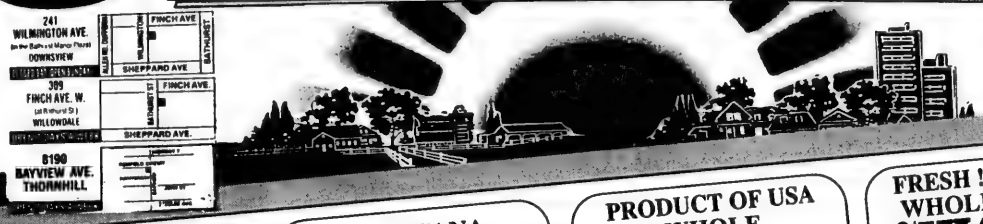

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Tougher hate crimes law part of federal package

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Hate as a motivating or aggravating factor in the commission of a crime will soon have to be taken into consideration if amendments to the sentencing rules are passed by Parliament.

Allan Rock, minister of justice and attorney general of Canada, introduced a sentencing reform bill to the House of Commons on June 13.

It is unlikely that the bill will be dealt with before the summer break, according to Gordon Parry, coordinator of the team which prepared the bill. He feels it is more likely that it will go to second reading when the House reconvenes in mid-September.

Hate crimes would refer to those motivated by bias, prejudice or hate, based on the victim's religion, color, sexual orientation, gender, age, mental or physical disability or nationality.

Judges may — and many do — now take hate into account when considering a sentence for a convicted criminal. If the bill is passed, however, they will be compelled to do so and will likely impose stiffer sentences.

Alan Rock

Reaction to the proposed bill has been generally positive.

Parry noted that "the justice ministry is gratified by the reception to date."

Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) commended Rock "for following through on a pledge he made at the organization's recent conference on human rights."

CJC president Irving Abella said the provision will send "a powerful message to all those who would perpetrate hate crimes in this country."

Hal Joffe, national chair of the community relations committee of CJC said that the organization has been discussing such a proposal with government officials for some time.

While he said that only time will tell how effective the new legislation will be in deterring hate crimes, he added, "If it deters one person, it will be a successful enactment. At least a racially motivated criminal will be out of circulation for that much longer."

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Jonathan Shekter now enjoys a wide range of activities including roller blading. [Graphic Artists photo]

Heart transplant recipient gets top U of T scholarship

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Born 17 years ago with a single-ventricle heart, Jonathan Shekter managed to attain good grades at school despite a deteriorating medical condition that ultimately left him severely exhausted and unable to walk.

"Instead of two pumping chambers, my heart had only one," he explained recently. "My blood wasn't getting enough oxygen, so I was tired all the time."

Last fall, after applying for a national scholarship award from the University of Toronto, the health of the Danforth Collegiate OAC student went downhill rapidly. "At its worst it was just horrible," he recalled. "The last couple of weeks I was having trouble breathing. I was basically going into congestive heart failure."

He arrived at the Hospital for Sick Children late in December and was put on the waiting list for a heart transplant.

Although a typical wait for a donor heart is usually weeks or even months, Shekter had to wait only one day. The surgery went smoothly, and two weeks later he was sent home to recuperate.

Since the operation, Shekter's strength has increased dramatically. He swims regularly, walks several miles each day, and performs a rigorous daily exercise routine. Rollerboarding, he says, is his favorite activity. In retrospect, he says, "I had no idea how limited in energy I was, never having had a normal heart. I find it absolutely astonishing."

Heart transplants have become almost a routine procedure in the past five years, and have reasonably good survival rates, according to Shekter. Drugs are used to decrease the chance that the body may reject the new heart as a foreign object.

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Israel, PLO resume discussions

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Senior PLO negotiator Nabil Shaath resumed discussions on Sunday with his Israeli counterpart, Maj.-Gen. Amnon Shahak, on the next stage of negotiations — early empowerment in five areas of civil administration for the remainder of the territories.

At a meeting in the former Gaza civil administration building, the two men discussed an agenda and location for talks which may begin next week.

Speaking to reporters, Shaath said other matters discussed included tidying up loose ends in the Gaza/Jericho Accord, such as the release of remaining Palestinian prisoners and access for Palestinians to Israel.

Shahak also mentioned the fate of Palestinians considered collaborators with Israel.

During Sunday's cabinet meeting, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said the early empowerment talks with Palestinians could only get underway in earnest after the Palestinian Authority (PA) is functioning in Gaza and Jericho.

The talks are to include two main issues: First, early empowerment will give Palestinians jurisdictional control over at least five areas of social welfare throughout the territories.

Second, according to the Israel-PLO accord signed last September, the Israel Defence Force is to redeploy outside Palestinian population centres throughout the territories.

According to the accord, the two sides are also to discuss Palestinian elections, yet it remains unclear if Israel will insist on this.

Shaath told reporters he expects PLO leader Yasser Arafat to arrive in Jericho by the end of this month.

Finishing touches

In Jericho on Sunday, workmen were putting finishing touches to street lights opposite the municipal balcony from where Arafat is expected to address thousands.

As *The CJN* went to press Monday morning, police in Israel were bracing for widespread demonstrations aimed at torpedoing Shaath's scheduled visit to Jerusalem.

Police brass met Sunday night in Jerusalem to prepare for the expected visit.

Shaath hinted on Sunday that he may cancel the visit, saying there could be "changes in my plans required by my work in Gaza."

Also Sunday, about 50 Jewish settlers marched down Salah A-Din Street to the PLO's Jerusalem headquarters, Orient House.

Protesters carried posters reading: "Rabin: Shaath spits in your face," and "PLO out of Jerusalem."

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert called on Rabin to "act immediately to prevent Mr. Shaath from entering Jerusalem."

"There is great fear that the stability, order and security in the city will be disturbed if you allow this to take place," Olmert wrote in a letter to Rabin.

Rabin told the cabinet Sunday that he has no objection to Shaath making a private trip to Jerusalem and praying at the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Defence Ministry officials concede that Israel cannot deny Shaath or even Arafat the right to pray at Al-Aqsa, since Israel allows full religious expression to members of all faiths.

In fact, in a speech at the European Parliament in Strasbourg last December, Rabin said even Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi could pray at Al-Aqsa.

Despite that, Rabin is still opposed to Arafat praying at Al-Aqsa during his upcoming visit, officials say.

It's a kosher Whopper

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — The world's first strictly kosher Burger King opened its doors on June 14 in Jerusalem's Malha Mall.

The opening of the Jerusalem restaurant followed the opening of the "Home of the Whopper" in Ra'anana a week earlier.

Although that restaurant also uses kosher products, the Ra'anana branch is open on Shabbat and does not have a kashruth certificate from the rabbinate.

The 220-seat Jerusalem restaurant will not be open on Shabbat, and as a result is certified kosher by the Jerusalem Rabbinate.

Because the restaurant is kosher, they do not serve the Whopper with cheese, although the rest of the burger's ingredients remain the same as elsewhere.

The cost of the Whopper, which according to the company is sold around the world at the rate of 1,400 a minute, is NIS 8.90 (approximately $5 Cdn).

A regular portion of french fries costs NIS 4.90 ($2.25) and a regular-sized soft drink costs NIS 3.90 ($1.80).

Yair Tamir, managing director of the Rikamor investment group that has brought the restaurants to Israel, said there are plans to open 48 Burger King restaurants here over the next five years.

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Lubavitch leaders attend Rebbe's funeral

'We are all his children'

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — On the day of the Lubavitcher Rebbe's funeral, the neigborhood streets where his Toronto followers live were almost deserted as a large percentage of them crowded into vans, cars, planes and buses to pay their final respects to their mentor.

Rabbi Aaron Grossbaum, director of Chabad Lubavitch of Southern Ontario, piled his wife and children into his van as soon as he heard the news of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, and drove through the night to join the thousands crowding the Crown Heights streets and the Montefiore Cemetery in Queen's, N.Y., where the Rebbe is buried next to his predecessor.

"We are all the children of the Rebbe," he explained.

"I haven't come to grips with my own feelings. We have lived with his guidance and teachings for so many years."

In accordance with Lubavitch custom, he explained, there were no eulogies, and only the simplest of ceremonies.

From the time the body of the Rebbe was returned to Lubavitch headquarters at 770 Eastern Parkway in the wee hours of a Sunday morning until the burial later the same day, grieving followers filed past the coffin, "each person sharing through his mind his affinity with the Rebbe."

At 4 p.m., he said, the body of the Rebbe was taken in a hearse to the cemetery. K'El Maaleh Rachamim and Kaddish concluded the funeral.

Then, way into the night and the next day, people filed by, asking the Rebbe to intercede for them with G-d.

Rabbi Yosef Zaltzman, director of the Jewish Russian Community Centre in North York, was another of the Torontonians who made the trek to New York.

"To us and to thousands of men, women and children, the Rebbe was father, mother and teacher.

"There is no one of the same stature, the same caring, wisdom and leadership," he said, explaining the depth of the pain and loss felt by his followers.

"Every person in every walk of life saw the Rebbe as someone who could be trusted," whose advice was given with no ulterior motive, Rabbi Zaltzman said.

Together with the pain, he said, is the Lubavitch belief in the imminent coming of the Messiah, as foretold by Rabbi Schneerson.

"So everyone took it [the death of the Rebbe] in his own way; one was crying, one was saying everything will be fine."

Rabbi Grossbaum described Rabbi Schneerson as an active and outspoken leader, who remained aware of and responsive to current situations. "He never aged. He knew that the problems of a yeshiva student in 1940 were different from those in 1960 or in 1980."

He had the ability, said Rabbi Grossbaum, "to relate to a chassidic Jew from Israel, and the next minute to a university student with hair down to his shoulders. He dealt with a serious personal problem one minute and the next minute discussed current affairs with a politician.

"At a farbrengen (a gathering where he would speak to his followers on a wide range of topics) he could speak from 9:30 at night until 2:30 in the morning, and still be full of energy."

A rebbe, he went on, is not like the CEO of a corporation. "We saw him as a man of vision and spirituality. He was devoted to his Chassidim, praying, responding to their needs, solving their problems."

These qualities can't be taught, Rabbi Grossbaum said. "You can't just go and hire someone for the position. You can't make or 'elect' a rebbe. It's a gift from G-d."

There is nobody on the horizon, he believes, "who comes close to the Rebbe's qualities as a dedicated servant of G-d."

Both Rabbis Grossbaum and Zaltzman say those in positions of responsibility in the Lubavitch movement, including communities such as Toronto, will carry on their duties guided by the wishes of the Rebbe: observance of mitzvot, fear of G-d, concern for every Jew.

It is perhaps symbolic of the personal relationship his Chassidim felt with him that even in their time of sorrow Rabbi Grossbaum remembers going to see the Rebbe as a young student just before Rosh Hashanah.

A young boy standing on the street asked the Rebbe whether he would like to hear how his toy shofar sounded. The Rebbe said he would be delighted.

"At a time of such heightened intensity, when he was praying for thousands of individuals, he still had time to spare for a little boy," Rabbi Grossbaum said.

For now, there are candles in the Lubavitch synagogues, and a shivah candle in every Lubavitch home.

"People have a lot of questions," Rabbi Zaltzman told *The CJN*. "But this is a time of sorrow, not the time to answer questions.

Jewish Book Awards marred by tragedy

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The sixth annual Jewish Book Awards came to a sad end June 15 with the announcement that Rabbi Chaim Nussbaum, 84, one of the prize winners, had died in Branson Hospital just two hours before the meeting.

His granddaughter Rivka Jakobovits, a music teacher, told the large gathering in the Beth Tzedec Synagogue: "My grandfather joins me in spirit at this profound moment." The Penina Rubinoff Memorial Award to *Semblance and Reality*, a series of essays by Rabbi Nussbaum on Messianism in biblical perspective had been presented earlier in the evening. (See obituary on Page 16).

Hy Bergel, a member of the Jewish Book Committee, and a former student of Rabbi Nussbaum when he was principal of Eitz Chaim Schools, expressed sympathy to the family and said he had visited the rabbi in hospital that afternoon. "Rabbi Nussbaum was the complete Renaissance man," Bergel said.

A total of nine awards worth $4,000 in prize money were distributed to authors from Quebec City, Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston and Toronto. The growth in interest and award money was welcomed by Professor Adam Fuerstenberg, chair, who said the first ceremony six years ago saw only two awards given.

The city of Toronto should be ready to take over the mantle of the leading Jewish religious and cultural centre in Canada from Montreal, said guest speaker Professor Seymour Mayne of Ottawa, winner of the poetry award for *Killing Time*.

"I don't think things will pick up there [Montreal]," he said. Mayne was born and brought up in Montreal but has been living in Ontario as a professor at the University of Ottawa.

The Canadian Jewish community is not supportive of its writers, neither in buying their books, nor in other ways, Mayne said, noting that in 22 years he has been invited to speak at a Jewish school in Ontario only once, while he has spoken at non-Jewish schools in Ontario and Quebec countless times.

He has had personal experience with people who earn far more than he does who have balked at paying $10 or $15 for one of his books and have refused to give him their credit card numbers if they have no cash.

The author said he disagrees with those in the literary world who see danger ahead in Canada's multicultural policy. "In the United States it has tended to cultural separation, but this has not happened in Canada."

Esther Delisle, author of *The Traitor and the Jew* and winner of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem Award, delighted the audience when she gave her thank-you speech in Hebrew. Her book deals with the bigotry against Jews displayed by leading French-Canadian intellectuals in the 1930s.

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Rivka Jakobovits, one of 24 grandchildren, accepted an award from the Jewish Book Committee on behalf of Rabbi Chaim Nussbaum, 84, who died just before he was to be honored. Shown at the award ceremony at Beth Tzedec Synagogue with his granddaughter is another woman attending the book awards meeting. [Morris Miller photo]

Moroccan prince visits Toronto

By CAROLAN HALPERN
CJN Staff

TORONTO — Everyone wanted a picture with the prince; everyone wanted the prince's autograph; everyone wanted to shake his hand.

The Moroccan Jewish community of Toronto welcomed Prince Moulay Rachid, younger son of King Hassan II of Morocco, at a gala dinner recently at the Paradise Convention Centre in Vaughan.

The outpouring of affection from the crowd of 600 was manifest in the cheering and applause that greeted the prince from the time he entered the hall until his departure — both to a traditional march played by the Moroccan Arabic band invited from Montreal for the occasion.

The speeches were in French, the ambiance was Moroccan, from the traditional foods to the music and the names of Moroccan cities displayed on every table.

Moroccan Jews and Muslims gathered to celebrate the one-day visit to Toronto of a prince of a royal family that has for generations allowed its Jews freedom of worship in a country with open borders.

In welcoming Prince Rachid, Rabbi Amram Assayag of Magen David Synagogue expressed the feelings of the crowd: "The history of our people, yours and ours, is intertwined and forever inseparable. We are here in body, but our hearts remain in Morocco."

"May we ... be an example for the entire world that two different peoples can live together in peace and harmony."

In his brief address, Prince Rachid also spoke of the unique mutual respect between the two religions in Morocco, referring to the tradition of openness being upheld by his father, King Hassan II. "We are both sons of Abraham," the prince said.

The speakers during the opening ceremonies included Rabbi Yehiel Benayon of Petach Tikva-Anshei Castilla Synagogue; Simon Keslassy, president of the Moroccan Jewish Community of Toronto and vice-president of the World Gathering of Moroccan Jews; and Najib Redouane, representative of the Moroccan Muslim community of Toronto.

As people called out in Arabic, "Long live [the King of] Morocco," the huge audience responded enthusiastically, ululating and clapping.

People were so insistent on approaching the prince during dinner that he agreed to circulate among the tables, in order to personally greet as many of his admirers as possible.

After dinner, Maurice Benzacar, president of the Sephardic Association of Ontario, and Meyer Keslassy, vice-president of the Canadian Sephardic Association, presented the prince with an Inuit soapstone sculpture of a seal, inscribed as a memento of his visit to Toronto.

Louis Elisha Attias, secretary of the Moroccan Jewish Community of Toronto, told *The CJN* that Prince Rachid has been in New York, working on a doctoral thesis and as part of a Moroccan economic mission to the United Nations.

When it was learned that the prince would be returning to Morocco, said Attias, Simon Keslassy contacted King Hassan II, requesting permission to invite the prince to Toronto to honor him at a dinner.

"I think we are the ones the king has honored greatly" in allowing Prince Rachid to come, Attias said.

Special guests at the gala included Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reichman, who were refugees in Morocco during World War II, and Tajeddine Baddou, Moroccan Ambassador to Canada who came from Ottawa.

Armand Moyal, former cantor of Magen David Synagogue, performed traditional Moroccan and Hebrew songs.

Among the organizers of the event were Benzacar, Simon and Meyer Keslassy, and Gad Elmaleh and Albert Zrihen, president and past president of Magen David.

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Mariam Mar'i, left, and Daphna Golan, featured speakers for this year's Sisters and Strangers: A Jewish-Arab Women's Dialogue, share a relaxed moment away from the podium. [Frances Kraft photo]

Israeli women, Jew and Arab, share commitment for peace

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Daphna Golan and Mariam Mar'i represent two sides of the same coin. Both highly educated, longtime peace activists in Israel, Golan, 36, is an Israeli Jew; Mar'i, 48, an Israeli Arab.

The two women visited Toronto recently to address local audiences in their only Canadian stop on a North American speaking tour. Golan and Mar'i took part in Sisters and Strangers: A Jewish-Arab Women's Dialogue, sponsored for the third time by the New Israel Fund (NIF).

The Fund, on whose board Mar'i serves, is a joint Israeli-North American venture which underwrites over 150 Israeli non-profit organizations dedicated to protecting civil and human rights, improving the status of women, bridging social and economic gaps, and furthering Jewish-Arab coexistence.

During an interview sandwiched between two local speaking engagements, the effects of the whirlwind tour were evident. Still adjusting to the three-hour time difference between Toronto and San Francisco, an exhausted Golan and an energized Mar'i fielded questions about the work they do in Israel.

Both women share a deep commitment to peace, human rights, women's rights and their respective communities.

They also share a rapport most evident when the talk veers away from work. After the interview, they pose for a picture on a hotel lobby sofa. Mar'i playfully offers her shoulder to a weary Golan, who briefly rests her head before resuming an animated conversation.

Golan, a Hebrew University professor and former research director of B'Tselem (an NIF grantee which monitors human rights in the territories), is the director of Bat Shalom, a feminist centre for peace and social justice in Jerusalem.

She says that the type of work she does has become easier over the years. "People looked at us as a bit weird," she recalls. "When we were saying, 'Talk to the PLO,' it was considered completely crazy. Today, there's no question about it."

"The taboos have fallen apart, and that's really what's making our work easier," adds Mar'i, Haifa University lecturer and founding president of the Acre Arab Women's Association. "If not for the commitment and belief and persistence of the women involved, we would have given up a long time ago."

Mar'i believes that the majority of people in Israel are ready for change. "Of course there are those who oppose it. Their voices are loud because I think they are so damned scared and fearful. They sense that maybe their time will be out soon," she says.

Golan picks up the threads of Mar'i's thoughts. "When the Israeli army pulled out of Gaza and Jerusalem, we thought there would be demonstrations," she says.

"Everyone was fearful," Mar'i agrees. Both women are adamant that violence is not a solution, although Mar'i carefully distinguishes "state violence" from "revolutionary violence."

"If an oppressed group is using stones to rebel against their oppression, there is no way of comparing the two," she says.

"Killing of civilians is unjustified no matter what the cause and no matter what the methods," says Golan.

"Absolutely," agrees Mar'i.

The two women are optimistic about the peace process. "It's difficult, it's thorny, it's painful, it will be a tough road; but the ball has rolled. It's up to all of us to make it work," says Mar'i.

"What [the Palestinians] have now is less than the dream of the youngest child in the Palestinian community, but we are determined to make this experience successful enough to get us on the road to real peace and to achieve the Palestinian dream for a real state," she adds.

Congress meets with Herb Gray

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Prompted by concern over rumors that the investigatory and prosecutorial branches of the war crimes unit are not cooperating fully, Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) met recently with Solicitor General Herb Gray to press their concerns on the war crimes issue.

"There have been troublesome rumors of dissension between the RCMP and the people responsible for prosecuting [Nazi] war criminals," said CJC executive-director Jack Silverstone. The rumors have existed in some form or other ever since the war crimes unit of the Justice Department was established in 1987, he said. "Given the results of this issue, I have concerns about every aspect of how [the war crimes portfolio] has been handled."

In a telephone interview, Gray discounted rumors of dissension. "As far as I am aware, there is currently good cooperation," he said. "I'm in contact with [Justice Minister] Allan Rock and we work closely on these kinds of matters."

Gray said that while he does not get involved in the RCMP's operational activities, the government's high priority given to the prosecution of Nazi war criminals is well known in the force.

"I meet with [Deputy Commissioner] Philip Murray and senior management of the force from time to time on general policy matters. Allan Rock and I have already stated that dealing with war criminals is a priority," he said.

"I am satisfied with the role of the RCMP," he added.

In its seven years in existence, the war crimes unit, which includes RCMP investigators, historians and Justice Department lawyers, has launched only four criminal prosecutions.

One, involving former Hungarian gendarme Imre Finta, resulted in acquittal, while two others never reached trial. Silverstone pointed out that the judge in the Michael Pawlawski case was very critical of the way in which witnesses' affidavits were taken, indicating that problems exist in the way the unit prepares cases.

Silverstone said the Congress delegation, which included president Irving Abella, met with Gray because "we want to see the investigatory and prosecutorial arms working in lockstep on this issue."

He said he had no hard evidence of dissension between the two sides but that the unit's record speaks for itself.

Silverstone said Congress wanted the minister to know "in detail about our community's interest on this issue" and to ask the minister to "set a moral tone and ensure that officials are clear about the importance the government places on this issue."

"Time is of the essence in bringing cases forward against the perpetrators of the most heinous crimes in human history," Abella said.

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Montreal woman advocates for agunot

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Ten years ago Evelyn Brook had never heard of agunot (Jewish women whose husbands can't or won't give them a get, or Jewish divorce).

Since then Brook, a Montreal businesswoman, has become a leading advocate for the rights of agunot.

Brook chairs the Canadian Coalition of Jewish Women for the Get and serves as vice-president of the International Coalition for Agunah Rights (ICAR). She was keynote speaker at a recent board meeting of Jewish Women's Federation (JWF), a member group of the Coalition.

The agunah issue is related to the issue of Jewish continuity, Brook said. "If the Jewish community does not recognize the problems an agunah faces, then her children share those problems and will be alienated," she said.

JWF president Glennie Lindenberg related how one Toronto agunah has said she would not encourage her children to go through a Jewish marriage because of the difficulties she has faced in trying to obtain her get.

If a woman remarries under civil law, without receiving a get, she is still considered to be married to her first husband under Jewish law. Any children from a subsequent marriage are mamzerim ("illegitimate" children), and may only marry another mamzer or a convert under Jewish law, Brook explained, compared to children of unmarried women, who are not considered "illegitimate" under Jewish law.

One of the problems in the Jewish community, believes Brook, is that "so few people know they must have a Jewish divorce." She said a get is the only divorce recognized for Jews in Israel — an important point for anyone planning to live there.

She stressed the importance of becoming informed and told those attending the meeting they had an obligation to pass on the information she had shared with them. She urged the women to "use all of your influence to help agunot."

Because a get must be agreed to willingly, Brook sees the community's problem as "how to change Jewish social behavior so a man can be influenced [not forced] to give his wife a get."

To that end, vigils to draw attention to the plight of agunot were held earlier this year in seven Canadian cities. A protest was also held in Thornhill last month to show solidarity with agunah Yoni Shalev and to demand her estranged husband Uzi give her a get.

The Rabbinical Council of America, an association of Orthodox rabbis in North America, addressed the agunah issue last summer by passing a resolution stating that its members would use prenuptial agreements to ensure participation in the get process should the marriage not work out.

Rabbi Israel Lau, chief Ashkenazi rabbi of Israel, is supportive of prenuptial agreements, Brook said. The rabbi spoke at the opening session of a recent international meeting of ICAR which Brook attended in Israel.

Israel has an estimated 10,000 agunot.

Locally, Rabbi Mordechai Ochs, chair of Toronto's Beth Din Tzedek, is actively dealing with about half a dozen cases, he told *The CJN* last month. A 1987 B'nai Brith Canada study reported that 311 Canadian cases involved conflict or disagreement in procurement of the get between 1982 and 1985.

Under Canadian law, following the amendment of Canada's Divorce Act in 1990, divorcing spouses must remove all possible barriers to religious remarriage of their spouse before receiving a civil divorce. Although the law can be waived in certain circumstances, Brook feels it is wiser to adhere to it.

To utilize the law properly, "a woman must file an affidavit that she has been to a rabbi and is prepared to accept the get," said Brook. "Once the affidavit [asking that her husband remove the barriers to religious remarriage] is filed, he must respond [by giving the get] within a certain time. If he does not comply, the judge can impose sanctions."

Brook said "if he's not giving her the get, they're still married, and according to Jewish law, if they're still married, he must maintain her."

Brook, who has been happily married for 23 years, has been asked why she is "advocating divorce."

"I'm not advocating divorce at all," she insisted. "I'm praying for good marriages, [but] in the case where a marriage is not working out, Halachah says that the couple should divorce and try again [with someone else]. Everybody deserves to be in a good marriage."

Ironically, the ketubah (Jewish marriage contract) which binds agunot to bad marriages was initially conceived of to protect women, Brook said.

The ketubah dates back to Babylonian times, Brook said, when a man could have more than one wife. "With the ketubah a woman would no longer be put out onto the street or into the desert without at least one year's sustenance, which was believed to be sufficient until she found another man she could marry."

Brook said while amendments to Jewish law (such as Rabbeinu Gershom's 11th-century prohibition against bigamy) are permissible, Halachah itself is believed to be divinely given and cannot be changed.

"We have to find a way through Jewish law to free women. We want to find rabbis today like the rabbis in Babylon who were courageous enough to say, 'You have to have a contract [ketubah]'."

Black professor lashes out at Jews at Toronto forum

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jews are using blacks as a "buffer" between them and those who want to exercise racist feelings against minorities, a United States college professor charged at a public meeting here June 16.

This is the reason Jews were active in the leadership of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Tony Martin, professor of Africana Studies at Wellesley College in Massachusetts, told 125 persons attending a meeting sponsored by the Black Youth Congress at the Westin Harbour Castle.

Martin said there are attempts to fire him from his university post because he introduced the Nation of Islam book *The Secret Relationship between Blacks and Jews* in one of his courses.

Martin spoke for 90 minutes (after arriving an hour late), repeating a string of calumnies against Jews, including the charge that they were heavily involved in the slave trade, and that they control the media.

"Nobody can slant the news like the Jews," he said, to loud applause. There were loud comments of "right on" and "the Jews again" from the audience members as he spoke.

In the discussion period, one black woman asked if there was any point in Jews and blacks sitting down together to talk things out. Aside from commenting, "That is a topical issue," Martin did not answer the question.

The chairman gave his name to this reporter as Brother Donnie X, saying he did not want his last name used. At various times, however, he was openly referred to as "Mr. McQueen" by Black Youth Congress staff.

Tony Martin

When he introduced Martin, the chairman said he (Martin) was not a member of the Nation of Islam.

The heaviest applause of the evening came from the audience when Martin lashed out at Jewish leadership in the United States for opposing affirmative action for blacks in a state case. He said it was an attempt to gain reparations for blacks after years of injustice. "And who oppes this but the Jews, the very ones who received 100 billion dollars in reparations from Germany, aside from all the free grants that the United States gives to Israel."

Reviewing the life of Marcus Garvey (the title of his talk was Garveyism and Black-Jewish Relationships), Martin said Garvey "did not trust Jews."

"Jewish organizations are so hostile to any researching of their role in the slave trade that even to mention it is an act of bigotry or anti-Semitism, as I have found out," Martin said. "It is very well documented, including work by Jewish historians."

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This meeting was an uncomfortable place for a Jew to be — especially this Jew, who remembers being chased down a street in Little Rock, Arkansas, by white supremacists, after I wrote articles for the *Toronto Star* on the battle for integration at the high school there.

And it was an affront to journalists to make them pay to attend a publicly advertised meeting in order to report on it.

Reporters were not admitted unless they paid an admission fee of $30 for a 144-page paperback book by Martin entitled *The Jewish Onslaught: Despatches from the Wellesley Battlefront.* A newsletter distributed at the meeting advertised the same book for $9.95.

When I asked why reporters had to pay, I was told by the receptionist that it was the policy of the Black Youth Congress, and that all reporters were paying the fare. The reporter from the *Toronto Star* confirmed this, saying it was the only way to get into the meeting. The CTV-TV reporter offered the explanation: "It's a way the group has of raising funds."

United Church rejects Ross's beliefs

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The interchurch/interfaith committee of the United Church of Canada has repudiated the conspiracy theories of former Moncton teacher Malcolm Ross, calling them "serious distortions of the truth."

It further calls on all United Church members "to repent of anti-Semitic sentiments and the promulgation of historic inaccuracies and misrepresentations with regard to the Jewish people and their faith and heritage."

Rev. Brian McIntosh, chair of the church's Maritime interchurch/interfaith committee, said that in addition to reaffirming the church's opposition to anti-Semitism, the statement will raise awareness among the more than 700,000 United Church members about the conspiracy theories promulgated by Ross. "There are people who may be gullible enough to listen to his views," he said.

"We hope to use this [statement] as an educational tool, but that's a long-term process," Rev. McIntosh said.

Meanwhile, the Maritime conference of the United Church will discuss how to implement the statement when it convenes in the fall, he said.

"Deeply aware of the historic complicity of both individual Christians and whole churches in the tragedy of anti-Semitism, the committee wishes to chart a new course of justice and cooperation with the Jewish people," said the Very Rev. Robert Smith, chair of the interchurch/interfaith committee.

"The committee hopes the United Church members and other Christians who have promulgated historic inaccuracies will admit complicity in the persecution of the Jewish people and seek a more truthful and constructive dialogue with their Jewish neighbors," Rev. Smith said.

The committee also lauded Rev. Jim Leland for frequently speaking out against anti-Semitism. "[Rev.] Leland has been stalwart in his work on behalf of Jewish people and enjoys the trust of the leadership of many major Jewish organizations in Canada," Rev. Smith said.

According to news reports, Ross attended the workshop but refused to wear a yarmulke, saying it is a symbol of Judaism and that he couldn't participate in a religious ceremony that did not honor Jesus.

Ross later claimed "the workshop was an insult to my traditional Christian beliefs" and he announced he is suing the NBTA for defaming his character, saying he was ridiculed at the seminar.

It's 'Doctor' Shuster now

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Canadian comedy legend Frank Shuster played once more to a full house last week, but this time he got more than just laughs. He got a PhD.

Shuster was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Toronto, his alma mater. Shuster studied English literature at University College, an affiliated college, in the late 1930s with comedy partner Johnny Wayne.

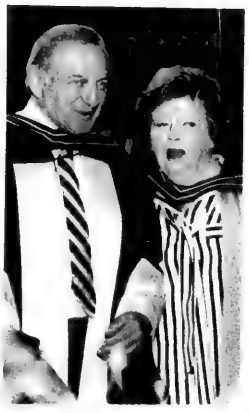
Wayne and Shuster went on to star in their own CBC television show, which ran from 1954 to 1990, and appeared on *The Ed Sullivan Show* a record-breaking 67 times.

Resplendent in red-and-pink academic robes, the creator of Shakespearean baseball graciously accepted his doctorate last Tuesday in Convocation Hall.

"I believe that anybody who can make a good living in Canadian show business for over 50 years deserves it," he told the crowd of 1,700.

Shuster then addressed the graduating classes of University and Victoria colleges, exhorting them to find work they enjoy so much "you don't see it as work."

He also acknowledged his debt to partner Wayne, who died in 1990. "It goes without saying that Johnny Wayne should have been part of this," he said. "This degree is meant for *Wayne* and Shuster."



Comedian Frank Shuster is led to the podium by Helen Phelan after receiving an honorary doctorate from the University of Toronto. [Amy Sattin photo]

Saturday Night Live creator Lorne Michaels was in the audience. He told *The CJN* he came to Toronto for the ceremony because he considered Shuster "a mentor."

Immigration board appointments

OTTAWA — Alan Rose, Ian J. Kagedan and Melissa Singer were among the 27 appointments to the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) announced by Citizen and Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi on June 15.

The three Jewish appointees are well-known for their contributions to the Jewish community and for their experience with immigration in Canada.

Rose is currently executive vice-president of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) and a member of the World Jewish congress, the International Council for Russian Jewry and numerous other national and international organizations. He was made a member of the Order of Canada in 1986.

Kagedan is presently director of Government Relations of B'nai Brith Canada and was formerly assistant national executive director of CJC (Montreal). He has authored and worked on numerous publications on immigration and human rights issues, and in 1992 organized an international conference on racism, anti-Semitism and xenophobia in Toronto.

Singer is a practising lawyer who specializes in immigration. She is a member of the Association of Immigration Lawyers and was on the board of directors of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (1989-92).

Ariel's deputy mayor slams peace process

Community needs funding

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The government of Israel last week again drew the ire of a visiting spokeswoman for communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, this time for "abandoning" the regions' Jewish settlers as well as for ignoring the plight of convicted spy Jonathan Pollard.

While the criticism of Israel was sometimes harsh, the one delivering the message was a genteel, articulate and relaxed former Montrealer whose duties make her a spokeswoman for the residents of the territories.

Dina Shalit, the deputy mayor of Ariel with a porfolio for Disaspora affairs, said government financial cutbacks have led to reduced services in West Bank settlements. As a result, the approximately 175 communities in the territories have urgent needs for day care services, education facilities, first-aid centres and other social programs, she said.

Meanwhile, the "Jewish establishment" continues to refuse to allocate money raised in the Diaspora for these communities, she said. Comparing the 130,000 Jews of Judea, Samaria and Gaza to Pollard, she said "we've all been abandoned by the government of Israel."

Speaking to about 65 people at the Zionist Centre on Marlee Avenue, Shalit said the territories are vital for Israel's security. And acknowledging the presence there of Elaine Zeitz, Pollard's wife, she called on the Jewish state to use its influence with the U.S. government to "lighten the cruel and unusual punishment" handed the former U.S. intelligence officer.

Turning back to her main topic, Shalit said Judea and Samaria form a "stone wall of defence" between potential Arab invaders to the east and the Israeli heartland. Furthermore, they provide Israel with early warning that would make a surprise attack impossible, she asserted.

The current peace process is "misguided," Shalit continued, asserting that the PLO has repeatedly breached the Declaration of Principles (DoP) signed by PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last September at the White House.

Arafat violated the agreement in a South African mosque when he called for a jihad (holy war) for Jerusalem. Then on May 20, two Israeli soldiers were killed near the new Gaza border and Palestinian officials refused to search for and apprehend the fleeing murderers.

Arafat's most recent breach of the DoP came when he issued a declaration ostensibly nullifying Israeli law in Judea, Samaria and Gaza. That notice was printed on a PLO letterhead that featured a map of "Palestine" that included all of Israel, she said.

These incidents merely confirm that Arafat has retained the goal of creating a Palestinian state within the borders of Israel, with Jerusalem as its capital, Shalit maintained.

The residents of Ariel oppose the current peace talks because they play into the PLO's step by step plan to eradicate Israel. The Israeli public has become disillusioned with the process, she continued, pointing to a recent poll that showed 62 percent of Israelis, and 70 per cent of Jews, oppose the process.

Shalit aimed a barb as well at the "Jewish establishment," saying it supports Jewish communities everywhere around the world except in Judea and Samaria.

"What crimes did we commit to be victims of a Jewish boycott?," she asked. "This is our land. The issue is patrimony. We have come back to the land because we have a right to the land."

Putting on her other hats as executive director of the Ariel Development Fund and of the Israel Community Development Foundation (ICDF), formed in 1990 to provide for the welfare needs of communities, she solicited financial help for social service programs.

Shalit's statements were preceded by brief remarks from Zeitz. The Toronto resident said her husband's case highlights troublesome developments for Israel. Pollard received the same life sentence for passing information to a U.S. ally, Israel, as someone convicted for spying for the United States' enemies, she said.

If Pollard can be characterized by former defence secretaries Caspar Weinberger and Les Aspin as a traitor, "who's the enemy?" she asked.

"As long as Israel is so characterized, then the sword of Damocles hangs over the head of the Jewish people," she asserted.

LIKUD LINKS ARMS AROUND JERUSALEM

Several thousand Likud party and right wing supporters marked the 27th anniversary of the Six Day War with a big demonstration in Jerusalem protesting what in their view is the government's intention to make concessions to the Palestinians on the status of Jerusalem. The demonstrators gathered at Jerusalem's city hall and created a human chain down to the Jaffa Gate at the Old City Wall. [Israpet photo]

U.S. black leaders criticized for not denouncing Farrakhan

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan is using anti-Semitism and scapegoating tactics to gain the support of segments of the black community who feel under siege, according to New York representative. Major Owens, an outspoken member of the Congressional Black Caucus.

And although he was speaking at a forum last Wednesday that addressed the status of black-Jewish relations, he said that such meetings are "absurd" and "ridiculous" because the recent crises between the communities has been created by "the systematic effort of the Nation of Islam to focus on Jews and target them and make them scapegoats."

Owens' remarks came one day after a black leadership summit convened by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which generated controversy because of Farrakhan's presence there. Owens did not attend the summit.

The forum Owens addressed was sponsored by the Institute for Public Affairs, the public policy and advocacy wing of the Orthodox Union.

Owens cited examples of strong Jewish support for black mayoral candidates across the country and communications mogul Walter Annenberg's recent multimillion dollar donation to the United Negro College Fund, to illustrate that the split between blacks and Jews has been manufactured by Farrakhan.

Louis Farrakhan

Owens said that the use of hatred by demagogues such as Farrakhan and his former aide Khalid Abdul Muhammad "must be confronted aggressively."

Owens criticized black leaders for not denouncing Farrakhan forcefully enough.

"The level of denunciation, the level of criticism has been too low," he said. "There is a need for an aggressive counterattack, a countervailing force, to move against a force which is seeking to exploit the vulnerability of African-Americans."

Owens stressed that the danger of Farrakhan is not to the Jewish community, but to the black community, which will isolate itself if it does not denounce Farrakhan and others who spread hate.

"The danger to the black community is because we are moving into a situation where we are going to isolate ourselves from our long-term coalition partners," Owens said, referring to Jews. "If blacks do not appreciate, if they turn their back on their coalition partners, who else will ever make a coalition with them?"

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

SHINDLER — SHINDMAN

With the successful launching of *Schindler's List*, Schindler has become a familiar surname. It is a German word meaning shingler.

It is not to be confused with the more common Jewish surname Shindman, which means a person who flays animal skins and is the equivalent of the English name Skinner.

KADISH — KADISHEVICH

Kaddish is the memorial prayer recited as part of the ritual service by a mourner. It also has been extended to refer to a son who in the fullness of time will be reciting the memorial prayer for a deceased parent.

It may be responsible for the name Cadesky, although a more likely source is the Village of Kadysz in Poland.

Reform, Conservative win court battle in Israel

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The High Court of Justice recently ruled that the Ministry of Religious Affairs must allocate grants to the Reform and Conservative movements in Israel.

The ruling came down following a petition filed before the court by the two movements, alleging that they suffered discrimination at the hands of the Religious Affairs Ministry, which they said has provided grants only to Orthodox organizations.

At stake in the ruling were sums in excess of some $300,000, which must now be distributed to the Conservative and Reform movements.

The Reform and Conservative movements run thriving congregations in different parts of the country and organize training programs for rabbis from abroad, who often must study in Israel before qualifying for leadership positions.

Rabbi Ehud Bandel, a spokesman for the Conservative movement, described the court ruling as "a big step forward in the direction of religious pluralism in Israel."

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World

Palestinian says PLO was wrong in siding with Iraq

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — The PLO should publicly admit that it was wrong in siding with Iraq during the Gulf War, a leading Palestinian economist has said.

Prof. Hislam Awartani, a Palestinian delegate to Mideast peace talks on the economy and an economist at An-Najah University, said only through such a public admission can Palestinians hope to get badly-needed financial aid from the Gulf states.

Awartani, speaking last month at a Hebrew University conference on the PLO, said Palestinian leaders have admitted privately that they took the wrong stand on the Gulf crisis.

"But this does not help. They have to say it in public. I wish the Palestinian leadership would come out bravely and openly and say 'We were wrong on the Gulf crisis.' I'm sure that if they did this, the Gulf states could play an important role in aiding the Palestinian self-government," he said.

Awartani, who heads the economic department of the Centre for Palestinian Research and Studies in Nablus, also expressed apprehension about PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's commitment to democracy.

"We hope we will end up with an institutional government and not a one-man show. We hope Tunis takes Palestinians seriously in their commitment to democracy.

"Democracy is the only safeguard for preventing white elephant projects and for preventing the establishment of an 'Arafat Family Trust,' " Awartani said in response to an audience question.

Awartani was one of several Palestinian speakers at the conference who reiterated the desire for a democratic government and openly debated Arafat's intentions.

Prof. Mahti Abdul Hadi, a close associate of Palestinian delegation head Faisal Husseini, maintained that Arafat is committed to the letter of the Declaration of Principles.

"He wants to deliver," Hadi said. "He has told us many times that he does not plan to become another Grand Mufti of Palestine [the leader who led the Palestinians to defeat in 1948].

"At the same time, Arafat has told us that he does not plan to become another [former Soviet leader Mikhail] Gorbachev — someone who delivers and departs. Does this imply that he wants to become [Russian president Boris] Yeltsin — someone who can play the game of democracy, crush the opposition and receive the funding and backing of the West? This remains to be seen."

Hebrew University professor Yehoshafat Harkabi, a former head of Israel's Intelligence Branch, warned Israeli leaders not to underestimate the Palestinian desire and need for democracy.

"Some of our leaders think that it is simpler to deal with Chairman Arafat and that elections might embarrass him. Some argue that democratic elections are foreign to Arabs. They point to their recent visit to Oman, an Arab state that seems to be run impressively without elections, and they think that this would suit the Palestinians," Harkabi said.

"That is a big mistake. Palestinians will prove themselves to be the most democratic people among the Arab peoples. They are acquainted with democracy, partly through the Israeli example."

Harkabi added that Palestinian elections will pose some serious problems for Israel, including the need to redeploy the army out of major population centres (as stipulated in the Oslo accord). But Harkabi argued that a democratically-elected leadership "is the only safety valve against terrible internecine wars among the Palestinians. Only an authentic leadership will be in a position to restrain such developments," he said.

The conference, entitled The PLO and Israel: From Armed Conflict to Political Settlement — 1964-1994, was organized by the Hebrew University's Truman Research Institute, and funded with the support of the Canadian government.

CARMIEL DANCE FESTIVAL

The hills above the Knesset are the site of the 7th Dance Festival which begins in the northern town of Carmiel at the beginning of July. Of all the events which crowd the country's summer calendar, the festival is usually described as the most Israeli experience of them all, despite the cosmopolitan flavor lent by dance troupes from places as far afield as New Zealand and South America. Seen here is a preview of one of the 1,200 dance troupes who will perform at the festival. [Isranet photo]

Palestinian collaborators may face death sentences

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Some Palestinians who collaborated with Israel's Shin Bet security services may be put to death, according to Freih Abu Medein, the newly named justice minister of the Palestinian governing council.

According to Medein, the death penalty may apply to those collaborators whose activities led directly or indirectly to the deaths of other Palestinians.

But Medein also said the Palestinian authorities may decide to pardon those who turn themselves in and pledge to abandon their work with the Shin Bet.

Last week, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Israel might delay the release of Palestinian prisoners if Palestinian authorities decide to prosecute individuals suspected of collaborating with Israel.

Two collaborators, meanwhile, in an address to the Knesset last week, accused the Shin Bet of failing to honor its promises of financial assistance, forcing them into extreme monetary difficulties.

They said there are some 7,000 collaborators holding documentation from Israeli authorities attesting to their status.

They also complained that under the terms of the Cairo agreement for implementing Palestinian self-rule, Israel is now freeing Palestinians imprisoned for hunting down suspected collaborators.

Palestinian security officials recently announced they would not tolerate individual vendettas against suspected collaborators.

Since the Palestinian uprising began in December 1987, an estimated 800 to 1,000 Palestinians suspected of collaborating with Israel have been killed by fellow Palestinians.

Women's conference set

MONTREAL — A number of leading national Jewish women's organizations will attend the International United Nations World Conference on Women to be held in Beijing in September, 1995.

The conference will look at the advancement of women through its theme of Equality, Development and Peace. Three previous conferences have been held in Mexico City, Copenhagen and Nairobi.

Hadassah-WIZO national president Judy Mandleman called a recent meeting to begin planning for the Beijing conference and its non-governmental organizations forum.

She said many women have expressed interest in the conference. For more information contact any of the following organizations:

Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, B'nai Brith Women, Emunah Canada, Na'Amat Canada Inc., National Council of Jewish Women and Women's ORT

New hate crimes law introduced

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While B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights considers the proposal "an important first step in addressing the challenge posed by hate mongers and those who act on their inspiration," the League feels that it is by no means sufficient.

Mark Sandler, senior legal counsel for the League, wants the Criminal Code amended, based, he said, on a model suggested by the Anti-Defamation League in the United States and in force in 47 American states, the District of Columbia and federal jurisdictions.

This, he explained, would include penalty enhancement provisions, as well as a specific range of sentences (for instance, if assault is subject to a six-month imprisonment, one motivated by hate would automatically be subject to 12 months.)

As well, the League would like to see the nature of some offences changed.

"Synagogue desecration is now prosecuted as mischief to public property, the same as if someone broke into their neighbor's car. We would like to see it changed to institutional vandalism," said Sandler.

"This would not only send a stronger message to perpetrators of hate crimes, but would be reflected on the criminal record, which is what law enforcement officers have told us they would like to see."

Deterrent effect

Det. Sgt. Wayne Cotgreave of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Hate Crimes Unit, told *The CJN* that from the unit's perspective, "it is encouraging when the government or any organization increases its involvement in combatting hate."

He said he feels there will be a deterrent effect from the more stringent sentencing.

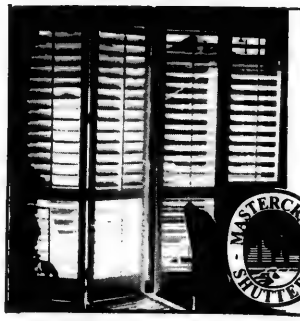
For the past 18 months, he said, if officers have found that a crime has been motivated by hate, that fact has been put in the criminal record, and prosecutors told, so that they can include the information when presenting their case in court.

This new procedure will also enable the police to plot statistics on hate crimes.

An initial report came out at the end of 1993, Cotgreave said. At the end of June, there will be another six-month report, which for the first time will enable comparisons to be made as to the frequency and characteristics of this type of crime.

The hate crime provisions are part of an omnibus bill on sentencing reform, which will also include alternatives to jail time for those who commit non-violent crimes, stiffer sentences for those who abuse a position of trust, recognition of the over-representation of native peoples in prisons, and victim input at parole or probation hearings.

There will also be for the first time a statement of purpose and principles for sentencing; the objectives of sentencing will include the rehabilitation of offenders, restitution, separating offenders from society if necessary, and deterring the offender and others from committing crimes.



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Israel, Vatican launch full diplomatic ties

Exchanging ambassadors

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Israel and the Vatican announced an agreement on June 15 establishing full diplomatic relations, with the Catholic Church being allowed to participate in efforts to determine the future of Jerusalem.

"The Holy See and the State of Israel, in accordance with Article 14 of the Fundamental Agreement signed by them on 30 December 1993, agree to establish full diplomatic relations, effective from 15 June 1994, at the level of Apostolic Nunciature on the part of the Holy See, and Embassy on the part of the State of Israel," read a joint protocol signed on the evening of June 14 in Jerusalem and released at a news conference the next day. The signatories were Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin and the Vatican's Archbishop Andre de Montezemolo.

Rabbi David Rosen, one of the negotiators of the Vatican-Israel agreement, said the agreement was an affirmation of the dramatic improvement in relations between Roman Catholics and Jews.

"It will affect the way Jews are viewed within the Catholic world and the way Jews feel they are viewed within the Catholic world," Rabbi Rosen said.

In the fundamental agreement signed on December 30, Israel and the Vatican agreed to establish full diplomatic relations within four months after the accord was ratified. At first, Israeli officials said, the Vatican suggested that both countries be represented by emissaries of their governments or leaders.

"Many skeptics believed that it would be difficult, maybe impossible, to establish full diplomatic relations with the Vatican without a comprehensive peace agreement in the Middle East," Beilin said.

But Israel insisted that full diplomatic relations be established with ambassadors, the officials said. The two governments exchanged ambassador-level representatives about six weeks ago — Shmuel Hadas on the Israeli side and Archbishop Montezemolo for the Vatican. They began their job as ambassadors the same day as the agreement was signed.

The Vatican will open its embassy in Jaffa, Archbishop Montezemolo said. "It is effective from today," he said. "I will be ambassador and remain apostolic delegate to Israel, Palestine, Jordan and Cyprus."

The Vatican has expressed interest in participating in talks regarding the future of Jerusalem. "We acknowledge, of course, that there is an interest of the Christians and among them the Catholic Church in speaking about the holy places of Jerusalem," Beilin said at the news conference. "There is an interest by the Holy See to be part of the religious solution for Jerusalem when this issue is on the agenda for a permanent solution."

Beilin said that the secret letter by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres released earlier this month, which implied that Israel recognized the PLO's supervision of Muslim and Christian holy places, does not affect the Vatican. "There is no hint [in the agreement] that the holy places will be handled only by the Palestinians," he said. "All religions will have to participate in this solution."

But Beilin acknowledged that the Vatican had not been aware of a secret letter on the status of Jerusalem written by Peres to late Norwegian foreign minister Johan Jorgen Holst, and that it was part of the PLO-Israel negotiations.

An Israeli source involved in the Vatican talks said no specifics have been completed over how the church will participate in talks on Jerusalem. So far, the Vatican has been offered participation in multilateral talks that deal with religious sites.

For his part, Archbishop Montezemolo said the future of Jerusalem's Christian sites will be dealt with by Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians. "This is a very complicated issue," he said. "We have very good relations with the Palestinian side. We have our own dialogue, nothing official for the time being."

Beilin said one proposal likely to be discussed during the negotiations regarding Jerusalem would be to keep it under Israeli sovereignty while dividing the city into boroughs, each with the power of administration. "We will have to take into account the special needs of the large Palestinian population," he said.

Beilin said the Vatican and Israel decided to establish an economic and judicial committee to resolve outstanding issues. The economic committee will be headed by the Finance Ministry's Ehud Kaufman and the jurisdiction committee will be headed by Zvi Terlow. The work of the two committees is expected to take two years.

Repeat of Hebron attack seen as a possibility

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — There is a growing likelihood that Jewish settlers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip will commit desperate acts of violence reminiscent of the Hebron massacre.

That was the view expressed last month by Hebrew University Prof. Ehud Sprinzak, an expert on Israel's radical right.

While the mainstream right in Israel if fully committed to fighting the Oslo accord through democratic means, Jewish settlers are feeling a growing sense of anxiety that may drive some individuals to acts of violence, said Sprinzak, author of *The Ascendance of Israel's Radical Right*.

"I don't think there is an organized, sophisticated Jewish underground," he said. "But the explosive potential within the settlements is constantly rising as the sense of anxiety and desperation increases."

For religious settlers in particular, the Oslo accord is a combination of personal, ideological and theological disasters, said Sprinzak. "For a hard-core of 20,000 to 30,000 religious settlers, the agreement is seen as a rebellion against God. Some of them feel the need to sanctify God's name."

Sprinzak speculated this is what drove Baruch Goldstein to his desperate act — and could drive others to violence.

"The determined reaction of the Israeli government [in the aftermath of the Hebron massacre] was important," he added. "A decisive act by the government can reduce the chance of an explosion."

Sprinzak, who was speaking at a Hebrew University conference, said the success of the Oslo accord will mean the "political death of the Israeli right.

"A Greater Land of Israel constitutes the very definition of the right wing in Israel."

Knesset member Ariel Sharon's most recent leadership challenges to Opposition leader Binyamin Netanyahu is a symptom of the crises in the Israeli right, said Sprinzak. However, a change in leadership is unlikely to alter the fortunes of the right or increase its impact on Israeli public opinion, he added.

"Ironically the Israeli right knows it can only be saved by one camp: the Palestinians.

"The Israeli public will not oppose the peace process out of any commitment to the settlers," said Sprinzak. "It is only terrorism that may turn Israelis against the accord — and save the right wing."

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SATMAR REBBE VISITS ISRAEL

The anti-Zionist Satmar Rebbe Moshe Teitelbaum came to Israel on June 7 to visit Israel's Satmar community. It was his first visit in 11 years. Fifty leading rabbis and 30 journalists were at the airport to greet the Satmar Rebbe along with no less than 2,000 followers that came with him from the U.S. Chaotic scenes were witnessed as the Rebbe tried to get through the crowd to his limousine. One hundred thousand people crowded the streets around Mea Shearim's Shabbat Square chanting "Long live our master, teacher and rabbi, righteous man of our generation" as the Rebbe's first speech of his two week stay was due to begin. In his speech he urged Israelis not to take part in the life of the State of Israel — that they should refuse to pay taxes, that they should refuse to serve in the army, that they should not collect state benefits nor vote in any election. Here Rabbi Teitelbaum (with white beard) is seen on arrival at Ben Gurion Airport surrounded by his supporters. [IPPA photo]

Knesset passes first national health plan

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Following 22 hours of deliberations, the Knesset passed into law on June 15 a national health insurance plan that will insure all Israeli citizens.

The Knesset voted 68 to 0, with 27 abstentions from the Likud benches.

Amir Peretz, chair of the Knesset committee that steered the law through, described the new health legislation as "the bill of rights of the Israeli citizen."

The national health insurance law, which has been decades in the making, has not been without its share of controversy.

A strong backer of health reform, Chaim Ramon stepped down as health minister in late January when the Cabinet rejected an original form of the bill.

The Cabinet at that time had not wanted to break the link between the Histadrut trade union federation and the Kupat Holim Clalit (General Sick Fund), the country's largest health maintenance organization, which currently insures some 70 per cent of the Israeli population.

But Ramon then left the Labor Party to run for the post of secretary general of the Histadrut. When he won that nationwide election, he succeeded in ousting the Labor Party from its traditional control of the federation.

The June 15 Knesset vote, which provided a second victory for Ramon, will break Histadrut's hold over the country's health services, a hold it has enjoyed since pre-State days.

That control often forced large segments of the population to retain union membership in order to gain health insurance.

The linkage between Histadrut and Kupat Holim also led to a situation in which the government was forced to subsidize trade union health care without being able to exercise control over how monies were spent.

That state of affairs came to a crisis in recent days, when Kupat Holim was reported on the verge of bankruptcy. The government, in turn, found itself caught between its responsibility to see that millions of Israelis were not left without health services and a reluctance to bail out the fund.

U.S. not expected to broker peace deal

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — A recently completed internal Foreign Ministry study warns that neither Israel nor Syria can count on the United States to bridge their differences, according to Foreign Ministry sources.

Pointing to perceived "flip-flops" and "lack of determination" in Washington's handling of global hot spots, the study, issued by the Foreign Ministry's newly-established Policy Planning division, seems to confirm criticism of the Clinton Administration, namely, that foreign policy setbacks in different parts of the world could undermine its effectiveness as a Middle East peacemaker.

Sources insist the document does not address whether Israel or Syria needs to modify its substantive positions at the peace table to reach an accord, since it concentrates on U.S. policymaking.

The document sought to learn lessons from how the Clinton Administration handled three areas deemed of interest to the United States: China, North Korea and Haiti.

"The lesson for Israel from all of this should be that we cannot expect the U.S. will do our work for us. As past secretaries of state have liked to say, 'The U.S. cannot want peace more than the parties themselves.' Israel cannot count on American determination to ensure the success of the talks," a Foreign Ministry official said.

It appears that one of the study's operational conclusions would be to hold direct Israel-Syria back-channel talks.

Israel has repeatedly called on Syria to hold such discussions but officials insist Damascus has repeatedly rejected the appeal.

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Shekter gets scholarship

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"The wonderful thing about it is that I don't have a heart problem any more," he said. "I have an immunological problem now, I suppose."

Toronto General Hospital does at least 25 heart transplants per year, according to Shekter. "It's not what most people think it is," he said. "It's becoming more commonplace. It's not a big deal, medically. It's certainly a lot less intense than I had expected."

The operation couldn't have come a moment too soon for Shekter, who was notified in February that he was one of 21 finalists from some 300 applicants across Canada for the U of T's national scholarship award. After a round of interviews in April, he was chosen as one of six winners. "Before the operation, walking across campus six times a day just wouldn't have been possible for me. I wouldn't have made it. So it was well-timed."

The scholarship consists of one free year of residence, $7,500 per year for up to four years, and admission into a program of choice. Shekter already knows what he wishes to study — computer science and physics — and plans a career in computer animation and graphics.

Interestingly, other members of his family are already in the entertainment field. His father, Mark Shekter, is a television and film writer, and his mother, Louise Shekter, is a television writer, producer and director. His sister Katherine, who is only 12, has begun a lucrative part-time career as an actress.

Shekter said it is important for a would-be organ donor to do more than sign the donor card attached to his or her driver's license. "Although the hospital may have the right to your organs, it won't use them without your family's permission," he said. "So make sure to tell your next of kin of your intentions."

Holiday deadlines

During the upcoming Canada Day holiday *The CJN* offices will be closed Friday, July 1. As a result, early deadlines will apply for the issue of July 7.

The editorial deadline is Monday, June 27.

The deadline for organizations and classified advertising is Monday, June 27 at 4 p.m. For retail display advertising, the deadline is Tuesday, June 28 at noon.

There will be no issue of July 14.

The News in Brief

Romanian Jewry Elects New Leader

IASI, Romania — Some six weeks after the death of Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen, Romania's Jewish community has elected a new leader.

The executive committee of the Federation of Romanian Jewish Communities last week unanimously elected Professor Nicolae Cajal as the federation's new president.

For more than four decades, Rabbi Rosen was both religious and organizational leader of Romanian Jewry. Following his death on May 6, communal leaders agreed to a separation of the two powers.

The election of Cajal, which was reported on Romanian television and radio stations, was greeted warmly both within and outside the country's Jewish community.

During interviews with television and radio stations, Cajal acknowledged the presence of anti-Semitism in the country and suggested that one way to combat it was to publicize the activities of Romania's Jews in the fields of culture and science.

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Israel To Keep Friendly Ties With Italy

JERUSALEM — Israel will maintain friendly relations with the Italian government, but will temporarily refrain from contact with Rome's five neo-fascist ministers, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres has told his Italian counterpart Antonio Martino in Luxembourg.

"There are no plans for contact with the five at this time for the time being," an Israeli official said.

Peres's decision fell short of a more activist position favored by some in the Foreign Ministry who want to cool overall relations with Rome, and even temporarily recall Ambassador Avi Pazner. Norway, taking a tougher stance than Israel, has said it would boycott the neo-fascist ministers.

According to participants in the talks, the Italian foreign minister pledged that the Italian government would be "the most pro-Israel in 20 years" and said there is "no nostalgia for Fascism" in Italy.

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Israelis Banned From Jericho

JERUSALEM — Israelis, with the exception of journalists, will be banned from Jericho during the arrival of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, a senior IDF commander said.

Maj-Gen. Ilan Biran, head of army central command, said Route 90, the two-lane highway that runs from Jerusalem to Tiberias, will be closed at Jericho. Israelis will be asked to use the dirt road that bypasses the area of Palestinian authority.

One reason for the ban on Israelis, Biran said, is to avoid a clash between Arafat supporters and Israelis seeking to attack the PLO leader. "This includes those people who are crazies," he told a news conference.

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Gazans Support Cairo Accord: Poll

JERUSALEM — A new poll shows the Cairo agreement has the support of 69 per cent of Gazans, indicating a reversal of the wane in support for the peace process during the previous months.

The Cairo accords have the support of 57 per cent of the Palestinians overall, (51 per cent outside Gaza), compared with levels of support below 50 per cent in recent months.

The new monthly survey was published on last week by the Centre for Palestine Research and Studies (CPRC) in Nablus and was conducted on May 31 among 1,974 respondents interviewed face-to-face.

The demand for political elections has risen from its already high figure to 80 per cent. However the poll also shows that in Gaza, Fatah would win 52 per cent of the votes, the first time it has scored an outright majority in the polls since they began in September.

Support for Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Islamic independents in political, as opposed to local, elections stands at 19 per cent in Gaza.

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IDF Denies Human Rights Report

TEL AVIV — The Israel Defense Force has denied a report by an American human rights monitoring organization claiming Israeli interrogators torture Palestinian detainees to obtain confessions of wrongdoing.

An IDF spokesman issued a statement last week stating that the use of torture or violence against detainees is forbidden under Israeli law. He added that any confession obtained by such means would be inadmissible as evidence.

The denial was issued in reply to a report published earlier in the week by the U.S.-based Human Rights Watch, which charged "a systematic pattern of ill-treatment and torture" in the Israeli handling of Palestinian detainees.

In issuing the denial, the IDF spokesman stressed the safeguards already in place to prevent such mistreatment and added that the number of complaints has been minimal.

But Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin, who was questioned about the human rights report, acknowledged that Israel had probably committed some human rights violations during its 27 years of administering the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

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Leket: No Plans to Bypass UJA

JERUSALEM — Acting Jewish Agency Chairman Yehiel Leket tried to throw cold water on the sparks set alight by Treasurer Hanan Ben-Yehuda with regard to the Agency's relationship with its Diaspora fundraisers last week.

"There is no intention on the part of the Agency to circumvent the UJA and set up its own fundraising mechanism in the United States," Leket stated before boarding a flight to Moscow. "Any attempt to create a crisis atmosphere is artificial."

But one agency official said the federations abroad are already abuzz following Ben-Yehuda's remarks that, unless the agency keeps the exclusive right to decide where the money goes, it would begin raising money abroad through its own officials. Ben-Yehuda was speaking following a visit with Leket to the United States, where they negotiated terms for a new agreement between the federations and the Agency.

Responding to Ben-Yehuda's remarks that the UJA had agreed only to a three-year arrangement, until 1997, Leket said a five-year agreement is in the works. He added that the fundraisers would apparently also agree to give the agency 50 per cent of the money raised abroad and to continue the exclusivity arrangement.

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Rabin Meets Canadian Defence Minister

JERUSALEM — Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin told his visiting Canadian counterpart, David M. Collenette, that Canada is the only country in the world that has not yet ended its embargo on military sales to Israel. Rabin also noted at their meeting on June 14 that Canada and Israel enjoy close and good relations and that Israel is prepared to cooperate with Canada's defence establishment.

The Canadian defence minister said his government is currently reviewing its policies regarding international defence links. Collenette added that in his opinion, his government would be prepared to participate in a peacekeeping force after peace is achieved between Israel and Syria.

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Police Quash Immigrant Scam

JERUSALEM — Investigators arrested 11 people on June 14 suspected of "importing immigrants" from the CIS in order to pocket the absorption basket funds and profit from other rights the newcomers received. The immigrants later returned to the CIS.

The 11, from the Dan region, were arrested following lengthy intelligence work by detectives, particularly regarding the counterfeiting of documents and identity cards for use in obtaining immigrant status.

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Holocaust Exhibit Tours Japan

NEW YORK — To combat a rising wave of anti-Semitism in Japan, the Simon Wiesenthal Centre recently arranged a 10-day exhibit on the Holocaust, that was displayed in Tokyo's City Hall.

The Wiesenthal Centre project, titled The Courage to Remember, drew an estimated 85,000 visitors during its May 10-20 display in Tokyo; it then went on display in other Japanese cities.

Many of those who saw the Tokyo display waited two hours to get in to see the 60-panel exhibit, according to Gerald Margolis, director of the Wiesenthal Centre and creator of the exhibition.

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South African Jew Named To Court

JOHANNESBURG — Arthur Chaskalson, 62, a Jewish lawyer and a prominent expert on human rights, has been appointed the first president of South Africa's new Constitutional Court.

The court's task is to adjudicate constitutional issues, including the Bill of Rights, and to approve South Africa's new constitution, which must be drafted within two years to conform to democratic principles and international norms.

Chaskalson has long been a high-profile human rights activist. He was an adviser on constitutional matters to the African National Congress, now the majority party in Parliament.

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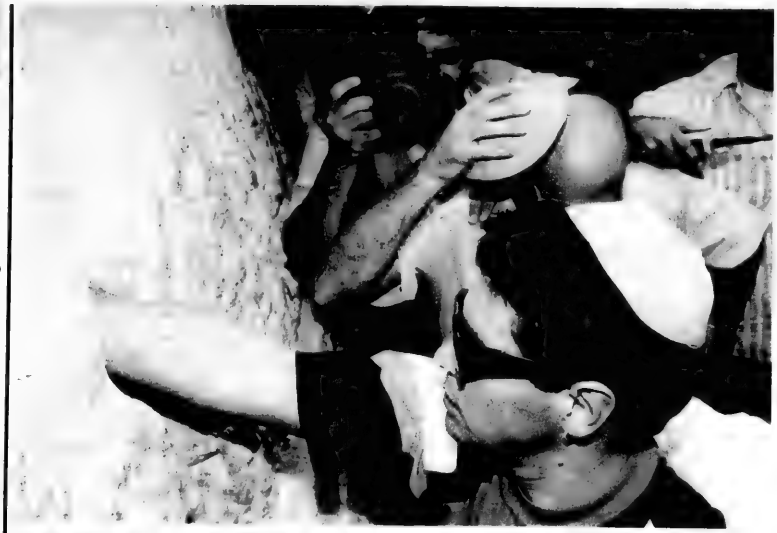

Argentinian soccer star Diego Maradonna is seen placing a message between the stones of the Western Wall during his recent visit to Jerusalem. He is now in the United States taking part in the World Cup. [Israel photo]

World Cup arrives in U.S.

By ELIAS LEVY
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Soccermania is spreading to the four corners of the globe. Several billion emotional soccer aficionados impatiently awaited the official kick-off of the 1994 World Cup.

For the first time in its history, until July 17, the United States is hosting the competition. All games are being broadcast live on radio and television in 190 countries, for a total of 16,500 hours of coverage.

Because soccer does not have a high profile on the very competitive North American sports scene, the organizers of this World Cup have decided to go all out in trying to improve the image of the popular sport with the critical North American public.

Montrealer George Schwartz, one of Canada's leading soccer specialists, says that the directors of the FIFA, the international soccer federation, have made some necessary, if unexpected rule changes to make a better show of the matches played by the 24 national teams which have reached the World Cup.

Schwartz, an internationally-known jeweller, has since 1986 been a commentator for the principal international soccer matches on the Reseau des Sports — the francophone equivalent of TSN. He has represented the Canadian Soccer Federation — which has some 400,000 members — on the executive council of FIFA.

Will the rule changes really strengthen the game? "We hope so," says Schwartz. "For example, the inflexible offside rule which quite often penalizes forwards will now be enforced only if absolutely necessary. If there is any doubt, the referee will rule in favor of the forward ... The referees have also been explicitly instructed to severely penalize any tackles from behind."

According to Schwartz, the directors of FIFA have also made other specific changes to favor more offensive game strategies. "From now on, the defenders will be severely penalized if they waste time by passing the ball back to their goaltender," he says. "The goaltender will have to immediately kick the ball downfield towards the opposing zone."

Some important changes have also been made in the point system. The winning team of each match gets three points; if two teams play to a draw, each gets one point. The top two teams in each group will get to the second round. But — and this is new — the four third-place teams with the highest number of points will also qualify for the second round.

"This innovation will allow us to introduce some parity to this World Cup. For the first time, tough, outstanding teams, who could be eliminated because of ... a tie game, for example, will be able to advance. So the teams that are traditionally the strongest ... will not have a monopoly and automatically reach the second round," says Schwartz.

Which teams started as the favorites in this World Cup? "Several teams have returned very well-prepared physically, such as Germany and the Netherlands," Schwartz says. But, he adds, there are less highly rated teams which may well surprise us.

But how can these "small" teams compete with the big "dinosaurs" of this World Cup? "Don't forget that a number of players on the 'small' teams do not play for their country of origin," he says. "They sometimes play for prestigious first-division European teams."

One of the greats missing from this World Cup is the team from France. To reach the final round, the French needed a draw in their match against Israel last October. But the unpredictable Israeli team handed them a bitter 2-0 defeat. The Israeli team did not qualify for the World Cup matches.

"I believe that, especially in view of the large number of Russian immigrants who have recently settled in Israel, the level of soccer in that small country has a good chance of improving visibly in the years to come," Schwartz predicts.

On June 17, the curtain rose in nine U.S. cities on the big soccer show. Make way for the World Cup . . . and for goals!

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Front Line

Rebbe's will charts course for future of Lubavitch

By YORI YANOVER

The late Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson wrote his will in February 1988, three days after the death of his wife, Rebetzen Chaya Mushka. No doubt her departing brought to his mind thoughts of his own mortality. Two years earlier, the Lubavitch movement had been entangled in a legal struggle over the estate of its previous rebbe. Rabbi Schneerson was all too aware of the needless diversions, not to speak of losses, such struggles cause.

He set out to devise a will which would most effectively chart out his vision of the Lubavitch movement's future. The document he produced is short and appears on its face to be concerned with purely technical, even bureaucratic issues. This appearance of simplicity is another tribute to the man's genius.

In effect, the will answers all the questions Chassidim and non-Chassidim may have raised in recent years, concerning the rebbe's messianic message. It also charts the Lubavitch movement's future for many years to come.

Did the Lubavitcher Rebbe consider himself the miraculous Mashiach, who would some day recover from the ravages of old age and attain eternal youth? Check out the will:

"I request that my debts, my funeral expenses (including, but not limited to, the cost of a suitable monument), and my administration expenses be paid as promptly as shall be practicable."

Those lines were clearly written by a man preparing for the eventuality of his own death. He wishes to conclude his business among the living in a proper and upright way. He has no delusions of metamorphosis.

It is difficult to imagine how his followers who thought otherwise, and who are of sound mind, might fail to see the calm acceptance of mortality which emanates from those simple lines.

What about his failure to appoint an heir?

Let's examine first those appointments which *are* made in the will:

The movement's spokesman, Rabbi Yehuda Krinsky, is named as the executor of the will. Rabbi Krinsky is, perhaps, the quintessential "anti-Mashichist" (meaning he objected to the wildfire messianic preaching practised by some Lubavitchers). He is associated with the emissaries of the movement and is deeply hated by a large segment of Lubavitchers who reside in Crown Heights, Brooklyn and other large Lubavitch enclaves.

Rabbi Krinsky's rival in the secretariat, Rabbi Leib Groner, was edged out by the Rebbe in the most elegant, even amusing manner. Not only was he effectively stripped of any real authority following Rabbi Schneerson's departing, but he was also made to sign as witness to the veracity of the will. The Lubavitcher Rebbe was well aware, apparently, of Rabbi Groner's penchant for back-room mischief, and was insuring against it, six years in advance.

The will states: "I devise and bequeath my Residuary Estate to Agudas Chassidei Chabad (Association of Chabad Chassidim)."

Rabbi Krinsky has been secretary of the Association since 1972. Its chair is Rabbi Avraham Shemtov, Lubavitch emissary to Pennsylvania, as well as to Washington, D.C.'s Capitol Hill and the White House. Rabbi Shemtov, who is named as alternate executor of the will, is another key "anti-Machichist."

The Lubavitcher Rebbe, in effect, recognized the Association of Chabad Chassidim (AGUCH) as the institutional leadership of the Lubavitch movement. In short: they sign the cheques.

Neither Rabbi Krinsky nor Rabbi Shemtov is considered a pretender to the throne of the Rebbe.

How, then, is Lubavitch going to get its next rebbe?

It isn't.

There could be only two reasons why the late Rabbi Schneerson neglected to groom a successor: he either forgot or he didn't want to.

Obviously, few of those who have read anything about him would consider the former even remotely acceptable. Which leaves us with the conclusion that the Rebbe did not want an heir.

He devoted the last 40 years of his life to the radical transformation of Lubavitch from just another chassidic "sect" into a vast army on a permanent mission of spreading both halachic and kabbalistic Judaism around the globe.

Within that "militaristic" view of the Rebbe, the large enclaves of Lubavitch communities are necessary only as sources for new recruits. Or, as one senior Lubavitcher once told me: "Crown Heights is made up only of people who are potential shlichim (emissaries) or have failed to become shlichim."

It appears that the Rebbe sought to dismantle the monolithic Lubavitch Court best symbolized by his own charismatic personality. In its place he erected some 1,600 new courts, lean, unpretentious and extremely effective at promoting the Lubavitch ideals inside whatever community they may serve.

The founder of Chassidism, the Baal Shem Tov, did not leave a successor. But within 50 years after his death, eastern and central Europe were strewn with chassidic courts, each teaching its own brand of the Baal Shem Tov's Torah.

That model will be repeated now, enacted in the most selfless manner by a great teacher.

Yori Yanover is co-author, with Nadav Ish-Shalom, of Dancing and Crying, *an account of the intrigues within Lubavitch during the last two years of the Rebbe's illness.*

Toronto must reach out to singles community

I am a young, single Jewish person living in Toronto, and can tell you why people like myself risk assimilating.

Recently, I have read a number of articles in *The CJN* about how the community is concerned with assimilation, but they mean nothing. The Toronto Jewish community is expert at creating "impressions," but that's all.

Let me tell you about the empathy and welcome that this community really gives. When I first moved to Toronto nearly seven years ago, I got in touch with Shalom Toronto, who took several months to respond to my phone call. When they finally did, it was a week before the High Holy Days, and I was told nobody would be available to see me until after that time. You might wonder what I did for those holidays by myself!

Then, when someone finally met me, she was a female of a similar age, who spent 20 minutes telling me about her boyfriend problems, dumped me with a small basket of leaflets, and had no suggestions for where I might meet people of a similar age or with like interests.

A week later, I found out by chance about a new youth committee being formed by one of the larger community organizations. I went to the meeting courageously, not knowing anyone there. Unfortunately, my courage did not last for long. I left early feeling somewhat uncomfortable: the individual who had met me from Shalom Toronto was one of the organizers of this meeting! Why, I thought, do people have so much difficulty sharing here?

In seeking to "belong" in the community, I wanted to join a synagogue. Naturally, the larger synagogues were out, not having any family members here to give me an "in" or the means to pay the high incumbent fees. Therefore, I settled on a new, smaller one, that was just starting out. After three years of being very giving with my time, energy and resources, I started to feel very uncomfortable. So long as I gave of myself, people called; when, through illness, I was unable to give, I was forgotten. Also, being a single person, the lack of sensitivity to the status of individuals like myself was quite disconcerting.

Recently, in Boston, I had the opportunity to attend a Friday night service at one of the larger synagogues. The rabbi there was not only informed, but also proactive. He gave statistics about the state of the Jewish community in North America. According to his figures, only about 20 per cent of it is made up of "conventional" nuclear families. His concern is for the other 80 per cent that are being lost, single people and outsiders. Therefore, his synagogue offers reduced rates and an open door to anyone who needs to connect.

Unfortunately, rabbis I have spoken to one-on-one in Toronto just don't seem to get it. Self-interest seems to drive so many rabbinical appointments here: in general, their personal career aspirations and desire for financial success are no different than those in the regular workplace.

Until two years ago, I had not given up on Jewish organizations in Toronto, and was prominent on the committees of various community organizations. As my motivation started to fade, I pulled out: the more I gave the less I belonged and more empty I felt. Subsequently, over the last two years, my community involvement has dwindled to virtually zero.

This is not a situation I have been happy about, so seeing an advertisement in *The CJN* several months ago for a seminar on Jewish continuity, I decided to try one more time. It was an interesting seminar, and the small group of people who attended it were genuinely interested in the problem. However, as regards follow-up, what happened? Yet again, any enthusiasm I had mustered up was dampened.

Now 35, I realize that if I wait for a more congenial Jewish environment to emerge here, my "better years" will have passed me by. Already, in contributing many hours in service to this community, where I am still a stranger, I recognize how much personal career development time was sacrificed. If I don't meet a partner who is Jewish, at this point I will know it has not been for lack of putting myself into situations where I thought it might have been possible.

I find that Torontonians, with their fine physical facilities, take a lot for granted. In Europe, where I grew up, people seemed to matter more and no one was ever turned away from a synagogue because they weren't from an "established" local family.

I wish the Toronto Jewish community luck. Change needs to happen now, with action. Promises in flashy news articles are all fine and nice but are not enough! Although I myself may have been relatively persistent over the years, I think of the thousands of others who haven't had the same fighting spirit. Finally, I feel myself slipping into their ranks. Having come from a Jewish community with less than 4,000 people, I recognize that bigger, in the case of Toronto, does not mean better!

The author's name has been witheld at her request, since she would not like to rule out the possibility of becoming active in the Jewish community.

Note to Rabin: Diaspora remains concerned

By RABBI J. BENJAMIN FRIEDBERG

An Open Letter to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin:

I am a Diaspora Jew. Even though I spend much of my time now in Israel, most of my life has been spent in the Diaspora. And because I am a Jew, Diaspora or otherwise, Israel is very dear to me as it is to most Jews — somehow we have a share in the fate of Israel. We are not equal partners of course, but we are partners nevertheless.

Therefore I am puzzled, even concerned, by what your policy for the peace process is, and by what you and your government are doing. I watched the signing of the Oslo Accord in Washington on Sept. 13, 1993, and not long ago I watched the signing in Cairo of the documents for Palestinian self-rule in Gaza and Jericho. Not only did I not have a sense of elation — in fact, prime minister, in neither of these events did you look particularly happy — but I, along with many Jews, am perturbed and we are left with a sense of foreboding.

Now why should we feel foreboding? Surely, you have served the State of Israel, and before its establishment, the Yishuv, all of your adult life, as soldier, chief of staff during the Six Day War, politician and statesman. You were elected by the rank and file Labor party members in the primaries because of deserved popularity. As a brilliant commander and strategist, you certainly know more about security and military matters than I. So why are we concerned, perturbed and enveloped in a sense of foreboding? Is it because Israel got rid of Gaza? Hardly — to that we say Baruch She-P'tarani (blessed is He who has relieved me of this burden). We all wish that the late president Anwar al-Sadat would have agreed to take Gaza back along with the Sinai. Is it because Jews are so attached to Jericho? I doubt it. Jericho was never central to Judaism. And most importantly, the vast majority of Israelis, as well as most Jews everywhere, do not particularly relish the idea of ruling another people.

So why this sense of foreboding? Because, you sir, have crossed every red line which you yourself set and said was essential for the security of the State of Israel. You started the peace process by establishing a basic principle that Israel's security would not be compromised.

Is it any wonder then that many are perturbed by the unfolding of the events which display an erosion, even a virtual breakdown, of your own positions?

What is this foreboding? For some it means the weakening of the state and relying on United States guarantees; for some this is a prescription for war; and for some it is a fear that the State of Israel may even be destroyed. We all hope and pray that none of these happen.

Yet we are concerned because your control of the peace process is marked by a number of features that are disturbing.

The first is a kind of naivete about Chairman Yasser Arafat. With whom are you dealing, prime minister? Surely you know Arafat. And if you didn't, you have been advised by some Arab leaders that he is a liar and one who consistently breaks agreements. We were all witness to Arafat's attempt to break the autonomy agreements in Gaza and Jericho — a spectacle on TV watched by millions. Just recently he called for a jihad for Jerusalem. You know and I know what he meant by that, yet his lame excuse was accepted by your foreign minister. He has broken the Declaration of Principles on 40 occasions and you have said nothing. The most blatant of course is the pledge to alter those passages in the PLO Covenant which call for Israel's destruction. He has not done that and yet you've done nothing. His promise to condemn terrorism is an empty promise. He has called for the release of all Palestinian prisoners including the members of Hamas, who have vowed to continue the terror. You surely do not fight terror by freeing terrorists. The naivete on your part is a rather deliberate and conscious one, for you seem to excuse almost anything Arafat says or does.

The second disturbing feature, prime minister, is the "Credibility Gap" created when your statements one day are contradicted by your actions on another. Many Israelis, it seems, mistrust what you say because it seems that you have contravened your promise many times on matters of life and death. Before the elections you promised never to give up the Golan and here you are ready to do just that. On the day after the signing of the Oslo Accords in Washington, you said on the *McNeil-Lehrer News Hour* "I will never give any future chief of staff the borders which I had to defend in 1967 (borders which Abba Eban called 'Auschwitz Borders')" — and yet you seem to be doing just that. There are other instances: permitting the reopening of the Declaration of Principles after promising you would not; the promise not to permit the UN in the territories gave way after the massacre by Goldstein in Hebron. I am terribly worried that you have said repeatedly that United Jerusalem will remain the eternal capital of Israel, etc., etc. This leads me to fear that you will agree to have the eastern portion of Jerusalem as the capital of a Palestinian state.

Is it any wonder then that for a significant number of Israeli and Diaspora Jews there is a serious question of credibility of what you say?

In your understandable desire to further the peace process, you have used another disturbing feature. You give new nuances to words in order to calm the misgivings of many Israelis. For instance, your interpretation of the word shalom (peace) suggests a kind of Orwellian Newspeak. To me, peace at the very minimum is a state where people are not being killed. Yet terror attacks continue. Palestinian leaders have said that despite the negotiations, the intifadah will continue until "all 'Occupied Territories' are liberated." Your own experts have said that even after a peace agreement is signed, there will be terror attacks against Israelis for 10 or 15 years. Your response to all of this is "that is the price for peace." I fail to see the logic in that; I fail to see peace in that.

No, prime minister, I do not believe that Israel will be destroyed. We know that you mean to do what is most noble and what is most cherished, namely to bring peace. But what I and many other Jews both in Israel and abroad fear is that your methods, policies and concessions, which have moved far from your original positions, will bring war rather than peace, increased vulnerability rather than strength, more terror than quiet. I fear that Israel will have neither peace nor territories. I do not understand your actions. I and many others would be grateful if you would inform us.

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Honoring the righteous

The Holocaust was history's example of evil incarnate but even at the moment when the swastika came within inches of blocking out the sun completely, individual examples of virtue flourished.

Some of the Righteous Gentiles who risked their lives to save Jews have received recognition during their lifetime. The leader of the Dutch underground, John Weidner, who rescued 1,000 Jews and Allied airmen from the clutches of the Nazis, was recognized as a Righteous Gentile by the government of Israel and his name was entered as a hero in the Golden Book of Jerusalem.

A tree bearing his name stands on the Avenue of the Righteous at Yad Vashem. Weidner, moreover, was among those chosen to light candles at the 1993 opening of the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. Weidner's humanitarian deeds were thus honored before his death in California at age 81 last month.

Jan Karsky, still active at 80, has also been the recipient of many honors from Jewish and Israeli institutions. But last month he received a special distinction accorded to no other person in North America. Pursuant to a statute of the Israeli Knesset dating from 1985, Karsky was made an honorary citizen of the State of Israel.

The honorary citizenship, given to those who displayed extraordinary courage to save Jews during the Holocaust, was presented to Karsky by Israeli Ambassador Itamar Rabinovich in Washington last month. Rabinovich said Karsky, who was interviewed extensively about his role as a courier for the Polish underground in Claude Lanzmann's film *Shoah*, at age 80 could lay claim to gevurah (strength), as stated in the Pirkei Avot.

One Righteous Gentile whose exertions on behalf of Jews during the Holocaust has been recognized, but only posthumously, is King Boris III of Bulgaria. In May Rabbi Haim Asa, a local Sephardi rabbi, was invited to address 2,500 worshippers at California's Crystal Cathedral. He told his audience, which included the king's son, Simeon II, that the Bulgarian king saved 50,000 Jews from certain death in the concentration camps. Rabbi Asa was one of those saved.

The Bulgarian king died in 1943 under suspicious circumstances after refusing to knuckle under to Hitler's demands about Jews. He never received the recognition due to him because the Communist government which assumed power in Bulgaria after World War II did not want a king honored in any way. With communism's demise, King Boris III's role in saving Jews is now becoming known.

Posthumous recognition of historic achievements is not the highest form of honor but it is better than no recognition at all. Jews everywhere salute the virtue and goodness of people like John Weidner, Jan Karsky and King Boris III.

Germany's conscience

Richard von Weizsacker, Germany's sixth president, steps down on June 30 after a decade in office.

The son of a German diplomat who collaborated with the Nazi regime, he retires in the full knowledge that he served his country well.

In all probability, von Weizsacker will best be remembered for a stirring, thought-provoking speech he delivered on May 8, 1985, the 40th anniversary of VE Day. To his everlasting credit, von Weizsacker used the occasion to ruminate on an evil chapter in Germany's relatively recent past, an episode which tarnished, perhaps irretrievably, a great nation.

Dispensing with euphemisms and allusions, von Weizsacker berated his fellow Germans for having tolerated crimes against humanity. As he put it: "Who could remain unsuspecting after the burning of the synagogues, the looting... the deprivation of rights, the never-ending desecrations of human dignity? Whoever had his eyes and ears open, whoever wanted to know, couldn't fail to notice the deportation trains."

Driving home his sobering point, von Weizsacker declared: "There were many ways of not burdening one's conscience, of shunning responsibility, looking away, keeping mum. When the unspeakable truth of the Holocaust then became known at the end of the war, all too many of us claimed that they had not known anything about it or even suspected anything."

Von Weizsacker also distinguished himself by being one of the first public figures in Germany to take a principled stand against neo-Nazi violence. After neo-Nazi hoodlums set fire to the homes of foreign asylum seekers, he not only met with refugees, but expressed his solidarity with them, and thereby set a sterling example of civic responsibility.

Von Weizsacker, too, led the first of what would be many candlelit demonstrations against racism and xenophobia, phenomena that inflicted egregious harm to Germany from 1933 to 1945.

In retrospect, von Weizsacker was Germany's conscience during the 10 years of his presidency. One can only hope that his successor, Roman Herzog, is as sensitive and wise.

Letters to the Editor

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WHY JEWS FOUGHT

At this time in history when the world honors the memory of those who died 50 years ago on the beaches of France to preserve democracy, freedom and human rights it is all the more sad and distressing for the Royal Canadian Legion to take such a retrograde step as banning religious head gear in Legion Canteens.

To suggest that religious diversity and tolerance will not be honored in a Canadian institution is disgusting and unacceptable. Discrimination against those with different beliefs is precisely why Canada fought and defeated Nazi Germany. Ten per cent of the Jewish population of Canada fought and sacrificed itself in World War II to eradicate bigotry and racism not to find that these evil manifestations are alive and thriving in 1994 in Legion Canteens.

Bert Raphael
President
Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada
Toronto

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PUT LIBRARY ON WHEELS

The most valuable part of the Lipa Green Building, which I find on the whole quite inaccessible, is the Jewish Public Library.

Although nestled beautifully in the nearby trees it does little to promote use by the community at large and I find it difficult to urge students of mine, young and old, to use it.

Perhaps someone could give it some thought perhaps even a drop-off lane, off Bathurst Street.

Perhaps as important or perhaps even more, let's see the Jewish Library on Wheels promoting study and use of this vital community resource. Visit us to the north in our community centres and schools and help us get our kids away from the "Power Rangers" and into the empowerment of books.

Rabbi David Cooper
Am Echad Congregation
Toronto

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THE "PIECE" PROCESS

The announcement on Israel Radio (6.6.94) and the article in the Toronto Star (7.6.94) that, indeed, Yasser Arafat was correct when he claimed in the Johannesburg mosque that the Israeli government had given him written assurances that the PLO could operate freely in Jerusalem, is truly astonishing.

The Israeli and Jewish people have been subjected to constant rhetoric for the past two weeks from Prime Minister Rabin and all his associates that "no such letter exists" and Arafat is a "clown" or a "liar."

One can only wonder as to whether other secret deals concerning our fate have been struck. It is with great sadness that I am forced to concede that the only person who constantly tells the truth and is honest all of the time is Yasser Arafat.

This process is indeed a "piece" process; the Arabs are receiving the land in pieces and our government's morality is in pieces.

Michael Wilschanski, M.D.
Toronto

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ATTACK ON GAYS

Re: Survivors, gays clash in Israel at Yad Vashem — *CJN*, June 9.

Your article from JTS quotes a bystander at a Yad Vashem memorial where openly gay men and lesbian women were in attendance; as screaming, "My grandfather was killed for refusing to have sexual relations with the camp commandant. You are desecrating this place, you homos."

Was it more a crime for this man's grandfather to be raped by the camp commandant than his grandmother? Is a heterosexual Nazi rapist less a criminal than a bisexual or homosexual one? Is not sexual assault an abomination no matter the sex of the parties?

The bystander quoted hates Nazis and homosexuals; the abomination is the question of the two. Over the centuries justifications for discriminating against Jews have been numerous; unfortunately, Jews have also adopted bigotry and prejudice as seen in this attack on gays.

Ronald Kaplan
Faith Kaplan

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THE POLLARD CASE

Both the timing and the manner in which President Clinton summarily denied the motion for commutation of Jonathan Pollard's life sentence were a blow to Prime Minister Rabin, to Israel, to the Jewish community worldwide and to the millions of people worldwide who had asked him to look into the matter and to address their serious and well-documented claims that a miscarriage of justice had occurred and that the sentence meted out was unduly harsh and grossly disproportionate.

Mr. Clinton chose not to address any of the serious legal concerns that were raised; he chose not to be an honest broker with Mr. Rabin, whose prestige was on the line, and he chose not to show any respect for the Jewish people erev Pesach. He did *not* review the matter, as he promised in his election campaign. He completely ignored the growing evidence of the scapegoating of Jonathan Pollard to cover for the treasonous activities of Aldrich Ames; he did not consider at all Bobby Rae Inman's confession that he, himself, had stemmed the legitimate flow of information to Israel in retaliation for Israel's bombing of Iraq's nuclear facilities. Rather, he chose to follow the recommendations of the very same discredited and anti-Semitic intelligence establishment which nine years ago conspired to put Pollard away forever!

In allowing governmental agencies to make a partisan and prejudiced decision for him, President Clinton abdicated his constitutional responsibility to remain above the fray and to evaluate the information honestly and independently.

President Clinton gave a flat "no" to all appeals. Like Pharaoh, he foolishly believes that we will let him get away with that. The insult and the injustice are now a personal matter for each and every individual who ever cried out for justice for Jonathan Pollard. The battle for justice for Jonathan, for Israel and for the Jewish people has major implications for all persons in a democracy.

Elaine Zeitz
Toronto

Dry Bones

THEY THOUGHT HE WOULD BE REVEALED AS THE MESSIAH!
AND WE LOOKED ON WITH BOTH NERVOUSNESS AND TREPIDATION
BUT NOW THAT THE REBBE HAS BEEN LAID TO REST... LET'S ADMIT THE TRUTH.
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE IF THEY HAD BEEN RIGHT.
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Opinion

Schindler's List from another perspective

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

The other day I had occasion to watch a British documentary made a few years ago. Called *The Passionate Eye*, it won Britain's National Film Award as the best documentary of the year.

The title is meant to describe Oskar Schindler as he really was. We see plenty of photographs and a few film clips of him, but hear no interview to capture his personality. Everything is seen through the eyes of others.

Chief amongst them is his widow, a woman who speaks well, has an expressive face and who tries to explain how her husband came to be the person he turned out to be. She tries her best, but in the end she too fails to fully capture his spirit. We are left with what he did, rather than who he was.

Amongst those who testify to his actions are a half dozen survivors, most of them speaking a very passable or even good English. When, as in Mrs. Schindler's case, the answers given are in another language, subtitles are added to the screen.

The opinions voiced by the survivors in *The Passionate Eye* are almost unanimous: Schindler turned out to be a very remarkable man indeed. Speaker after speaker reveals how he or she was literally and personally saved by the man; how he was kind and courteous, helpful not only in the large task of preserving his thousand-person workforce, but also in small matters of individual kindness. There is only one dissenting voice: a man saying that whatever Schindler did, he was still a Nazi, part of the German war and government machine and he (the survivor) could not get over that ineradicable fact. Schindler, was after all, tied into a murderous machine.

Rabbi Plaut

But this survivor is the exception. The rest speak with a sense of deep gratitude, even love. When the war was over, Schindler was feted in Israel, where he became the third person to be recognized as a Righteous Gentile. Many of the people whom he had saved had made aliyah, and they primarily were responsible for keeping Schindler afloat in the years to follow for he became a financial failure, trying various enterprises and always losing his shirt. He ended up as a remittance man, sustained by regular contribution from people he had helped during the Nazi days. The ending of *Schindler's List* — a parade of people depositing flowers on his grave — was based on reality.

The British documentary is amplified by a lot of war clippings — from Hitler to concentration camps and their aftermath. At one moment I thought I recognized Dora/Nordhausen, with which I was acquainted when our Army division conquered it, but it may have been Bergen-Belsen.

The Passionate Eye has no sequential, ongoing story. It is somewhat diffuse, but instructive nonetheless. It does not have the sweeping power of the Spielberg drama; it remains a documentary.

As such it was worth watching and it deserved the prize it received.

As far as Oskar Schindler himself is concerned, he remains enigmatic, ending his life on gifts from those he saved. In the final accounting, of course, the character of the man becomes secondary, for what he achieved is beyond doubt. He mounted a personal campaign to save Jews and it doesn't matter whether it was for their sake or also for his. He saved them, and they walk across the screen to tell their tale.

Transnistria — the forgotten cemetery

By FELICIA CARMELLY

Again and again I meet fellow concentration camp survivors, fellow Jews and gentiles, who have never heard of Transnistria.

Every time this happens I feel a sense of desolation and a renewed pain in the scars all survivors carry with them, regardless of how successful and confident one has become.

When I meet other Transnistria survivors and we talk, they experience a similar feeling of pain at the general lack of awareness of Transnistria.

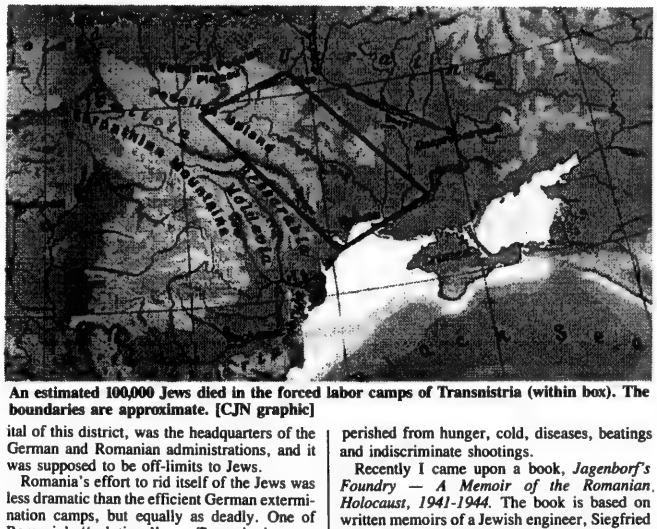
The fact that many Holocaust memorials omit Transnistria only compounds the problem. One exception to such omissions is our Holocaust Memorial in North York's Earl Bales Park.

At times I realize many people do not know about Transnistria simply because little has been written about it, especially in English. There are some writings in Hebrew, Romanian and German, as well as a series of documents and compilations of reproduced documents at the Yad Vashem in Jerusalem.

The fact that Transnistria is not a specific geographic name like Auschwitz, Dachau and Treblinka further compounds this lack of awareness.

Transnistria cannot be found on the map. It is a name coined by the Nazis early in World War II to designate the southern part of Ukraine, situated between the river Dniestre (also spelled Dnestr) on the west, the river Bug on the east, the Black Sea in the south and a line beyond Moghilev Podolsky in the north. Transnistria meant "over the Nistru (the Romanian name for the Dniestre)". It was an artificial geographic entity which existed only from 1941 to 1944.

This approximately 16,000-sq. mile territory, controlled by Romania, consisted of numerous little towns and villages, most of which became lagers — concentration, forced labor or death camps. There were about 67 such lagers; here are some of their names: Dzhurin, Tulchan, Bershad, Yampol, Shargorod, Soroko, Sliddiy, Skazinetz, Pechora, Nokolaev, Kopaygorod, Vapniarka and many others. Moghilev, the capital of this district, was the headquarters of the German and Romanian administrations, and it was supposed to be off-limits to Jews.



An estimated 100,000 Jews died in the forced labor camps of Transnistria (within box). The boundaries are approximate. [CJN graphic]

Romania's effort to rid itself of the Jews was less dramatic than the efficient German extermination camps, but equally as deadly. One of Romania's "solutions" was Transnistria.

In 1940, General Ion Antonescu, who demanded King Carol abdicate as he had a Jewish mistress, proclaimed himself "conducator" — the Romanian equivalent of "Führer." He alleged Jews from the districts of Bukovina and Bessarabia favored Bolshevism and were therefore enemies of Romania and spies, deserving to be deported to perish in Transnistria.

Approximately 150,000 Jews were deported. Some 50,000 were still alive when the Soviet troops reconquered this area in March of 1944.

Under the watchful eye of their German bosses, Romanian officials and their Ukrainian collaborators made sure the Transnistria deportees perished from hunger, cold, diseases, beatings and indiscriminate shootings.

Recently I came upon a book, *Jagenborf's Foundry — A Memoir of the Romanian Holocaust, 1941-1944.* The book is based on written memoirs of a Jewish engineer, Siegfried Jagendorf, a Transnistria deportee. It was edited and contains an introduction and commentaries by Aron Hirt-Manheimer, and copyrighted in 1991 by Ralph D. Stern and Dr. Edith Gitman. The dedication of the book reads: "In memory of the martyrs of Transnistria — the Forgotten Cemetery."

This book provides a historical overview of the political events in Romania shortly before and during World War II as well as some insight into the Romanian approach for "cleansing its soil of Jews." It details unimaginable interventions and manipulations by engineer Jagendorf to maintain a handful of Jewish technical personnel in Moghilev to restore the city's shattered electrical system and repair its iron works. This handful of workers soon grew to hundreds and then thousands of people, who were saved by working in or for the foundry in Moghilev, a city forbidden to Jews. Moreover, engineer Jagendorf and his Jewish Committee managed to organize some institutions simulating those of peaceful times, i.e., a hospital, an orphanage and a home for the aged. At a time and place when all former support systems have vanished, such institutions offered a marginal sense of belonging and community.

The reader of *Jagendorf's Foundry* gleans an insight into how in the midst of terror, desperation and death, there was a remarkable degree of courage and determination to resist and survive. As a result of the foundry, which became a nucleus for the Moghilev Jews, about 75 per cent of the deportees in this district survived this incredible ordeal. In other districts of Transnistria only 20 or 30 per cent survived.

Doctor Shmuel Ben-Zion of Haifa University states: "With the publication of this excellent work [*Jagendorf's Foundry*], Transnistria will cease to be 'the forgotten cemetery'."

Elie Wiesel states: "This shattering testimony of cruelty, despair and courage fills a void; not enough is known, not enough has been written about the tragedy and resistance of Jews in Transnistria. Read this extraordinary book with commentary by Aron Hirt-Manheimer and you will not forget it."

As I was reading *Jagendorf's Foundry*, I recalled long forgotten or suppressed memories of my own childhood in Transnistria. I imagine that other survivors who may read it may react similarly. Such memories need to be recorded, or at least talked about. Therefore, I am suggesting the formation of a support group of survivors and/or children of Transnistria survivors. Interested readers may call me at 482-1813.

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Kiddie measurement is truly unique

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

My 4-year-old son picked up one of his sister's socks. He held it up and counted aloud, moving his finger down the length of the sock at half-inch intervals: one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, nine, 11. "See," he pronounced, "you have to be 11 to wear this sock."

I saw no point in explaining the truth of sock-measurement to him. He can barely count. He never has to be anywhere on time. He doesn't have any money: why does he need to know? I'm not against teaching him these things — in fact, I have tried, but I hate to give up relishing his mistakes.

When you ask him how big he is, he stretches out on the floor, arms tight by his side, and proclaims, "I'm this big." And so he is. If you ask him how strong he is, he makes a tight little muscle-arm and adds a ferocious baby lion facial growl to go with it. He'd be just as strong without the growl, but it wouldn't be as much fun.

Maybe it's environmental. My older children also measure and count in funny ways. My two daughters just went off to a two-week sleep-away camp. My oldest, now 11, has been before, but this is the first time away for my middle child, who is almost eight. Because she will be in a small camp which includes her big sister, I am only slightly neurotically worried — as opposed to be obsessively neurotically worried.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

As it happens, a few days before camp, we all went to an orientation session. After that, my middle daughter's previous enthusiasm for the experience waned and seemed in danger of disappearing altogether.

The more we packed and the more preparations we concluded, the more fretful she became. I finally asked her what — other than the separation concerns we had already discussed six or seven hundred times — was wrong. "At the meeting," she said, referring to orientation, "they said we had to carry our own duffel bag into the bunkhouse. I can't pick up my duffel bag. I'm too little."

Well, she is little, and the bag was stuffed, heavy and bulky. I asked if she could drag it, and she could, but it didn't seem like a very elegant solution. Thus, the morning before she left for camp, we took ourselves off to a budget luggage store and purchased a solution: a duffel bag on wheels. She can pull it. In fact, it follows her like a big but obedient dog. She went off to camp happily empowered. I wish all the problems she'll encounter in life could be solved so easily.

When I repeated this story to my mother, she remembered her own heavy suitcase story. She was about the same age as my daughter when she decided she would run away from home. She packed all her essentials in a suitcase and set off into the world. Two hours later, her father arrived home to find her sitting on the stoop of their apartment house, her suitcase beside her, weeping copiously.

"What is wrong," he asked her.

"It is too heavy for me," she cried, as they decided together that maybe she wasn't quite ready to leave home just yet.

I don't know what Mom had in her suitcase. Watching her modern day packing, I'd guess stacks of books and several pairs of shoes, all heavy items. But her grandchildren, my daughters, have inherited her ability to fit far more into a suitcase than the laws of physics seem to allow.

When I helped my oldest pack for camp, the inside of her suitcase became a marvel of precise spatial relationships. The boots were full of socks; the sandals fit snugly into the sneakers; every little corner was jammed tight. But, the catch is that her duffel will never close that way again. I had to sit on it to shut it at home, and I outweigh her by some margin. I'm sure she will never manage to pack it all up again. The bother of fitting the box of Sabbath candles into the box of tissues and then the tissue box into the box of laundry soap is a one-time deal. She'll have to pack her laundry bag as a separate piece of luggage to get home.

But when she and her sister do come home, there's a little boy who will be very glad to see them. Baby brother wanted so much to go to camp with his "thith-ters."

"You can go when you are bigger," I promised him as he pleaded.

"But, Mommy," he said, stretching himself up to his full length, about hip-high. "I bigger now."

Features

The Jewish experience in the U.S.

BY SHELDON KIRSHNER

The acculturization of American Jewry has been chronicled by countless sociologists and historians. Broadly speaking, it is a story of struggle and success, of accommodation and, in some cases, of assimilation.

Judith Goldstein's *Crossing Lines* (William Morrow, $23 U.S.) chronicles that intriguing process, but with a twist. Instead of surveying the United States at large, she zeroes in on three small Jewish communities in Maine, which tends to be off the beaten track with respect to Jewish studies. A disparate blend of personalities are thrown together here — Protestant patricians and Jewish immigrants; Wall Street financiers and Main Street clothing merchants. It is an effective and engaging methodological approach, providing a reader with sharp insights into the adaptation of Jews to mainstream America.

The focus is on three localities, Bangor, Calais and Mount Desert Island, which, in varying degrees, welcomed the newcomers.

Goldstein, who was raised in Maine, acknowledges that it attracted few Jews. From 1890 to 1910, only 1,800 Jewish immigrants were lured there. During the same period, 66,000 Jews settled in Massachusetts; 108,000 in Pennsylvania; 690,000 in New York.

German Jews were the first to arrive in Bangor, a town dependent on the lumber trade. In the main, they were peddlars and dry-goods merchants. When the local economy turned sour in the late 1850s, they left. A new wave German Jews replaced them in the 1860s and 1870s. They remained in Bangor, but were totally assimilated.

Eastern European Jews, largely from the Baltic states and White Russia, arrived in the 1880s. By dint of hard work, they made the transition from itinerant peddlars to established merchants. They encountered grassroots anti-Semitism, but, as Goldstein points out, they never knew any "violent or sustained anti-Semitism."

By 1915, Bangor had over 300 Jewish families. Native-born Jews straddled two worlds, one emanating from Jewish values, traditions and the Yiddish language; the other derived from the ideas and manners of secular American culture.

Jewish students entering state-side colleges and universities, such as Colby and the University of Maine, met pervasive social discrimination. And while Bangor maintained few residential restrictions in the 1920s and 1930s, there were no positions for Jews in banks, in prominent law firms and on the hospital staff.

The barriers disappeared in the 1960s and 1970s, as Bangor Jews were gradually accepted. The new generation of accomplished professionals and businessmen participated in Bangor's biggest growth industries — the expanded retail shopping centres, the Eastern Maine Medical Centre and the University of Maine in Orono. Sydney Epstein, a son of Bangor, became one of the biggest property developers in Maine.

Jews joined important business and civic organizations, and had no trouble buying homes in summer colonies favored by Bangor's Protestant elite.

But Americanization and acceptance caused a loosening of tradition. Most Jews became increasingly lax about religious observance and kashruth. The informal ban against intermarriage fell. And conversion took its toll. Sylvia Ross, the daughter of William Engel, the only Jewish lumber baron in Bangor's history, joined the Unitarian church, Goldstein notes.

Calais, a town on the border of New Brunswick, was the most tolerant toward Jews. Calais, observes Goldstein, harbored few suspicions about foreigners and no overt signs of anti-Semitism. Unfortunately, Goldstein does not elaborate.

By the 1930s, Calais was home to 15 Jewish families, with the Unobskeys being the most prominent family. They were merchants and they dominated Main Street, the one and only street in Calais that had any retail life.

At its peak in the early 1950s, the community consisted of 26 families. Bar mitzvahs were celebrated, as were all the major holidays, and daily minyans were held. Intermarriage was strongly discouraged.

With its declining Jewish population, Calais' only synagogue, Congregation Chaim Yosef, closed in 1974. And the Unobskey clan moved to Bangor.

But Calais was a good place for Jews. As Goldstein puts it: "Were there other places (in Maine) that had provided such fertile ground for blending tolerance and ambition, uniting the native-born Mainers and the Russian Jewish immigrants? Probably not."

Mount Desert Island, a famous summer resort area, had no organized Jewish community. But it attracted Jewish residents: wealthy Jews who summered there, as well as merchants looking for fresh opportunities.

Joseph Pulitzer, the Hungarian-born newspaper publisher; Walter Damrosch, the conductor and musician; and Jacob Schiff, the financier, all bought homes on Mount Desert Island.

They blended in well, but discrimination was never far from the surface. When, for example, Schiff's son-in-law, Felix Warburg, tried to join an exclusive country club to which his father-in-law had donated tennis courts, he was summarily rejected.

(Hotels and motels throughout the rest of Maine excluded Jews. In a 1946 survey, the B'nai Brith reported that two-thirds of them engaged in discriminatory practices. But these patterns of discrimination went the way of the dodo under the impact of business necessity and legislation.)

Jewish merchants opened stores on Mount Desert Island. However, they did not form a cohesive group, nor were they inclined to establish Jewish institutions.

Traditional Jewish life on Mount Desert Island, which encompassed such towns as Bar Harbor and Seal Harbor, gradually crumbled. Religious holidays were no longer observed, and fewer families insisted on kosher food. Many of the merchants' children moved away after high school, and most of those who stayed married gentiles.

Like Bangor and Calais, Mount Desert Island was inextricably bound up with the Americanization of its Jewish inhabitants. Far though they were from major Jewish centres, these localities were microcosms of the Jewish experience in the United States.

Congregation Chaim Yosef in Calais, Maine.

Mideast Analysis

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Later this year, Hafez al-Assad will mark his 24th anniversary as Syria's paramount leader. No one else has ruled Syria for so long or with such an iron grip. But in amassing power, the Syrian president has established a dictatorship which systematically abuses human rights.

With ruthless brute force, Assad has crushed rebellions, arbitrarily jailed opponents without trial, routinely tortured prisoners and suspended civil liberties.

Since the government controls the mass media, newspapers, magazines, television, radio and books are subject to strict censorship. And, of course, freedom of association is drastically circumscribed.

Middle East Watch, the human rights agency, has for years monitored Assad's minority Alawi regime. Its conclusions are contained in a revealing, though not surprising, report, *Syria Unmasked* (Yale University Press, $16 US).

Primarily, Assad relies on three institutions to perpetuate his rule:

- The Ba'ath party, which has a virtual political monopoly, purveys the official ideology, runs an imposing intelligence network, censors opposing viewpoints and controls trade unions, professional associations and mass organizations.
- The military, to which Assad owes his ascendancy from air force general to president, is the final arbiter of Syrian politics.
- The security apparatus consists of no less than 15 different agencies which watch one another and ensure the loyalty of the populace.

When the prevailing and longstanding state of emergency is also factored into the equation, Assad's power is thus almost limitless. Among other things, he appoints cabinet ministers and dismisses them at will; army generals report directly to him rather than through the chain of command or the minister of defence; and foreign policy is his prerogative.

Assad's dictatorship

In the final analysis, repression is the key to Assad's survival, and the suppression of an Islamic fundamentalist revolt in the city of Hama in 1982 is symptomatic of the lengths to which he will go to crush dissent. Seasoned troops blasted Hama with helicopter-launched bombs and rockets, artillery and tank fire, flattening entire neighborhoods and leaving thousands homeless. Middle East Watch estimates that upwards of 10,000 people were killed.

In a totalitarian state like Syria, disappearances are not uncommon. A disappearance may last for weeks or months, but occasionally, a family is never even informed.

Minorities other than Alawis live under a tight rein. Syria's nearly one million Kurds are particularly oppressed. The regime severely restricts Kurdish cultural and political groups and bans the use of Kurdish in schools and in the media.

The maltreatment of Jews, which reached a nadir in the mid-1960s, is thoroughly documented. "No other community in Syria faces such heavy surveillance and none is made to feel so completely powerless in the face of the authorities," Middle East Watch notes. These lines were written before Assad permitted Jews to emigrate.

Though well-integrated into Syrian society, the Palestinian minority is closely watched. The government has interfered with Palestinian educational, cultural and communal organizations, increased its surveillance of Palestinian neighborhoods and arrested and tortured a large number of Palestinian residents. In general, Syria harasses Palestinians when its policies clash with those of the PLO, which tends to be quite often.

Syrian intellectuals are kept in line through bullying, praise, threats, bribes, fines and social pressures. With few exceptions, young journalists must be Ba'ath party members. A reporter who wants a safe career must abide by guidelines issued by the Ministry of Information. Criticism of Assad, no matter how indirect, is never permitted. Critical references to the military are taboo. No wonder the Syrian press is so predictable and dull.

Apparently, all faculty appointments at universities are screened by the Ba'ath party and the intelligence services. Informers regularly attend lectures.

If Syria reminds you of the former Soviet Union, you're dead on.

A remarkable personality

By CARL ALPERT

If Israel should ever set up a pantheon of the prophets and political pioneers who battled for practical measures to assure establishment of the Jewish state, there will certainly be no lack of candidates for places in the gallery. I wish to place on record for inclusion the name of a remarkable personality, today forgotten by all except a few — William B. Ziff.

Ziff (1898-1953) was known in his day as the publisher of a broad range of technical and popular magazines, chief among them periodicals dealing with various aspects of aviation. He began his prolific career as a cartoonist and commercial artist. He wrote and published poetry, and was a serious painter. During the First World War, he served with the 202nd Aero Squadron of the U.S. army. In 1942, his book, *The Coming Battle of Germany*, which discussed the organization and strategy of a bombing offensive, became a best seller and established his reputation as an authority on geopolitics and military affairs.

Though born of Jewish parents, he had no sense of identification with the Jewish people, and first set foot in a synagogue late in life. Two personalities awakened in him his sense of Jewish identity: Adolf Hitler and Vladimir Jabotinsky.

He became emotionally involved in the Zionist movement with all the fervor of a convert, and in 1938 penned *The Rape of Palestine*, a book which turned a pitiless spotlight on the policy of the British Mandatory government in Palestine, which he termed not merely a failure, but a deliberate sabotage of Jewish interests there as well. The voluminous and detailed documentation which he presented made a devastating case against the British colonial bureaucrats, and set the political stage for what eventually became the collapse of the Mandate. Even today, the book breathes a proud, affirmative Zionism and makes stirring reading.

Ziff had more vision than most of the Zionist leaders of his period. At a time when the worst of Hitler's plans for the Jews was hardly suspected, he thundered that "Jewry should seek a mass repatriation (to Palestine) of at least five million people from the ghettos of Europe."

In 1946, already an influential figure in the American publishing industry, he interceded with President Truman against the "blatant anti-Semitic laws" of the Mandatory government in Palestine, and using the Nuremberg trials as precedent, called for indictment of the British authorities for their crimes against the Jews.

This kind of blunt talk did not make him popular with the timid Zionist establishment, and he was more than once accused of rocking the boat. In 1947, as a delegate of the American Zionist Revisionist movement, he addressed the World Zionist Congress at Basle, and demanded immediate establishment of a provisional Jewish government. His address created a storm at the Congress, and steps were taken to expel him. Later he claimed he had turned in his credentials first.

In January 1947, he proclaimed: "I foresee that the Jews will gain control of Palestine in one year." While he welcomed the establishment of the state, he was impatient with what he felt was the political shortsightedness of the leadership, which failed to take bold steps — steps which many today believe would have nipped Arab Palestinian nationalism in the bud.

Because of his lack of confidence in the Zionist political leadership he sought new forums in which to give voice to his ideas. In 1949 he became a member of the aeronautical committee of the American Technion Society, and in that year published in the society's annual a brilliant article entitled Israel and the Air Age. With remarkable foresight, he called for the establishment of an aeronautical industry in the country, and for the teaching of aeronautical sciences in the schools. In an age which is to be dominated by the air, he wrote, no country can survive unless it controls the air.

Events confirmed his vision. Dramatic expansion of the Israel Air Force did follow, as well as the establishment of the Israel aircraft industries, and the opening of a whole department of aeronautical engineering at the Technion. The rest is history.

Ziff is buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Like Moses, he never set foot in the Holy Land, but in his case the choice was his. He was heartbroken at the nature and policies of the first Israeli government, and could not bring himself, at that stage, to visit.

His name should not be forgotten in the annals of the Jewish people.

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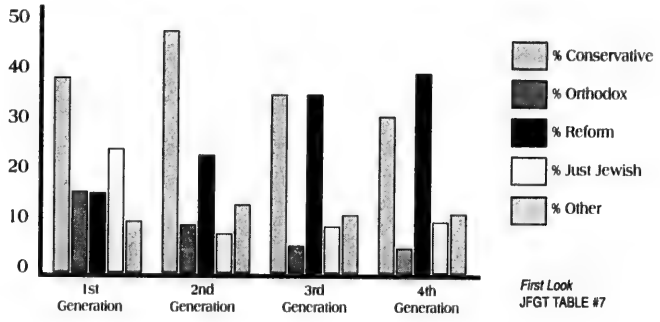

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Arab peace activist has 'vision' for peace

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Mariam Mar'i, Israeli Arab peace activist, described her vision of peace in a recent talk at Temple Sinai: "It means a two-state solution. That is very clear. It means good neighboring, cooperation and inter-relations. It means the Palestinians will be the bridge for peace between Israel and the other Arab countries."

For the vision to become reality, Mar'i said, "hatred, destruction, oppression and occupation" must be replaced by "human rights, equality and education for all."

"We Palestinians have felt all along estranged, alienated, sometimes even unwanted in [Israel]. We consider Israel to be our homeland, yet none of the symbols exemplify us," Mar'i said. "It is very important that a Palestinian state be created to answer to part of our identity that isn't expressed inside Israel."

Mar'i, a Haifa University lecturer and founder of the Acre Arab Women's Association, was a featured speaker along with Daphna Golan, her Jewish counterpart, for Sisters and Strangers: A Jewish Arab Women's Dialogue. Golan, director of Bat Shalom — The Jerusalem Women's Action Centre, had replaced Naomi Chazan, Meretz MK, whose schedule did not permit her to participate in the North American tour.

Bob Rae, premier of Ontario, introduced the evening, which was moderated by Linda Silver Dranoff, lawyer and columnist.

The dialogue, for which Toronto was the only Canadian stop, was sponsored by the New Israel Fund (NIF), a joint Israeli-North American venture established in 1979 to address social and economic issues in Israel.

It's up to adults to create an atmosphere conducive to peace so that their children can benefit, Mar'i said. She recalled that when the late Egyptian president Anwar Sadat visited Israel, the number of Israeli students opting to learn Arabic increased to 80 per cent, indicating "a receptivity for a better life, for seeing things in a much more positive way."

Golan's children are growing up in an integrated Jewish-Arab community. They speak Arabic, and her young son sleeps with a doll he has named after an Arab friend, she said.

"We're trying to make the signature [of the Sept. 13 Declaration of Principles] into a real peace," said Golan.

Golan thanked the NIF for supporting "the courage to fight for good causes even when everybody else thought they were bad ones."

Even within the peace movement, women have been silenced, said Golan. "The mentality is that men know how to do war, so they know how to do peace also."

At the beginning of the intifadah, Golan was active in Yesh Gvul, a group of soldiers who "were willing to defend borders but not to fight civilians in the territories." She was disheartened by the establishment of a Yesh Gvul hotline exclusively for male soldiers.

Because Israel developed as a "frontier society," said Golan, "the dominant culture consists of men who know how to fight wars."

She envisions an Israeli society which is "more democratic, more pluralistic, with equal rights and equal opportunities."

The centre which she directs has joined forces with a Palestinian women's centre in East Jerusalem to form the Jerusalem Link so that, in addition to working with their respective communities, Palestinian and Jewish women can work together for peace and the empowerment of women, she said.

Mar'i said that she hesitated to participate in the speaking tour following the February massacre at the Hebron mosque, but her optimism was restored by the memory of Jewish Israelis who had played an important role in her life.

One, a university professor, vociferously defended her husband's right to receive a grant in 1968. After it was discovered that her husband was an Arab, Mar'i said, there was some question about whether he should receive money that could have been spent on absorption of olim. "I will never accept what was done to us [Jews] being done to others," she recalls the professor saying.

Mar'i takes pride in the role women have played in paving the road towards peace. She noted that Palestinian and Israeli women have participated in peace-oriented activities such as an international meeting in Brussels six years ago since "long before the peace talks began."

"I want my children to grow up without hate," Golan said.

Rabbi Nussbaum was author, Talmudic scholar

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Known internationally for his book *Chaplain on the River Kwai*, and beloved by his former students in Toronto, Rabbi Chaim Nussbaum, 84, died in Branson Hospital June 15, two hours before he was to be honored by the Toronto Jewish Book Awards Committee. He had been in hospital for two weeks.

Principal of Eitz Chaim Schools for 20 years, he was a Talmudic scholar who wrote not only on biblical themes but about art, philosophy, mathematics and education, in English, Dutch, Hebrew, French, German and Yiddish. His book *Chaplain on the River Kwai* was written as a result of his days as a prisoner of war of the Japanese in south-east Asia. He had fled to the Dutch East Indies and was with the Dutch forces when taken prisoner. The title of the book derives from his experience as a chaplain with the prisoners building the bridge over the the river Kwai.

Soon after his death, Rabbi Nussbaum's family accepted his award for *Semblance and Reality*, which won the Penina Rubinoff Memorial Award for Biblical and Rabbinic Scholarship. The book is a series of essays on the theme of Messianism from a biblical perspective.

Hy Bergel, a student of Rabbi Nussbaum 40 years ago, and a member of the Jewish Book Committee, said Rabbi Nussbaum had stretched out a hand to help people make the difficult leap across the chasm which divides childish perceptions of biblical narratives from the infinite depth which in reality informs them.

Bergel said Rabbi Nussbaum cut a dashing figure, always dressed immaculately in finely tailored suits, with trimmed goatee and long flowing hair.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. at B'nai Torah Synagogue June 16 with the eulogy by Rabbi Raphael Marcus.

Rabbi Nussbaum was born in a small town near Auschwitz in 1909. He received his Rabbinic ordination from the internationally-respected Telshe Yeshiva in Lithuania and did his post-graduate work in mathematical physics at the University of Leiden in Holland.

Among his best known works are his commentaries on the Passover Haggadah and the Song of Songs.

Rabbi Nussbaum was married to his wife, Rachel, for more than 55 years.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are five daughters, Brenda Jakobovits, wife of Rabbi Shlomo Jakobovits, Eitz Chaim principal of general studies; Shifra Klein; Nendi Huff, Boston; Chami Schwartz, Detroit; and Ruchani Szendro, Rhode Island; two sons, Motti, Toronto; and Rafael, Brooklyn; 24 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Motti and Rachel Shlagbaum

Couple's generosity aids disadvantaged Israeli kids

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Big givers Motti and Rachel Shlagbaum are motivated by the sparkle of a child's eye.

"When you see the eyes of a child light up when they get something new, that makes the giving more satisfying," says Motti, 42.

Since 1990, Motti and his wife have been sending clothes to the residents of Neve Michael, an Orthodox Zionist school for disadvantaged children in Israel.

The generosity of the Shlagbaums, owners of Slack's Children's Wear, was honored last Sunday by Emunah Women, the organization which runs Neve Michael. Rachel has been a member of Emunah Women for 17 years.

But the clothes for Neve Michael were not sent through Emunah Women. The Shlagbaums contacted the former orphanage, arranged for free cargo space on El Al planes and sifted through mounds of garments all on their own.

Why? "We like to do things quietly," says Rachel, 39.

The first shipment left Toronto in 1990 after the lease expired on Slack's Spadina Avenue location. Before moving to their flagship store at Dufferin and Finch, Motti and Rachel put together 20 boxes of brand-new dresses, underwear, jeans, T-shirts, shorts, tights and Shabbat outfits — $25,000 worth of clothing in all.

"We wanted to start fresh at our new location," Motti explains. "Rachel and I decided, 'Let them [at Neve Michael] enjoy wearing new clothes.' It meant a lot to us."

It also meant a lot to the children of Neve Michael, Rachel says, because up till then they had worn only hand-me-downs. The following year the Shlagbaums sent another 10 boxes of new clothes.

The Shlagbaums saw firsthand how the boys and girls of Neve Michael wore their self-described "Toronto clothes" when they visited the school two years ago with daughter Deena, 15, and sons Aaron, 18, and Yonatan, 10.

The Shlagbaums, in Israel to celebrate Deena's bat mitzvah, spent the day meeting some of the school's 250 residents, many of them children of broken homes or recent immigrants from Ethiopia. The school, founded in 1942, is home to children from 4 years up to 13 for boys and 18 for girls.

Then they invited six of their new friends to Deena's bat mitzvah. "Those six girls made the simchah," says Rachel.

Back in Toronto, the Shlagbaums have continued sending clothes via Israel-bound acquaintances. Rachel says she knows now exactly what is needed — like bigger size boy's pants "because the knees go so quickly" — and packs a duffle bag accordingly. They'll be bringing the bags themselves when they begin visiting their son Aaron at his Israeli yeshivah in the fall.

"We haven't stopped giving now, so why stop in the future?," Motti asks. "If I can do my little bit and know a girl is wearing a new dress for Shabbat, then I'm doing what I can."

Exchange program renewed

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — Scholarship flourishes when universities share knowledge, students and teachers. The Hebrew University in Jerusalem has therefore signed formal exchange agreements with universities around the world.

"But when we looked at all of them," said Hanoch Gutfreund, president of Hebrew University, in Ottawa last week, "we saw that they were nothing more than the paper that had been signed."

Gutfreund was in Ottawa to renew one agreement that has worked, a graduate student exchange program between the University of Ottawa and Hebrew University. Gutfreund and Marcel Hamelin, rector of the University of Ottawa, extended the three-year-old program that provides scholarships for one student each year. The two schools take turns choosing an exchange student.

Three students have participated in the program since it was established. The most recent recipient of a $4500 scholarship and air fare to Israel, is Howard Song, a straight A's biochemistry student at the University of Ottawa. He will spend the summer in Jerusalem doing tumor research at the Hadassah-Hebrew University School of Medicine.

The first scholarship student, Karen Totland, a University of Ottawa student who was completing her PhD in chemistry, has since gone on to study at MIT. Last year, Wael Baidossi, an Israeli-Arab and a graduate chemistry student at Hebrew University, spent several months studying at the University of Ottawa.

Working links between scholars cannot be forged by the university administration, said Gutfreund. To build bridges, scholars have to meet each other. That is easier for professors than students, he added, because they make contacts through conferences.

The University of Ottawa is Canada's largest and oldest bilingual university and has about 26,000 students in its undergraduate, graduate and professional programs. Hebrew University, with 22,000 students, educates students from Israel and at least 50 other countries.

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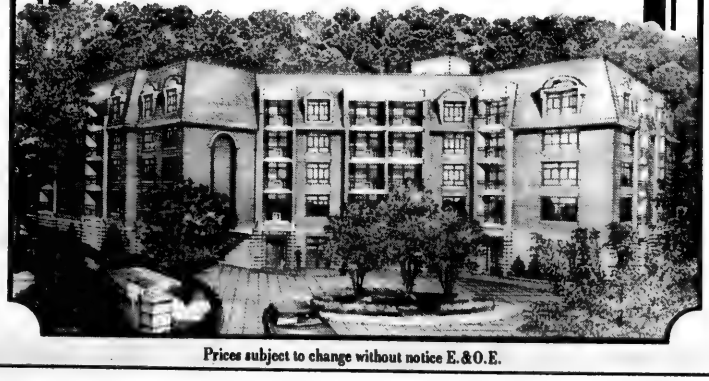

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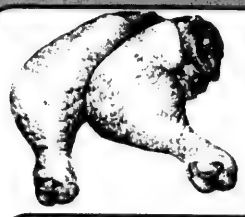

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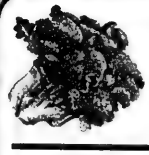

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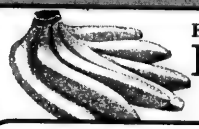

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Joey Tanenbaum to be honored at Negev Dinner

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Joey Tanenbaum, a businessman and patron of the arts, is the honoree at this year's Negev Dinner sponsored by the Jewish National Fund (JNF), to be held Saturday, Nov. 27 at the Sheraton Centre Hotel.

The announcement was made recently at the annual meeting of JNF of Toronto at the Inn on the Park, where members heard the good tidings that in the past year JNF has spent less and raised $500,000 more than the previous year.

The Negev dinner campaign will be headed by Ronald Appleby and the dinner itself is under the chairmanship of Rob Pritchard, president of the University of Toronto, a good friend of Tanenbaum.

"It will be an unforgettable dinner with that trio," said Pat Alpert, who was named to a third term as president of JNF of Toronto.

Tanenbaum, son of the late Max Tanenbaum, is the complete Jewish community activist, Appleby said, making contributions to its religious, educational and cultural life.

"Without Israel, the Jewish position in North America in 1994 would be no different than in Germany in 1933," said Tanenbaum in a brief response. "As Jews in Canada we must keep Israel strong, build it to a point where no one will destroy it, because without Israel we would not have the life we have here in North America."

At the recent opening of a hydro-electric project in northern Quebec which bears his name, Tanenbaum said he and Rabbi Aaron Grossbaum donned yarmulkes, and Rabbi Grossbaum said the Shehechianu prayer. He said he was proud of the respect shown to them by the largely non-Jewish audience made up of local residents and political representatives of all parties at the local, provincial and federal levels.

The JNF blue boxes will reappear in every home, school and store this year as the Fund launches a major drive to increase the money raised in this manner, reported Ben Prossin, executive director.

Among initiatives for the coming year is a New Leadership Division project headed by Nathan Disenhouse and Stephen Karr, to provide a fire engine to protect one of the oldest JNF forests at Beit Shemesh near Jerusalem.

Among guests at the packed meeting were Avner Regev of Israel, the new executive vice-president of JNF of Canada, and Doron Kadmiel, the Toronto shaliach.

Alpert's annual report was presented in the form of a video made with the help of her husband, Herb, which included some dramatic shots of the flooding which halted the JNF's last tour in Israel for several hours.

A certificate for 36 trees planted in Israel was presented to Esther Gold, principal of Hebrew Studies for United Synagogue Day Schools, on her retirement.

Ziona Hagler, Bialik Hebrew Day School and Ziona Rubinsztejn, United Congregational Schools, were presented with the Esther and Eric Exton Educational Award by Lenny Exton, son of the donors, and outgoing treasurer.

The Bernard M. Bloomfield medal was awarded to Barry Ganz, a dedicated volunteer, and JNF assistant secretary.

A special presentation was made to Ron Jacobson, a volunteer and husband of staff member Lil Jacobson.

It was announced that Alvin Dickstein, the new treasurer, will be national chair of the mega-tour to Israel next year.

Other newcomers named to the executive were Claude Abrams, assistant treasurer; Judith Shostack, honorary counsel; and William Leibach, honorary vice-president. Newcomers named to the Board of Directors were Dr. Voitech Arje and Jack Fryman. Frances Mandell was chair of the nominations committee.

Patricia Alpert, president of JNF Toronto with Joey Tanenbaum, 1994 Negev Dinner honoree.

Correction

In a picture in the June 9 issue of *The CJN* it stated that the Israel Scout Friendship Caravan would be performing on Sunday, June 28 at 7:30 p.m. They will be performing on Sunday, June 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Esther Shiner Stadium.

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Canadian Briefs

B.C. Reviews Human Rights Act

VANCOUVER — A review of how complaints filed under the British Columbia Human Rights Act are processed is being urged by Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region (CJC-P).

Responding to a request from the B.C. government to make a submission regarding an overall review of the Human Rights Act, CJC-P says complaints of discriminatory practices which expose a person or group to hatred and contempt "require adequate resources, well-trained staff and streamlined procedures to shorten the length of time to deal with a complaint."

Congress asserts that dealing with complaints of hate propaganda "requires some expertise and specialized knowledge."

CJC-P wants the Human Rights Council to use experts in hate propaganda to train staff and help the public use the Act.

The Congress submission, presented by regional chair Renee Switzer Bellas and legal counsel Herb Silber, also suggests complainants have access to legal counsel and that the unsuccessful respondent pay the cost of public hearings.

It recommends the Human Rights Council assume the financial obligations of legal counsel, or that a foundation in partnership with community-based groups be set up to fund "meritorious litigation" with matching funds from government.

The submission calls for punitive damages as an effective deterrent to hate propaganda and urges the use of interim injunctions while a complaint is being processed. The Human Rights Council should be charged with the responsibility and given the resources for education and information programs to combat discriminatory publications.

The submission also attacks the "insidious and furtive nature" of discriminatory business practices like the Arab boycott of Israel. CJC-P wants the provincial government to enact a Discriminatory Business Act, modelled after similar acts in Manitoba and Ontario.

CJC-P calls for substantial penalties and reduced eligibility for provincial contracts for those who breach the proposed act.

— Maurice Lucow

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Bronfman Youth Fellowships

MONTREAL — Three high school students from Canada are among 26 North American teenagers named to receive 1994 Bronfman Youth Fellowships, under a program designed to develop future community leaders committed to the concept of Jewish unity.

They are Matthew Friedman at William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate in Toronto, Judith Batalion at Bialik High School, Cote St. Luc, and Itia Shmidman at Hebrew Academy High School, Cote St. Luc, Quebec.

This summer, the three will spend five weeks in Israel with the Youth Fellowships program launched eight years ago by Edgar M. Bronfman, chair of the Seagram Company Ltd. and president of the World Jewish Congress.

The 26 Fellows — chosen from nearly 500 applicants — were selected on the basis of character, intellectual interests, special talents and leadership qualities. Merit, not financial need, is the standard of selection for this fully-funded Fellowship award.

Matthew (Matti) Friedman, son of Ralph Zev and Imogene Friedman of Toronto, is a member of the Hebrew Awareness Club which meets weekly to discuss Jewish issues. Friedman spent last year at Pikesville High School in Baltimore, where he was on the staff of the school literary magazine and founding editor of *Rhythm and Ewes*, a student run poetry magazine.

Outside of school he has also been an active member of NCSY and served as Torah reader at several synagogues in Toronto and Baltimore. Friedman is also a fifth-year guitar student at the Royal Conservatory of Music.

The 26 Bronfman Fellows for 1994 will fly to Israel on July 6, following an orientation seminar in New York City, and will return to the United States on August 11. They will spend their five weeks in Israel in a program of intensive study, travel and dialogue with members of the educational staff of the Bronfman Fellowship program, as well as with prominent political and literary figures.

After the summer, Fellows take part in organized alumni activities. An on-going internship program for alumni is being formed and will be announced in the coming months.

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Planning for Campus

WINNIPEG — It's an exciting time in the Winnipeg Jewish community as preparations are being made for Campus — the combination Jewish high school and community centre to be built in south Winnipeg.

Faye Rosenberg-Cohen, the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council's (WJCC) new planning director, is looking forward to playing an active role in it all. "I felt I wanted to use my skills to help the community with the changes ahead," she says.

She was appointed as of May 18, replacing the community's first planning director, Lorraine Bentley, who is moving to Ottawa with her family.

Rosenberg-Cohen brings a masters degree in computer science from the University of Manitoba and almost 13 years of management and systems planning experience at the Great West Life Assurance Co. to her community service.

— Myron Love

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Senior Peers Graduate

TORONTO — A dozen volunteers aged 55 and over gathered recently for a collective pat on the back to mark their "graduation" from the first-ever Senior Peer Helper Training Program in the Jewish community.

The intensive, 50-hour program, conducted over 10 weeks, trained participants to become "super-volunteers" for fellow senior citizens.

Known for bureaucratic reasons as "Joseph" — Jewish Organization for Senior Peer Helpers — the program aims to provide seniors, both in the home and in institutional care, with an empathetic ear.

Participants — all aged 55 plus — received training in communicating, listening and other so-called life skills.

They will now become volunteers at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, the Bernard Betel Centre, Senior Care and Jewish Family & Child Services (JF&CS).

They are also equipped to deal with ex-psychiatric and Alzheimer's patients, and with those receiving palliative care within the community's Jewish hospice program, which provides in-home services to the Jewish terminally ill.

The idea, according to Joan Stevens of JF&CS, is simple: seniors helping seniors.

"They will help seniors make decisions, solve problems or just be a friendly visitor," she told *The CJN*.

They will also help seniors access Jewish communal services, she added.

The program was sponsored by Senior Care, the Betel Centre, Baycrest and JF&CS, with support from the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

It received a $6,000 grant from the federal Health Ministry's New Horizons program.

The 12 graduates were recruited from a group of 170 hopefuls, who in turn graduated from "A Time for Me," a program launched in 1991 for seniors seeking to sharpen their life skills or head in a different direction.

For details on the next training session, tentatively scheduled for next year, call (416) 635-2883, ext. 800. For information on "A Time for Me," dial (416) 638-7800.

— Ron Csillag

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Baycrest Women's Auxiliary Gala

TORONTO — More than 600 guests dined and danced the night away at the recent Night of Nights gala presented by Women's Auxiliary (WA) of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

The event, which took place in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Centre, was an outstanding success, raising approximately $200,000 for the Centre.

The featured entertainment was An Evening with Milli, a dazzling multi-media fashion show designed and presented by fashion consultant Milli Gould. Milli is well-known locally and throughout North America. She opened her namesake boutique on Main Street West in Hamilton in 1964 and has built a flourishing business in consulting and design, and in marketing wholesale fashion products.

The show displayed an international mix of fashions from Italy, Germany and the United States — from the wearable suits of Annalisa Fero of Milan to dinner dresses from Candice Fraiberger in Paris and creations from designers Badgely Mischka, Jacques Fath, Karen Lawrence, Roger Sakoun and Renzo, to name a few.

Each year, the Women's Auxiliary organizes a special event for members of the community to raise support for Baycrest. This year's proceeds will fund special care programs for the elderly.

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Non-profit Housing Society in Vancouver

VANCOUVER — The Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver is setting up a non-profit housing society as a major resource for the community for information on and access to housing.

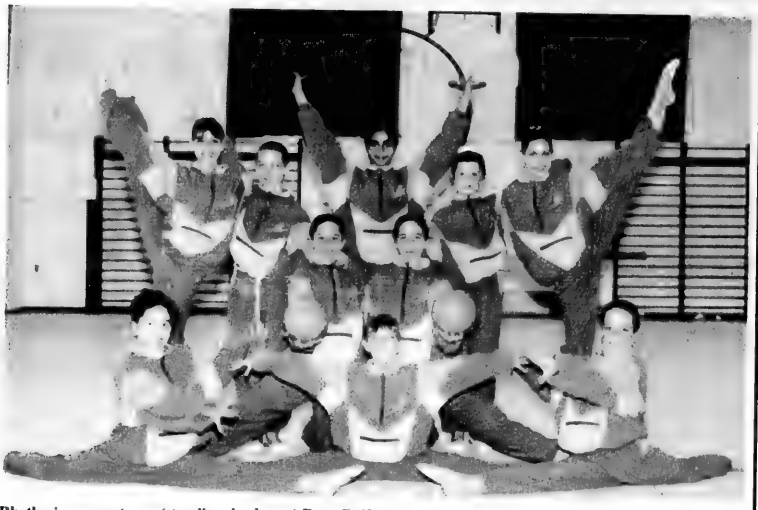
The chair of the housing committee, Karl Taussig, said plans for the society to swing into action are in the final stages.

The society has the following short-term goals, said Taussig: creation of a registry of rental as well as for-purchase apartments in the Oakridge and Kerrisdale areas where most Jewish seniors prefer to live; an education series on topics such as home modification, home security and fire safety, cooperative housing, reverse mortgages and home-care; a housing fair to be held in the fall.

While the society has as a major focus the aging Jewish population of Greater Vancouver, Taussig says he hopes it will serve as a resource for all non-profit housing activities.

Also being organized is the Vancouver Yaffa Housing Society (VYHS) to create housing for Jewish disabled.

— Maurice Lucow



Rhythmic gymnasts are (standing, back row) Rona Roifman, Danielle Traub, Ramona Omidvar, Elysa Kliman, Maian Roifman, (kneeling) Amy Schlein, Alison Freeman (holding balls), and (front) Tamara Shulman, Yael Latner and Yoni Silberman.

Rhythmic gymnasts display talent

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Parents, friends and family got a taste of high level rhythmic gymnastics recently with a special show put on by the young athletes of the Toronto Aspirals Rhythmic Sportive Gymnastics Centre.

Several provincial champions and national-level athletes were among the dozens of young girls who performed at Forest Hill Public School, where they train.

The calibre of athlete at the club has continued to improve over the years, said coach Lauren Randolph.

A former member of Canada's national gymnastics team, Randolph said five club members will participate in the upcoming national championships July 7-10 at Humber College. One of the girls, Rebecca Studin, will compete as an individual at "level five," the second highest category of competition. The others will participate in a group competition when all five girls are on the floor at one time, Randolph said.

Based on their performances at the recent provincial championships held near Ottawa in Kanata, Ont., the club boasts several very talented rhythmic gymnasts.

The girls, aged eight to 15, came away with three first-place finishes.

In Level 1, a beginner's group, 12-year-old Allison Freeman was named provincial champion for those aged 12-14. She was first in the free routine and third in rope.

Yoni Silberman was eighth all around in the novice category for those 11 and under while Tamara Shulman was 12th all around. Yael Latner was 18th while Danielle Traub finished 21st.

In the novice category for those 10 and under, Elysa Kliman finished 15th all around.

In the junior III A group for girls 10 to 12, Amy Schlein was crowned provincial champion all around after finishing first in rope, third in hoop and second in ball.

Rona Rolfman' fifth all-around placement in junior III A was based on a first in ball, a third in rope and a seventh place finish in hoop. Rona's sister, Maian, 13, was injured and could not compete.

Ramona Omidvar was named provincial champion in the senior III B category for those over 14. She swept all three events, finishing first in ball, rope and hoop.

"The girls really improved a lot this year all across the board," Randolph said. Most train a minimum of three days a week while those at level III train four or five times a week.

"We train them for strength, flexibility, endurance and grace," she said. Hand-eye coordination is essential for routines using balls, ropes and hoops.

"The sport also develops self-esteem," Randolph said. "That is what is unique in our approach. We see them as whole human beings, not just robotic athletes."

Most girls come to the sport with some dance or gymnastics experience, she added.

B.C. medical body elects president

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — Dr. Mark Schonfeld, a Vancouver general practitioner, has been elected president of the 6,600-member British Columbia Medical Association (BCMA).

At the annual meeting held recently in Victoria, the new BCMA president said doctors aren't to blame when patients have to wait for weeks for surgery. He said government cuts in hospital funding has caused an increase in surgery waiting lists. Patients have to wait, he said, because operating room time has been cut.

Schonfeld said it should be possible to reduce the waiting list. He said men who need radiation therapy for prostate cancer are being sent to Washington state for treatment but he suggested the province's cancer-fighting equipment be used around the clock.

"We could open it up and let people from Bellingham (a Washington border town) and Seattle come for treatment here."

Schonfeld, 47, said doctors have agreed to have their medical fund payments capped and doubted if the government can save any more in the health system.

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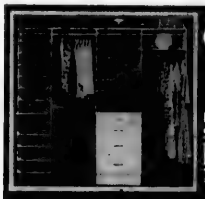
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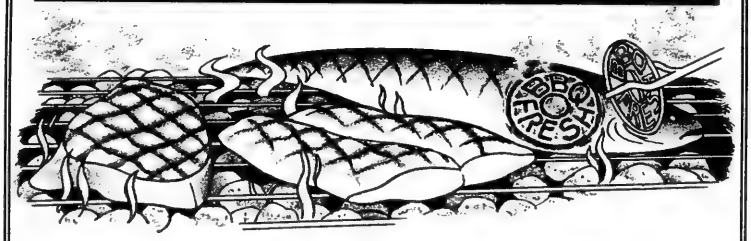

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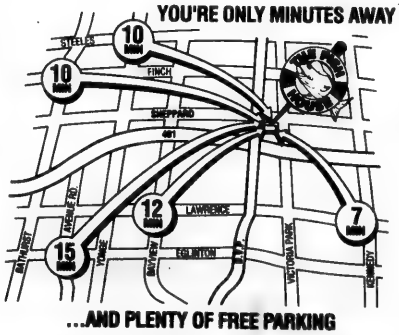

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Shalom Food Project starts breakfast club

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — About 25 children and some of their mothers and other residents of Plaut Manor, a subsidized housing project on Eglinton Avenue West near Keele, broke bread together this month as part of a new breakfast club organized by the Shalom Food Project.

The Shalom Food Project is a non-profit social agency of the Jewish community.

Since many residents of the building are West Indian, the inaugural breakfast menu included fried plantain, achee with fish and other Caribbean dishes. The thrice weekly menu usually features pancakes, cereal and toast.

Many residents of Plaut Manor are low-income single mothers. The breakfast club is for their children to start the day right, at the same time allowing the mothers time for themselves before going to work.

"It provides children with a nutritious, subsidized breakfast that they might otherwise not have, and it allows them to interact with other children, thus contributing to their emotional well-being," said Emil Sher, a Toronto writer involved in the project.

Plaut Manor, a 97-unit apartment building, opened in 1993. The social action committee of Holy Blossom Temple wanted to provide women victimized by domestic violence with safe, decent and affordable housing. The building, named to honour the Temple's senior scholar Rabbi Gunther Plaut, is maintained by the synagogue's Micah Board of Directors in conjunction with a professional property management company.

For Miriam Kalushner, a North York library worker who is president of the Shalom Food Project, the breakfast club is the first of numerous programs she hopes will be "a Jewish response to hunger."

A former volunteer with Food Share, an organization that helps coordinate food banks, Kalushner said she was regularly approached by people needing sustenance. "My frustration was that I could send people to churches but I couldn't send them to synagogues (for food). I really wanted to see a presence by the Jewish community in the anti-hunger movement."

She and others involved in the project didn't want to establish another food bank in Toronto, since those already in existence seemed to have difficulty collecting food. Besides, she says, food banks alleviate hunger but can be demeaning for users. Plaut Manor residents run the breakfast club themselves, she says; Shalom Food Project volunteers are facilitators who attain funding (from Temple Har Zion, Mazon and other sources) as well as contributions of food from nearby supermarkets.

Breakfasts at Plaut Manor are open to all the building's residents, and several senior citizens living there assist the breakfast club.

According to its mission statement, the Shalom Food Project "is committed to encourage people to work cooperatively in programs that encourage socialization, mutual support, respect, and above all access to better nutrition."

Sher said following the start of the Plaut Manor breakfast club, "our first priority is to insure its continued growth. We hope to initiate other self-empowering food programs in the near future, and we're looking for support within the Jewish community."

To contact the Shalom Food Project, phone (416) 924-4241.

WUJS program growing strong after 26 years

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — *Exciting, successful Jewish country in its mid-40s is looking for a meaningful relationship with bright, young Jewish professionals. No long-term commitment necessary.*

The above take on a "personals" ad can be found on the cover of a brochure for the WUJS Institute in Arad, Israel. The Institute, established in 1968 under the auspices of World Union of Jewish Students (WUJS), is now an independent organization offering a unique work-study program for young Jewish adults (21-35 years old) who have a university degree. About half the participants are North American; the rest are from around the world.

Clive Lessem, South African-born WUJS Institute director, spoke to a small group of WUJS alumni and prospective participants, at a recent reception organized by Udi Savion, regional director of Toronto's Israel Aliyah Centre. Israeli atmosphere was provided by violinist Marina Zelter, a University of Toronto student who moved here four years ago from Moscow.

"For those who have made aliyah [about 30 per cent of the 6,000 WUJS alumni], the period of time they stayed at the institute helped ease them into Israeli society," Lessem said. "For those who came back, it was a formative event in their Jewish identity."

WUJS alumna Tanya Mankowitz agrees. Although she had a strong Jewish identity before attending WUJS, she feels the experience reinforced it.

The WUJS program begins with a five and a half-month stay at the institute in Arad, an experience which includes Hebrew ulpan, Jewish and Israel study courses, hiking excursions, and a two-week volunteer period. "Adoption" by a local family can be arranged for interested students.

The second half of the year is spent either working or volunteering.

Clive Lessem

"We assist as much as possible in finding work for a minimum of six months," said Lessem.

Lessem mentioned that in 1991 WUJS instituted a program for artists, who spend six months learning Hebrew and working on their art at the Institute. There are now 30 alumni of the art program, which is funded by the Montreal-based CRB (Charles R. Bronfman) Foundation.

"The Institute is now playing a leading role in the issues of Jewish education and Jewish continuity," Lessem said.

Alan Reitzes, director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, attended WUJS in 1972 and still visits his adoptive Israeli family whenever he is in Israel. He spoke briefly about the role of the Federation in supporting both Israel and the local Jewish community, and encouraged those at the reception to become involved in the community as volunteers.

Lessem noted that WUJS graduates such as Reitzes typically play an active role in their communities.

For further information call the Israel Aliyah Centre at 416-633-4766.

CHURCHILL BUST UNVEILED

Sculptor Ernie Raab (right), who created the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Earl Bales Park, shakes hands with Lawrence MacAulay, federal secretary of state for veterans, as Ontario Premier Bob Rae looks on. In commemorations marking the 50th anniversary of D-Day earlier this month, the three unveiled a bronze bust by Raab of war-time British Prime Minister Winston Churchill at the Sunnybrook Health Science Centre. About 470 veterans reside in the centre's George Hees Wing. [Alron photo]

Rural Manitoba students take trip to Dachau

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspndent

WINNIPEG — A group of 32 rural Manitoba high school students spent their spring break this year on a 10-day tour of Switzerland, Austria and Germany which included a stop at Dachau Concentration Camp near Munich.

"We spend some time studying the Holocaust so most of the students have some background knowledge," said trip organizer and Treherne Collegiate Institute history teacher John Tate.

"They showed a certain reverence, a sense of awe at being in the camp. It is one thing to read and study the documents but to actually be there. . . The students became very quiet as they broke into small groups and wandered around the site."

Treherne is a town of about 600 west of Winnipeg. It is not the kind of place where people have an opportunity to meet many Jews. Tate, who has taught at the high school for 22 years, recalls a visit by the Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate basketball team for an exhibition game a few years ago. He remembers one boy asking another what "they" were like.

"Although most people in town are unfamiliar with Jewish culture, there is no overt anti-Semitism," he said. "We have even gotten kids out of the habit using the word 'Jew' in a pejorative sense. I used to hear a lot of that when I first came here."

Tate's own interest in the Holocaust stems from growing up in Winnipeg's heavily Jewish River Heights area where he had many Jewish friends. The visit to Dachau began with an offhand suggestion he made to his Grade 12 class in 1986.

At the time, he was teaching about the Soviet Union and came across a brochure from a European travel company.

"I mentioned it as a joke to the class," he recalled. "To my surprise, a few students were interested. It was short notice but my wife and I went on the tour with three students. The tours have now become a tradition. Every two years, we take Grade 11 and 12 students on one."

In 1988, they went to England. In 1990, the stop at Dachau first got his eye. Tate was enthusiastic about the prospect and convinced his students. In 1992, he led his students on a tour of western Europe while this year, they returned to Germany and Dachau.

This year's group included students from the towns of Boissevain and Baldur. He intends to go back but "we'll try a, different trip next time," he said.

Ben-Gurion's son to visit

TORONTO — Amos Ben-Gurion, son of Israel's first prime minister, will be the guest speaker at a public lecture August 17 at Temple Sinai.

Ben-Gurion, the former head of Ata Ltd., Israel's largest textile company, will discuss What Is The Unique Mission of Israel. He will also speak in Vancouver.

The 8 p.m. lecture is co-sponsored by the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University and Temple Sinai under the auspices of Temple Sinai's adult education committee.

Born in London, England, Amos Ben-Gurion came to Palestine in 1922.

He graduated from Kadoori College in 1938 and served in the British Army during World War II. He later joined the Haganah and was a battalion commander in the Israel Defence Forces.

After a long career in law enforcement, Ben-Gurion joined Ata in 1963. He retired as chief executive officer in 1980.

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What's New

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. However, with the July 1 holiday coming up, the deadline for the July 7 issue has been moved to Wednesday, June 22. Also, please note, that since we are not publishing a July 14 issue, all items that would ordinarily appear July 14 must be included in the July 7 column. Deadline returns to regular schedule July 7 which is deadline for July 21 column. I am at my desk on deadline days only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Thursday, June 23

JEWISH COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

As part of Bathurst Clark Library's multicultural celebrations program, the celebration of the Jewish community is set for 1-9 p.m. Arranged through the cultural service planning and allocations committee of Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, the program features Shalom Lodge Russian Jewish singers and dancers; **Brina Rose** of Canadian Yiddish Authors (in English); dance by Eitz Chaim Grades 1 and 2 girl students; dramatic reading with music by **Nathan Garnick**; Israeli musicians; readings of award-winning play by **Corrine Copnik** and **Ralph Weintraub**; readings by Canadian writers **Helen Weinzweig, Nora Gold** and **Ken Sherman**; **Karen Shopsowitz's** film *A Lot in Common*; speaker from Holocaust Remembrance Committee; displays by Pomegranate Guild, Ontario Jewish Archives and other organizations; videos, children's activities, refreshments. No admission charge.

SHAARE ZEDEK GOLF TOURNAMENT

The fourth annual Shaare Zedek Hospital Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Toronto New Leadership Division, Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, takes place at Kleinberg Golf and Country Club, 1 p.m. shotgun start. Proceeds go to Pediatric Cardiology Unit. So, come out and enjoy the lunch, dinner, prizes, contests, fun. For information, 781-3584.

Sunday, June 26

HUGE GARAGE SALE

Soleil chapter, B'nai Brith Women, is holding a huge giant sale beginning at 9 a.m. at 47 Greenwin Village Rd., Willowdale. All proceeds go to B'nai Brith Women projects.

NEARLY NEW SALE

Adath Sholom Sisterhood's fundraiser, a nearly new sale, runs 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W.

Monday, June 27

STRETCH TO INFINITY

Stretch to Infinity, a seminar on the theory and practice of spirituality, takes place 8-10 p.m. at Aish HaTorah Thornhill, the Promenade, Suite 303. Pre-registration $5, at the door $8. Call 636-7530 to register.

SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON

Beth Jabob V'Anshe Dridz Sisterhood invites you to the closing luncheon at noon at the synagogue, 147 Overbrook Pl. Come and hear three young members, **Laura Gold, Farrah Schwartz** and **Shoshana Weinberg** give their impressions of the March of the Living. $10 per person. Guests welcome.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

There's a blood donor clinic, 2-8:30 p.m., Jewish Community Centre North Y branch. Bring identification with full name and signature or photograph. For information, 974-9900.

Tuesday, June 28

NORTHERN LIGHTS CHAPTER

Northern Lights chapter, B'nai Brith Women of Canada's, social meeting is at 7:30 p.m. in Newmarket. The chapter, serving Northern York Region including Aurora, Newmarket, Bradford, East/West Gwillumbury and Keswick/Georgina, meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. For information, (905) 853-8755.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of North Bathurst presents Nutrition and Weaning, the last in the series of four monthly meetings. Discussion will focus on starting solids, discipline, weaning and other issues. Meetings are open to pregnant or nursing mothers. Babies are welcome. Time is 8 p.m. at 55 Rosedale Heights, Thornhill. **Robin**, (905) 886-8364, or **Risa**, (905) 739-8870.

DON MILLS LIBRARY REOPENS

A public ribbon-cutting ceremony and community reception marking the reopening of Don Mills Library after a three-month renovation takes place 4 p.m. Ward 10 councillor **Don Yuill** and library CEO **Joseph Bryant** will cut the ribbon.

CHAI SHALOM ANNIVERSARY

Please note that tickets for the Chai Shalom first anniversary dinner and dance are $10 Chai Shalom members, $12 non-members. Event takes place 7 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. Call **Paul Sheffield** 445-8153.

Wednesday, June 29

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Break Throughs of the Past Year from members of the Jewish Genealogical Society is the theme of the annual meeting 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. For information, 256-1985.

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BEREAVED JEWISH FAMILIES

Bereaved Jewish Families, a self-help group for young adult siblings is being offered by Bereaved Jewish Families of Ontario. The group is held once a week for eight weeks. For information about the group or about Bereaved Jewish Families, call **Maureen Feder** at Jewish Family & Child Service, 638-7800, ext. 202.

HEBREW SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Ahavat Israel Hebrew School offers a Sunday school program for children 5-12 years. Curriculum includes Hebrew language, reading, writing, prayers, holidays, Jewish history and Bible, along with special events during the year such as sukkah decorating, Passover seder, challah baking and Purim party. Registration for the 1994/95 school year is being accepted now. Previous Jewish education not a prerequisite. For information, **Leslie Shapiro**, (905) 731-5054.

TRAIN RIDE

Dorothy and Roel Buck enjoy a train ride in Israel during the Weizmann Institute's recent eighth international Leadership Conference.

THEATRE OUTING

Kinnereth Club, Na'amat, has arranged a theatre outing to Art Park, Tuesday, August 9, to see the musical *Me and My Girl*. Travel in an air-conditioned bus with facilities. Proceeds go to the Hand-in-Hand project of Na'amat Israel, which is helping to combat family abuse by building a new Battered Women's Shelter and Counselling Centre in Tel Aviv. Tax exempt receipts will be given. For information, **Rita**, 783-1656, or **Norma**, 633-8276.

SLOW LEARNING TO TALK?

If your child (2-3½ years) is developing normally but is slow learning to talk, you can learn how to help. The Hanen Program for Parents shows parents how to teach children new words and put words together into short sentences. This program is taught by a speech/language pathologist to groups of eight families. Cost to families is $35 for materials. This special program is a research project at the University of Toronto. For information or if you want to participate contact **Maureen O'Keefe**, 978-7088.

SPADINA FESTIVAL

A street festival to celebrate the history, culture and vibrancy of Spadina Ave. will be held on Canada Day, July 1. The festival will highlight the dynamic role and diversity of the Spadina area. Spadina Avenue between Dundas and Queen Streets will be closed to traffic so that pedestrians will enjoy activities organized by the many cultural communities involved, including the Jewish community, local schools, Historic Society, environmental groups, art and business communities.

JF&CS PARENTING PROGRAMS

Jewish Family & Child Service offers programs for Parenting Preschoolers, School Aged Children, Preteens and Teens, as well as programs for Step-Parenting and Single Parents. For information, **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215.

TORAH OHR HEBREW SCHOOL

Torah Ohr Hebrew School, Bayview-Steeles (Sundays only) and Bathurst-Major McKenzie (Tuesdays-Thursdays only), is now taking registration for the 1994/95 school year for ages 5 to bar/bat mitzvah. Curriculum covers modern Hebrew language, prayers, reading, writing, Jewish history, holidays and celebrations. For information, 785-1161.

CALL A NEWCOMER

The Telephone Language Companion Program of the Community Integration Program is seeking volunteers to phone recently-arrived immigrants from the former Soviet Union. Phoners are asked to make a commitment to telephone an assigned companion twice weekly for six months to help the immigrant develop telephone skills. Call **Selena Kovshoff** at the JCC, 636-1880, ext. 261, for further information or to apply.

GOLF PRIVILEGE BOOK

The *Golf Privilege Book* provides golfers with discount offers at 91 golf courses across Ontario. It costs only $25 and funds raised through the sale of these books go to fund research into lung disease and to conduct local community health education programs. To order yours, call the Lung Association, Metropolitan Toronto and York Region, 864-1112.

MAZON VOLUNTEERS

Mazon Canada, A Jewish Response to Hunger, requires office volunteers for half a day a week. each member of the volunteer office team works with the executive director and office coor-

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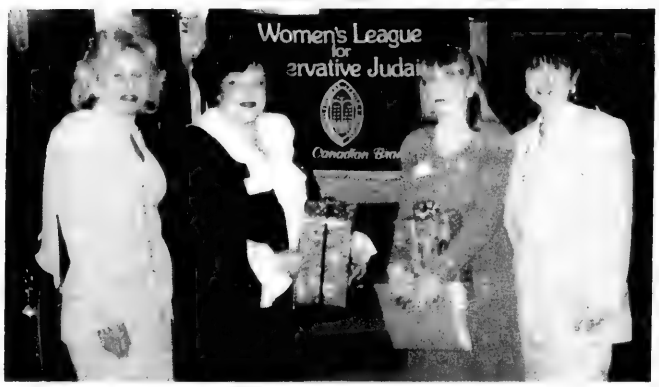

SPRING CONFERENCE

Beth Tikvah Synagogue was the setting for the recent 38th annual spring conference of Ontario branch of Women's League for Conservative Judaism . At this conference, the Ontario branch and the Eastern Canadian branch from Montreal and Ottawa combined into one group, which they named Canadian Seaway branch. Shown above are (from left) Evelyn Seelig, national conference consultant from New York; Carol Schnaiberg, outgoing president from Montreal Eastern Canadian branch; Marlene White, outgoing president, from Toronto Ontario branch; and newly installed president Terry Winston of the newly merged Canadian Seaway branch. Rabbi Sol Tanennenzaph installed the new president. The two outgoing branch presidents were presented with gifts of appreciation for their terms of dedicated service. [Mollie Rothman photo].

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dinator providing a variety of back-up services, including answering the phone, responding to requests, and typing labels. Call **Marilyn Aarons-Guttman**, 783-7554.

ADULT SUMMER CAMP

From August 18-23 Kids at Heart will be hosting the annual adult summer camp weekend with all the camp activities, gourmet meals and more at Camp Northland. "Campers" can stay for the weekend, August 19-21, or they can make it an extended weekend, August 18-23. This year two charities will be benefiting from this program — the Jewish Camp Council and the Hospital for Sick Children. For details, call 410-CAMP.

GO-CART TIME TRIAL

Fun City, a 150,000-square-foot indoor amusement park, and Molson Indy Festival Foundation have organized the Rolling Thunder Go-Cart Time Trial special event in support of area children's charities. The remaining qualifying rounds are June 29, July 5, 6, and 11 (8-9:30 p.m.) The semi-final and final are scheduled for July 12 and 13. In addition to supporting children's charities, contestants have the opportunity to win great prizes. Call 749-5000.

SUMMER HEBREW ULPAN

A reminder that the Israel Youth Program Centre Summer Hebrew Ulpan led by **Yael Lev** starts June 20 or June 27 for 10 weeks. Cost is $130. Call 398-6931.

BAYSVILLE SYNAGOGUE

B'nai Isaac Synagogue, Baysville, opens for the 1994 summer season the weekend of July 1. For information, (705) 767-3084 or in Toronto 636-2223.

at the JCC

Limited space is still available in the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch 1994 summer day camps — half-day Summer Fun for ages 3-5; Summer Fun for ages 4½-10; (new) Summer Fun Plus, Creative Arts Camp for ages 9-12; and Gymnastics Camp (August 29-Sept. 2) for ages 8-10 and 10-14. Call 924-6211 for more information. All camps are located at the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave.

Join the Israeli dancing on the roof with instructor/choreographer **Marco Ben-Shimon** every Monday beginning June 27, 8 p.m. at the JCC Bloor Y branch. This is for beginner and intermediate level. Cost $5. For information, **Lindsay**, 924-6211 or **Marco** (905) 771-0363.

Intermediate and advanced Israeli folkdancing at the JCC North Y branch continues throughout the summer Wednesdays, 8-11 p.m. Call **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

for seniors

Baycrest Centre and North York Board of Education present the summer session of continuing education courses — Bridge (level II), Creative Writing, Fitness/Tai Chi (level I), Line Dancing, Literature in Yiddish, Crafts/Pottery and Current Events in Yiddish. All courses take place at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., starting the week of June 27, and continue until the week of July 18. Courses are free to Metro Toronto residents age 60 and over. Charge for Metro Toronto residents under 60 is $2.75 per one-hour class and for residents living outside Metro Toronto it's $5 per class. Register at first class of each course. For information, **Mara Swartz**, 785-2500, ext. 2275.

To find out about health concerns, grandparenting, retirement, caregiving, bereavement and more, be sure to attend the Seniors' Self-Help Fair hosted by the Self-Help Clearinghouse for Seniors' Month, Wednesday, June 29, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 40 Orchardview Blvd. No charge. For information, **Jorie** or **Laura**, 487-4355.

Senior Adult Services, Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., in cooperation with North York Board of Education, is offering classes in Bridge (intermediate), Line Dancing and Yoga, for a four-week summer session starting the week of June 27. Register now at Information Desk. For information, **Yvonne**, 636-1880, ext. 259.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming activities — a dance to live band, Sunday, July 3, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; the movie *Oklahoma*, Wednesday, July 13; ballroom dancing, Thursdays 2-3:30 p.m.; mah jong Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m.; Catskills trip to Raleigh Hotel, July 25-31; Windsor casino trip, Tuesday, August 9, members $99, non-members $100 which covers deluxe coach transportation, one night hotel accommodation, full buffet breakfast, taxes and gratuities ($50 deposit at time of booking). For information, 395-7881.

Lifestyle Retirement Communities Donway Place is sponsoring a strawberry social with entertainment by the Sentimental Journey, Tuesday, June 28, 1 p.m., North York Seniors Centre, Mel Lastman Place, 21 Hendon Ave. Admission free but seating limited, so reserve by contacting **Gloria Gibbins**, 785-1511.

Wagman Centre Self-Help Group for Widows meets Friday, June 24, 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the boardroom. For information, **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club closing luncheon, Monday, June 27, 12:30 p.m., features guest speaker **Edith Lieberman** of Laniado Hospital in Israel. Orientation for the November Israel trip which includes London show tour is being planned in the near future. Book now for the two Stratford trips — *Twelfth Night*, Sept. 29, and *Cyrano de Bergerac*, Oct. 18. For information on activities, **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Funtime Seniors has organized a cruise, Hawaiian show, lunch at Grand Island, N.Y., Monday, June 27; *The Music Man* and cruise, Tuesday, July 19; and a tour to Clarenceville (near Montreal) Sept. 16-19. **Sylvia**, 730-0503.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). On June 30, the movie *Mrs. Doubtfire* with **Robin Williams** and **Sally Fields** will be screened. For information, 661-4689 or 783-9453.

Young at Heart Seniors is starting on the second bus for the 10-day Catskills trip to the Pines Hotel, August 5-14. Cost $975 same as last year except for medical. Call **Doreen** or **Helen**, 635-6343.

Club Hadar meets Mondays and Thursdays, 1-4 p.m., at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2, for Tai Chi, painting, discussion, bingo, cards. **Viola Landman**, (905) 886-2625.

Sunrise Group has planned a two-day trip to the Windsor Casino, July 6-7 and August 22-23. Cost $99. **Esther**, 223-9165 or **Sonia**,(905) 889-9436.

LZA Seniors Club is taking registration for the trip to the Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills July 20-26. For information, **Libby**, 782-2059, or **Belle**, 633-5841. A day cruise on Lake Simcoe is planned for Wednesday, August 24. Registration is also being taken for Stratford to see *The Pirates of Penzance* Oct. 12. Discussion Group meets Tuesdays 10 a.m. and Ladies Dance Group Tuesdays 1 p.m.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Celebrate Canada Day at the centre Wednesday, June 29, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and enjoy fun-filled activities with your family. There will be guest speakers, special entertainment, barbecue picnic (lunch $3), clowns, children's games, Canada's birthday cake and lots more. Free admission.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre health lecture series presents the Osteoporosis Support Group, Tuesday, June 28, 1:30 p.m.

The Book Club summer semester with group leader **Jim McDonald** is from June 28 to July 19. New members welcome. Register early.

The social action committee invites you to come, hear and question **Jim Peterson** MP about the budget — what the federal government is doing and not doing, Monday, June 27, 1:30 p.m.

The movie *Uncle Buck* will be screened Sunday, June 26, 2:30 p.m.

The Friendship Circle, for people 55 and over and on their own, meets every other Thursday at 2:30 p.m. A picnic at Kleinberg is planned June 23. Bring your own lunch or buy it there. Call **Anna**, 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. For information, **Anna**, 225-2112.

About People

AN HONORARY DEGREE

Business entrepreneur and philanthropist **Joseph Rotman** received an honorary doctor of laws degree during University of Toronto convocation ceremonies earlier this month. Rotman, who graduated from U of T with a masters degree in commerce, taught part-time at the Faculty of Management and continues to serve on the Dean's Advisory Council. His recent gift to the Faculty of Management played a key role in the construction of the new building scheduled to open next year.

President of the board of trustees of the Art Gallery of Ontario, Rotman has also served on the board of trustees of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. He is a director of the Toronto Hospital Foundation, co-chairs the research advisory committee of Baycrest Centre, serves on the National Council of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs and is past chair of the Canadian Friends of the Israel Museum.

Morris and Pauline Feder

A 65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

It's a 65th wedding anniversary this week for **Morris and Pauline Feder** and they will be celebrating at a close family dinner-reception at their own home with their two sons **Marvin** and **Stanley** and their families (five grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren).

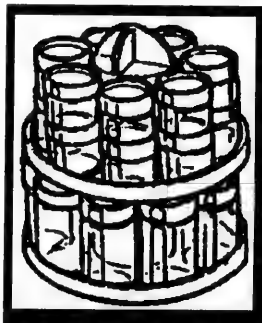
The Feders were married in Toronto June 23, 1929. Morris, who worked for Reliable Tobacco on Spadina Ave., came to Canada from England. Pauline was born in Poland. They are members of Pride of Israel Synagogue

YOUTH ALIYAH LUNCHEON

Pictured at the recent Toronto Hadassah-WIZO Youth Aliyah luncheon are (from left) Fran Sunshine, president, Toronto Hadassah-WIZO; Mindy Kirsh, Youth Aliyah chair; special guest Judith Viorst, author; Susan Shaffer, Youth Aliyah vice-chair; Joanne Slone, Youth Aliyah vice-chair.

ISLER VISITS CANADA

During a recent visit to Canada, Ellen Isler (third from right) director general, World ORT Union, met with ORT members and leaders. Pictured with her at a luncheon in Toronto are (from left) Ruth Druxerman, president, Toronto ORT; Edie Glazer, national president, Women's Canadian ORT; Dr. Mel Schwartz, national president Canadian ORT Organization; Mark Perlman, president, Canadian ORT-Ontario region; and Kathleen Crook, incoming president, Toronto ORT. Also attending were Women's Canadian ORT past national president Dorothy Schoichet, and past president Harriet Morton.



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Organizations and People

Irv Ungerman receives award from shul for aiding charities

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It was lucky sevens all around for Irving Ungerman last week, as he was named honoree at the 43rd annual humanitarian award dinner of the Beth Sholom Synagogue.

Held on June 7, with speeches limited to seven minutes and as 43rd recipient (4 plus 3 equals 7), Ungerman's lucky number came up time and again as a glittery array of friends and family paid tribute to the former poultry kingpin.

The first Canadian inducted into the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame in Israel, Ungerman was lauded for his generosity and tireless efforts on behalf of a variety of charities and sporting enterprises.

"He's always doing things for others," said *Toronto Sun* publisher Paul Godfrey, who introduced Ungerman. "He's an absolute giver and never a taker."

Ungerman joins a long list of prestigious recipients of the Beth Sholom award. Previous honorees include former Governor-General Jean Sauve, former Supreme Court of Canada (SCC) chief justice Bora Laskin, former Ontario premier Bill Davis, and Dean Maxwell Cohen of McGill University law school.

Ungerman could have been honored 20 or 30 years ago, Godfrey said. He served his country in war and he continues to serve his community "because he cares. He asks for no recognition whatsoever."

Godfrey pointed to Ungerman's support for the city's Santa Claus parade when a major sponsor withdrew and he also recalled how he helped promote Canadian boxers George Chuvalo and Clyde Gray to international stature.

Godfrey also recalled how during a visit to Las Vegas he was asked whether he knew that "chicken-plucker" from Toronto. The questioner was none other than boxing great, Joe Louis.

Ungerman, founder of a major poultry business, even gave him chickens for his bar mitzvah, Godfrey joked.

Television and film actor Al Waxman, Ungerman's cousin, referred to Ungerman's role in helping promote Toronto's vitality, helping make it a world class city. Ungerman inherited his mother Jenny's belief that "you don't just take from a city, you give back," Waxman said.

A host of other well-wishers praised Ungerman's civic service and unstinting support for a variety of charitable causes. Dennis Flynn, Metro Toronto's deputy chair, noted that Ungerman gave generously of his time to aid worthy endeavors in Metro. Kudos were delivered by Toronto Mayor June Rowlands; Etobicoke Mayor Bruce Sinclair; entrepreneur Ed Mirvish, last year's recipient; Maccabi Canada official Art Kraus; Brotherhood president Phil Stein; synagogue president Norman Talsky; Beth Sholom Rabbi Irvin Brandwein; and dinner co-chairs Frank Cadesky and Mendel Green.

Sylvia Ungerman, Irv's wife, was recognized by several speakers, including Beth Sholom Rabbi Emeritus David Monson; Sandra Parl, president of the synagogue's Sisterhood; and by Lincoln Alexander, former Lt.-Gov. of Ontario, who said she "enhanced the community" to which she belongs.

Israel Consul General Dror Zeigerman noted that Ungerman was one of only 200 athletes, coaches and officials inducted into the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame at the Wingate Institute in Israel.

Sports has been a major part of Ungerman's community involvement. In addition to being one of Canada's major boxing promoters, Ungerman has served as national fund raising chair of Maccabi Canada for 25 years, accompanying the team many times to Israel for the quadrennial games.

The honoree referred to the Maccabi organization in his address, which he stretched from seven to 11 minutes, his other lucky number.

Maccabi Canada combines his love of sports with his support for developing young people to serve as the backbone of society, he said.

Typically for someone who is a supporter of many charities, he encouraged the 625 dinner guests to get involved in community endeavors.

Ungerman's own CV reflects his varied community involvements. He is on the board of the Mount Sinai Hospital, the Beth Sholom Synagogue and the Shaare Zedec Hospital in Israel.

He is a supporter of the Variety Village children's charity, the Salvation Army and St. Albans Boys Club, and is a director of the Santa Claus Parade.

He was the recipient in 1961 of the B'nai Brith Service Award and in 1973 he was the first inductee into the Canadian Boxing Hall of Fame. In 1987 he was given the North York Mayor's Medal as civilian of the year and in 1990 he was the Jewish Community Centre's Sportsman of the Year.

Among the guests present to honor Ungerman were Chuvalo, Gray, and boxer Sean O'Sullivan; Alan Eagleson; former hockey star Paul Henderson; John Bitove Jr.; SCC judge John Sopinka; Toronto Maple Leafs owner Steve Stavro; broadcaster Johnny Esaw; Robert Hall, international counsellor for Variety Clubs International and brother of TV personality Monty Hall; and George Cohon, head of McDonald's Restaurants of Canada.

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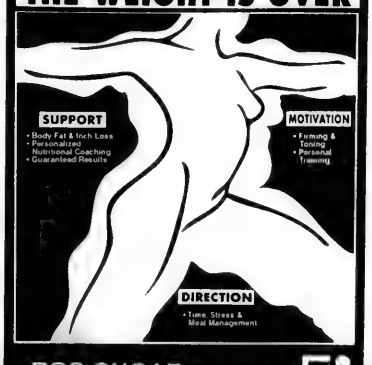

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Metro Toronto Singles presents our annual Canada Day Long Weekend Party at the Baha Beach Club 277 Front St. in front of the Skydome. Thursday June 30th at 8 p.m. Cover $10. Door prize a pair of tickets for Pink Floyd concert. Call 222-7111 for info.

New Image 50+ Singles is having a dance on Saturday June 25th at Earl Bales Community Centre 8 p.m. D.J. Phil Allenbick. Refreshments, prizes. Members $5, guests $6. Catskill trip to the Granit July 29-Aug. 7 (10 days) Call H. Pearson 633-0397

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Family reunited after over 50 years

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Two Toronto brothers were recently reunited with a first cousin who they thought had been massacred along with at least 2,600 other Jews in a Ukrainian town during World War II.

Brothers Saul Stockhamer and Victor Kosher had an emotional reunion with their cousin Lev Kosher at Toronto's international airport in May.

Kosher changed his surname after the war, so he and Stockhamer could enter Canada under a Canadian Jewish Congress orphans' program.

"We were looking for him for more than 40 years," recalled Stockhamer. "We were trying to find out if he survived the war or not. Under the Communist regime we couldn't find any answers."

The Jews of Kamien Koszyrski and a few neighboring towns perished in an August 1942 massacre and were buried in a mass grave. According to a new monument at the site, there were 2,600 Jewish victims, but Stockhamer believes there were closer to 5,000.

The dead include Kosher and Stockhamer's parents and their two brothers.

Stockhamer, then 16, Kosher, 19, and their sister Mona 22, took refuge in the forest until 1944. They slept out in the open and survived by begging for food.

Their cousin Lev, 17, escaped to Russia by horse and wagon with his father. Lev assumed all his cousins perished. "He didn't know about us until three years ago," said Stockhamer.

For the past seven years, on the anniversary of the masacre in Kamien Koszyrski, Lev has visited the mass grave, where his mother and his two sisters are buried.

Three years ago, Lev stood there watching a group of Israelis, survivors of the massacre, laying the new monument. It acknowledges the Jewish victims in Hebrew and Ukrainian. The previous monument had stated that those buried there were killed by fascists.

Lev fought to have the Jewish victims recognized, and he originally contacted the Israelis about the need for a new monument, although he had no idea when they would arrive to lay it.

Brothers Saul Stockhammer (left) and Victor Kosher (right) are reunited with their cousin Lev Kosher (centre).

The Israelis spoke to Lev, and when they discovered his identity, they told him he had two cousins in Toronto.

On his return to Israel, Abraham Biber, one of the Israelis, wrote Stockhamer with the news of his long-lost cousin and included a home telephone number. When Stockhamer phoned Lev in Enakeevo, Ukraine, Lev's first response was to burst into tears of joy and disbelief.

After corresponding with Lev, Stockhamer and Kosher decided "the best thing is to get him to Canada" for a visit.

At the airport Lev, who speaks no English, announced that he wanted to talk to his cousins in Yiddish, a language he had not spoken since he was a teenager. "They've been speaking Russian and throwing in a bit of Yiddish," according to Jordana Stockhamer, Saul's daughter-in-law.

She said that her father-in-law has been taking Lev up and down Bathurst Street "to show him [that] Jews have a life here."

Stockhamer has a photograph of Lev's mother and two sisters, which Lev saw for the first time.

Until he returns to Ukraine at the end of June, Lev is spending his days hanging out at Stockhamer's furniture store in Kensington. "We've been talking about the past, how he survived the war, what kind of work he did, [and] as an orphan how he suffered," said Stockhamer.

He was placed in an orphanage after he and his father escaped to Russia. His father was forced into the Russian army and eventually died fighting the Nazis. Now retired, Lev worked in coal mines.

Lev suppressed his Jewish identity all his life, Jordana said. At home he avoids telling strangers he is Jewish, she noted, but recently in Toronto he proudly told a Ukrainian-speaking street vendor that he is a Jew.

Lev hopes to immigrate to Israel in the future.

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Arts

Inn's 'golden days' focus of film

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When Freddy Sharf was a waiter at Monteith Inn in the 1940s, one of the ways to win extra tips was to cadge extra desserts for his guests.

"Jenny Shopsowitz, who ran the Inn with her husband Harry, was a short woman so I would carry the tray up so high she couldn't see it," recalls Sharf in the delightful 1989 film *My Grandparents Had a Hotel* by Karen Shopsowitz.

The Monteith Inn, a 150-room hotel, purchased in 1935 for $125,000 by Harry Shopsowitz, burnt to the ground in 1949. No sign of the hotel remains. At the start, the rate for guests was $14 a week (three meals per day) and it went up to a top rate of $42 a week in 1948.

The happy memories of those Muskoka summer days on Lake Rosseau were recalled at the Toronto Jewish Film Society's screening of the film recently at the Art Gallery of Ontario.

Shopsowitz has combined footage taken by her father, the late Izzy Shopsowitz, when he worked there as a young man, with recent interviews with guests and waiters, to provide 26 minutes of pure nostalgia.

Izzy Rotterman tells the story of the way the staff hoaxed a naive guest each week into believing that a romantic interlude awaited him in an old house nearby. When the guest arrived at the house, it was the signal for the staff to raise a din by throwing old light bulbs against the house. Unfortunately, one guest got so scared he ran away, fell into a ditch, and broke his leg.

Charles Orenstein recalled how he met his wife at Monteith Inn. Waiters Al Bassian, Abe Bernstein, Sid Jacobs, Jimmy Burstein and Sam Siegelman and social directors Benson Orenstein and Al Goodman described the shows they put together with the amazing talent they found among the guests. Karen's father captured some of those turns on film.

"The difference between Monteith Inn and the Catskills is that at Monteith people considered themselves part of the family, not guests, it was like coming home, and they made their own fun, not depending on paid entertainers," Shopsowitz said.

"Why wasn't Monteith Inn rebuilt?" an audience member asked. "By 1949, people were more sophisticated about the kind of vacations they wanted and they were going to the Catskills and Europe," Shopsowitz replied.

Among the warm family scenes in the film are Harry Shopsowitz presenting a necklace to Jenny on her birthday, and Jenny out picking berries which she used to make pies. Harry died in 1945 and his wife in 1949.

Jenny Shopsowitz

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Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Divided We Fall by Haynes Johnson, Norton $32.99

Is American society disintegrating? Is President Bill Clinton correct when he asserts that in the nineties it's "make or break" for America? Was the 1992 Los Angeles riot a forerunner of things to come? How many more crumbling cities will explode in racial fury and class violence? Can Americans make the wise — but painful and complex decisions — that will ensure their well-being and survival?

In seeking answers to these and similar questions, Johnson travelled throughout the United States for two years, from Maine to California, talking to ordinary people about the direction of their country. Wherever he went, he found people concerned and angry about the same issues: crime; massive permanent budget deficits; unemployment and underemployment; the declining schools; the decaying industrial base; and the breakdown in civility, shared values and all modes of authority.

Deftly and empathically Johnson encouraged people to tell their truly frightening stories: college graduates and holders of doctorates unable to find any but unskilled employment; students who fear random violence in the classroom; wealthy people living in fortresslike dwellings; and crippling cuts in services such as libraries, schools and policing.

What is different about the present economic recession from earlier periods of malaise, the author found, is the magnitude of the suffering, the withering of confidence in the American dream and the widespread sense of helplessness, and even despair.

For many persons no issue was more immediate than health care. Yet, few persons were aware of some disturbing facts. Today health care amounts to about 13 per cent of the gross domestic product. By the year 2000, the costs will consume 18.1 per cent of the U.S. GDP. By 2010, when the first of the baby boomers reach their retirement age of 65, the estimated percentage is 22 per cent. By 2020 it's expected to hit 26.5 per cent. Obviously, these astronomical costs are a worrisome deterrent to any quick or simple approach to universal health care.

To an extent rarely understood, American society is being transformed by a huge wave of immigration. "The decade of the Eighties saw the single largest flow of immigration in U.S. history — some nine million who entered legally and at least two million illegally. The number of illegal aliens in the United States is impossible to determine, but some demographic studies estimate it to be as high as eight million — and rising." Religious and visible minorities who have battled long and hard for racial and economic equality now find themselves facing new competition from these newcomers of other races and ethnicities, leading to widespread anxiety and tension.

What do Americands want? Johnson discovered that they are desperate to restore a sense of purpose and value to their lives. They are distressed by how distant and unresponsive the political system has become to their essential needs. It sometimes seems that the forces that are dividing Americans are stronger than those that serve to unite them. Loyalty to corporations has diminished and unions have fallen out of favor among their own members and the general public. Colleges and universities, courts of law, influential legal firms and Wall Street investment houses are no longer held in high public esteem. "Now it's not so much national identity that unites and defines Americans, but identity within ones gender, ethnic and racial group — identity as women, blacks, Asians, Native Americans, Latinos and gays."

Despite the depressing nature of his findings, Johnson is optimistic that Americans who have overcome past crises will successfully rouse themselves from the present "sleeping sickness of the soul." He is sure that he is not recording the obituary of the American dream, but just an interlude in the reclamation of that dream.

This troubling and provocative study should be of overriding concern to Canadians. After all, how the United States confronts the future is inevitably the story of our destiny as well.

Correction

TORONTO — In an article about the Shaarei Shomayim Youth Committee's Young Leadership program *(The CJN,* June 9), John Gasner was incorrectly referred to as chair of the synagogue's youth committee. Gasner is a past co-chair of the committee.

Present co-chairs are Francine Goldrich, Bonnie Silver and Reuven Spiegel.

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BILL GLADSTONE'S

EYE ON ARTS

Fleischer Retrospective in Jerusalem: During the 1930s, the Fleischer Studios, a Jewish-owned and operated animation house, was the chief competitor of Walt Disney and the largest and most profitable animation studio in the world. It was owned by producer Max Fleischer and director Dave Fleischer, and many of its animators and creative talents were also Jewish, including voice artists Mae Questel (the voice of Betty Boop) and Anne Rothchild and songwriters Sammy Timberg and Frank Loesser. Consequently, many films produced by the Fleischer studio had Jewish references.

The Fleischers brought to the screen such characters as Popeye, Betty Boop and Superman. Max Fleischer invented many of the processes used in animation, such as Rotoscope, which allows animation to be copied from live-action (as in Disney's *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*) and the Rotograph, which permits the integration of animation and live-action (later used in such films as *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?*) The Fleischer studio made sound animated films three years before Disney, and made two feature-length animated films more than a decade before Disney came out with *Snow White*.

Mark Langer, an associate professor in the School for Studies in Art and Culture of Carleton University, Ottawa, is an international authority on the Fleischer Studios. He has programmed Fleischer retrospectives at the Museum of Modern Art in New York and for an international animation festival in Ottawa.

This July marks the 100th anniversary of Dave Fleischer's birth, and Langer has coordinated a retrospective as part of the Jerusalem Film Festival.

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Music in North York: Musical events are scheduled frequently throughout the summer at North York's Mel Lastman Square. Sunday Serenades go from 7.30 to 9 p.m. and feature music and dancing under the stars to big band, jazz, Dixieland and other music. Every Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the square becomes a farmers' market. Canada Day festivities (July 1) feature folksinger Valdy and other entertainers, as well as fireworks, 7 to 10 p.m. Admission free. Events hotline, (416) 395-7350.

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Music at Sharon: After 13 years of glorious music-making, the Music at Sharon program is presenting its final performance at Sharon-Hope United Church in Sharon, Ontario, on June 25 at 7:30 p.m. The musical tradition, founded by Lawrence Cherney with the cooperation of the York Pioneer and Historical Society in 1981, brought the music of many Canadian performers to live audiences and radio audiences across Canada via CBC national broadcasts. The final performance presents highlights from previous years. For tickets ($35 and $100), phone (905) 940- 4599.

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New Year's Eve: While the end of December is still six months away, it's not too early for First Night Toronto to begin preparations for its annual New Year's Eve celebration of the arts in downtown Toronto. Last year, some 400 artists and about 50,000 people took part. The organization is seeking proposals from artists and community cultural groups regarding innovative and culturally diverse forms of entertainment. Deadline July 15. Contact Laurel Smith-Devlin or Stella Walker at (416) 362-3692 (fax 362-4430). Or drop by 56 The Esplanade, Suite 306, Toronto.

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At the Koffler: On view now until July 15 is a selection of hand-made steel furniture designed and produced by Toronto sculptor John McKinnon. Koffler Gallery, 4588 Bathurst St., North York.

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Second City Revue: Recently opened in Toronto is the 37th revue of the internationally famous Second City Troupe, 110 Lombard St. The new show is called Up Against the Wal-Mart in reference to the big American department store that recently moved into many Canadian towns, much to the chagrin of many retailers. For those who want a free sample before paying $13 to $20 for a ticket, drop by the theatre any Monday through Thursday evening at about 10:15. That's when the cast tries new improvisations, and admission is free.

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Chautauqua Institution: An astonishing array of events is set to unfold in the delightful town of Chautauqua in upper New York state, about 90 minutes southwest of Buffalo, below Lake Erie. Chautauqua's eclectic, nine-week festival runs June 26 to August 27, and features many performances daily of music, humor, theatre, opera. As well, intellectuals present lectures on such themes as religious fanaticism, the vitality of the written word, race and ethnicity, American humor and the Middle East. Entertainers include Judy Collins, George Benson, Tony Bennett, Art Garfunkel, the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra and the Klezmer Conservatory Band. Authors include Michael Ondaatje, Garrison Keillor and Susan Cheever. For a detailed brochure, phone 1-800-836-ARTS or (716) 357-6200.

Male choir offers diverse repertoire

By PAULA CITRON
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The Johannesburg Jewish Male Choir returned to Toronto recently for the annual Mizrachi Organization of Toronto gala fundraiser.

The choir attracted a large crowd to Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, including many ex-patriot South Africans and relatives of the singers. Mizrachi last presented the singers in 1990.

From a critical point of view, the choir is one of enthusiastic amateurs. The voices of the members, from grandfathers to teenagers and drawn from various synagogues in the Johannesburg area, are not precisely blended, particularly in the tenor section. Only baritone Bob Borowsky had a voice that bespoke his four decades of operatic experience.

Resident cantor Oshy Tugendhaft, a senior law partner by day, produced heartfelt chazzanut with his pure tenor voice that contains an interesting vibrato.

What gives the choir its most attractive quality is its challenging repertoire. Music director and conductor Gus Levy must be commended. The men sang in Hebrew, Yiddish, Italian, Africaans and English in a concert that ran the gamut from complex liturgical music through folk and contemporary songs to Broadway show tunes. The ambitious program was well paced with just enough balance between serious religious music and lighter fare.

Conductor Levy's strong suit is his ability to modulate the choir's sound; if the section balance is at times ragged, the choir still produces interesting nuances between loud and soft, fast and slow, as well as complex harmonic variations, particularly when accompanying Tugendhaft.

The choir is also fortunate to have sensitive accompanist Evelyn Green and able assistant conductor and arranger Ephraim Katz, who led the singers in the less cantorial numbers on the program. Green, called upon to perform monumental shifts of mood and genre on the piano given the choir's far-ranging repertoire, performed with aplomb.

Politics was a subtext in this concert and provided, for this writer, its most keen emotional moments. These choir members are, after all, those who have elected to continue to make their homes in the troubled country.

As a visible display of their confidence in South Africa, the choir brought along the country's flag while several spokespersons made reference to newly-elected president Nelson Mandela. That the choir sang a medley of Africaans folksongs in the Boer language and didn't get hissed off the stage is a testament to the healing process that all South Africans must be undergoing as the new age of democracy dawns.

March participants get special award

[Cont'd. from page 2]

The Nachman Sokol Memorial Award for Canadian Jewish History, a new prize, was presented to Professor Gerald Tulchinsky of Queen's University, Kingston, author of *Taking Root*.

A special prize went to the participants of March of the Living who contributed poetry and prose to *For You Who Died I Must Live On*, edited by Eli Rubinstein of United Israel Appeal of Canada. Several of the contributors, Robyn Hochglaube, Lyla Miller, Jenny Lass, Eve Pinchefsky and Emma Sevitt, read or sang their pieces.

The evening produced a surprise bonus for Ariella B. Samson, a teacher who wrote a book about her father, Sigmund Bloom, who had been sent to a slave labor camp when she was only a few months old. When she accepted the award, Samson revealed that two members of her father's family whom she had never met introduced themselves to her before the meeting began.

The presentation of the Drs. Andrzej and Karolina Jus Holocaust Literature Award to Samson for *A Letter to My Father* was made by Joelle Tollinsky, granddaughter of Hannah Schusheim, book committee member. The Jus family, given the "Righteous Gentile" designation, originally won this prize and gave the money back, with their own contribution, so the award would carry on.

Professor Abraham Boyarsky, of Montreal, co-winner of the fiction award for *The Number Hall* is a specialist in the "mathematics of chaos" and has a patent on a baby respirator, acording to Miriam Berke, who presented the prize. "With 12 children, how does he find time to do all these things?" Berke asked. She described his book as a "Kafka-esque exploration of a survivor's experiences."

The co-winner for fiction was the late Szloma (Shloime) Renglich for *In The Heart of Warsaw*. Renglich, who died last fall after a struggle with cancer, was also a previous winner of the prize. Three of his children, Henry Renglich, Esther Wolański and Nina Gold, accepted the award.

The Joseph and Faye Tanenbaum Memorial Award for Cultural History went to Ivan Kalmar, professor of anthropology at University of Toronto for *The Trotskys, Freuds and Woody Allens*.

Others taking part in the program were Chaia Berkowitz, Jewish Community Centre; Dr. Joel Dimitry and Miriam Gelbloom, of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem; Eleanor Getzler, chair, Holocaust Remembrance Committee; Marylyn Light, Beth Tzedec Synagogue; Professor Bernard Katz of the University of Waterloo; and Brenda Freedman, Rhoda Frisch and Bertha Sokol of the Book Committee.

The event was co-sponsored by Beth Tzedec Synagogue, Canadian Society for Yad Vashem and the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Atkin keeps auction going with his humor

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Comedian Harvey Atkin can quit his day job in TV and trade it for an auctioneer's hammer.

Not only do the bids roll smoothly off his tongue, but his flair for on-the-spot humor make the bids soar, whether for a meal a month at McDonalds or a weekend in a corporate jacuzzi suite. They certainly did at the annual fundraiser for the Leah Posluns Theatre recently.

When the coffee-table book *The Ontario Story* was up for auction, Atkin cracked: "If you weren't here the last three years, you didn't miss anything."

A camouflage jacket worth $200 brought this comment from Atkin: 'It's great for shopping in densely-populated malls."

The large crowd took his jibes in good humor. "Why didn't you say you were willing to bid $40 at the beginning instead of wasting my time?" he asked. At another point, he said, "What am I bid for this chazerai (junk)?

When a successful bidder asked what kind of a raincoat she had just bought, Atkin said: "It is good for all rain, even mist."

"What a cheapskate!" he thundered at at another hapless bidder who upped the ante by $1.50. "Are there any other big sports here?"

When four passes for Yuk Yuks and two dinners at Yitz's were up for bid in one package, he said: "While two of you have dinner, the other two can watch the car. Have you seen any good cars lately?"

A weekend in North York, tickets for Blue Jay games, a night in St. Jacobs, two airline tickets to Miami, two nights at the Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City and diamond rings were among the items auctioned off by Atkin, Allan Price, Gerry Salsberg and Ben Libman.

The big draw prize, a limousine ride to Niagara-on-the Lake, tickets to Shaw Festival plays, a weekend at Queen's Landing Hotel, and free dinners, worth $800, was won by Vera Gross.

A rousing stage show, *Memorable Broadway Moments*, presented performers Gerry (Tevye) Salsberg, Allan Price, Jack Duffy, Aviva Hoffman, Cathy Murphy, Raquel Duffy, Viviana Zarrillo and Lawrence Kagan.

The auction committee was headed by Andrea Bricks, chair, and included Schura Vorona, Ben Libman, Shiny Baine, Shelley and Steve Share, Allan Price, Laura Martins and Jacques and Sylvia Altaras.

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Travel

Ontario offers wide range of parks

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Each Thursday evening in August, provided conditions are right, a unique ritual between man and beast occurs in Ontario's famed Algonquin Park.

A group of spectators gets into cars and drives in a convoy to a prearranged spot along Highway 60, then disembarks. There is an air of hushed expectancy as a park naturalist imitates a wolf howl, then thrilled amazement as one or more genuine wolves howl back from the bush.

The Algonquin wolf howl, which can attract as many as 1,000 observers at a time, is one of the most popular programs of Ontario's 260 provincial parks. Together, these parks cover 6.3 million hectares — more land than the province of Nova Scotia.

The six categories of Ontario's parks — recreation, natural environment, nature reserve, waterway, wilderness and historical — suggest their astonishing diversity. They range from large, famous tracts like Algonquin, Killarney, Lake Superior and Quetico, where visitors confront the Precambrian ruggedness, to smaller, less accessible parks that feature few or no amenities. Dozens of parks are considered so environmentally fragile that the provincial Ministry of Natural Resources declines making their locations public.

Jewels of the provincial park system are many. They include Bon Echo, where an awesome, pink-and-gold massif juts 100 metres out of Lake Mazinaw. Once considered sacred by native Canadians, the rock has been called "Canada's Gibraltar." The rolling, wind-sculpted dunes at Sandbanks, some of which are 25 metres high, comprise the largest freshwater sand dune system in the world.

Also on the northeastern shores of Lake Ontario, Presqu'ile is a boomerang-shaped spit of land of primary importance to migrating birds. At least 310 species pass through each season, as do migrating monarch butterflies which gather here each September before flying south to Mexico.

In large parks like Algonquin, humans may encounter moose, deer, bear, wolf, fox, beaver and other animals in their natural habitat. Ontario's largest park, Polar Bear on Hudson Bay, is home to a well-protected population of the same name.

Traces of aboriginial culture are found in parks such as Petroglyphs, Serpent Mounds and Awenda. Meanwhile, scenery is the main attraction at Kakabeka Falls near Thunder Bay, where the 39-metre cataract of the Kaministiquia River plunges into a rocky valley. By contrast, parks like Wasaga Beach and Bronte Creek provide much-needed recreational space for the densely-populated urban areas of southern Ontario.

Last year marked the 100th anniversary of Algonquin Park and the provincial park system. This year marks the centenary of Rondeau Provincial Park, a genteel natural area along Lake Erie where remnants of the southern, so-called Carolinian zone forests still stand. This year also marks the 50th birthdays of Lake Superior and Sleeping Giant parks, and the wolf-howls, owl-hoots, canoe excursions, historical interpretation and other park interpretative programs. To date, more than 35 million people have participated in these diverse programs.

A campsite with access to showers may run a typical $13.75 per vehicle ($6 for an additional vehicle at the same site). Recorded information on campsite vacancies is available on weekends until the third weekend of June, and then daily until Labour Day, by phoning 1-800-ONTARIO (668-2746) or 314-0998 in Toronto.

Information about provincial parks is also available through the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation's travel lines: 1-800-668-2746 or 314-0944 in Toronto. Many activities are planned in various provincial parks to coincide with the Canada-wide Parks Day on Saturday July 16.

TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

June is Tourism Awareness Month in Ontario, and the provincial Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation is encouraging residents to "take a breather" and vacation in their own province. Herewith, a few choice spots to visit in Ontario:

Science North: Set amidst the rugged rocks of the Canadian Shield in Sudbury, this northern cousin of the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto is shaped — hallelujah! — like a snowflake. Science North features multiple hands-on exhibits that relate science to everyday life, emphasizing the northern environment. A 3-D film in a rock cavern theatre takes visitors on a journey through the Precambrian Shield. A bus takes visitors to the nearby Big Nickel Mine, with the huge nickel out front. Open daily.

Niagara Parks Commission: This provincial body has established a greenbelt of exceptional beauty that follows the course of the Niagara River from Historic Old Fort Erie to the charming town ot Niagara-on-the-Lake, home of the Shaw Festival. The centrepiece of the Niagara Parkway is the world's most famous tourist attraction, Niagara Falls. Receive chills galore, not to mention a lot of water in your face, as you ride to the foot of the falls on the famous Maid of the Mist. Then enjoy the carnival atmosphere of Clifton Hill and a multiplicity of tacky museums.

Old Fort William: On Lake Superior at Thunder Bay, the fort preserves the flavor of the original fur trade that operated from 1803 to 1821. The largest reconstructed trading post of its kind in North America, it displays all the essentials of 19th century trading post life in authentic detail. This summer, visitors are entertained by a colorful cast of historical interpreters portraying wild frontier characters.

Royal Botanical Gardens: Situated between the western terminus of Lake Ontario and the Niagara Escarpment, these 2,700 acres of wooded areas, marshlands and an adjacent wildlife sanctuary feature many footpaths for hikers. The Arboretum holds the world's largest lilac collection and the Rose Garden holds two acres of roses. Starting this year, a large freshwater restoration project should bring much of the inner harbor back to life.

Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons: Visitors to this Midland historical park, south of Georgian Bay, go back 355 years to a time when French Jesuits built the first inland mission in Ontario, in the midst of Huron territory. Nearby in Penetanguishene, at Discovery Harbor, a bustling garrison and naval post from the early 19th century has been re-created, complete with sailors and soldiers in authentic garb.

For more information on summer activities and attractions throughout Ontario, call the province's travel information line, 1-800-ONTARIO.

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Heritage study trip

European Notes: A department of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem is sponsoring a Jewish heritage study trip to Italy, entitled Jews of Piedmont and Lombardy, Aug. 14 to 24. The itinerary focuses on synagogues, Jewish quarters and other places of historic Jewish interest, and includes visits to Turin and Milan and environs. Although the trip departs from and returns to Israel, participants from outside of Israel may join the group. For further information, contact Jo-Anne Greenblatt at 011-972-2-342-079. Or write to her at the Department of Summer Courses and Special Academic Program, the Rothberg School for Overseas Students, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Mt. Scopus, Jerusalem 91905.

A famous hat and walking stick still hang at the Sigmund Freud Museum, Berggasse 19, Vienna, where the famed founder of psychoanalysis lived for half a century. The study, filled with classical works of art, still maintains the atmosphere in which Freud wrote his most important works. The museum also houses Freud's complete correspondence and a library of some 25,000 works. Daily 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

An exhibition, The Jews in Portugal, opens this week in Lisbon, Portugal, and continues through September. Also on view in Lisbon is the exhibit, The World of Anne Frank.

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El Al Tops Poll: Congratulations to El Al Israel Airlines, which was voted Best Airline for Travel to the Middle East, by some 2,000 readers of *Business Traveler International* magazine, responding to a poll. El Al was ranked ahead of British Airways, TWA, Lufthansa and Swissair. It is the second time in as many years that the magazine's readers have voted El Al the best carrier to the Middle East.

El Al is the only airline that offers direct service between Canada and Israel, with weekly flights on Monday and Wednesday between Toronto, Montreal and Tel Aviv.

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Israel Excursion: The Parents Association of Associated Hebrew Day School is hosting its first Family Mission to Israel in the summer of 1995. Highlights include a group bar and bat mitzvah atop Massada, extensive touring, joining an archeological dig and much else. Wendi or Jeffrey Morein, 905-731-0892.

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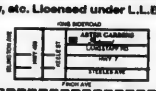

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TASE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE

Shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE) have registered some of their sharpest falls in recent history over the last few weeks. Analysts agree that the great bull market is over now and that there is a major confidence crisis on the market. This photo shows dealers on the TASE selling, selling, selling. It was taken on June 7.

Business outsources back-office chores

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Your back-office work can get done quickly, efficiently and well within budget when you leave it up to the people at Your Back Office.

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Founded last summer by partners Harvey Pollock and Wilfred Caplan, Your Back Office (YBO) uses a combination of knowledgeable people and the latest in desktop computer technology to enable its clients, mostly small to medium-sized businesses, to outsource all or part of their requirements for administrative, financial and import/export information, reports and services.

Pollock explains that using licensed software and networked computers, YBO constructs and maintains for each of its clients a data base that enables it to provide such capabilities as sales tax returns and payroll calculations, customs documentation, mandatory statistical data, sales analysis, inventory control and accounting, and management reports.

"All electronically stored data is backed up on tape during processing and, to ensure complete disaster recovery, two copies of all backup tapes are made daily, with one copy stored off premises. After entry to YBO's system, all hard copy is returned or destroyed and archival information is stored on magneto-optical disks," he says.

Pollock adds that using YBO is a budget-conscious way of doing business "because clients do not need skilled people, software or expensive computer equipment to get their back-office work done. We take their information, put it in our system and prepare everything necessary."

Pollock says that a specialty of YBO is servicing foreign businesses who want to set up in Canada but do not want the expense in terms of back-office work. "These people do not want overhead body — they just want sales and support people and so they have three choices when setting up their business. They can farm their work out to separate parties such as accountants and custom brokers; they can try and train computer staff, which is not cost effective; or we can take the package over and in essence run the business for them."

Pollock cites key benefits to YBO clients that include paying only for the information and services purchased; freeing up time and resources; eliminating fixed overhead costs and getting access to the latest technologies and business solutions employed by larger companies, at a fraction of the cost.

Harvey Pollock

He says that YBO, the only business of its kind, has key personnel that collectively have over 120 years of business experience, much of which is in the senior management capacity. "Whether for foreign-domiciled companies moving into Canada or for existing and starting-up Canadian companies, YBO provides the expertise and capabilities to help its clients substantially reduce fixed overhead costs. Companies can then focus on their core competencies and not have to worry about allocation of valuable resources to perform back-office functions."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Larger Profile for Small Business

Israel — The Israeli government has set up a Small Business Authority to assist smaller entrepreneurs in getting started and staying on track.

The new government agency will be establishing a fund for small business development, sponsoring seminars, creating data banks and coordinating the efforts of other small business related departments.

The Small Business Authority's budget for this year is approximately $2.5 million (US).

Information about Israeli goverment benefits for business is available from Israel's Economic Mission in Canada at (416) 961-1242.

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B.C. Employment News

VICTORIA — From May 1993 to May 1994, 101,000 net new jobs were created in British Columbia, according to Employment Minister Glen Clark.

In a report to the Legislature, Clark said that in the month of May 1994, 30,000 jobs were created in British Columbia — out of the 57,000 net new jobs created in all of Canada.

"The continued growth in employment in virtually all regions of the province demonstrated the vitality of our economy," Clark said. All these 30,000 jobs were full time.

Clark claimed that B.C.'s success in creating jobs is because "we have managed to get our fiscal house in order while establishing priorities in skills training, forest renewal and enhancing the province's infrastructure.

"The best deficit fighter is job creation. While more has to be done, our record on job creation speaks for itself," he said.

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The following business briefs were compiled with information supplied by Israel's Economic Mission to Canada, (416) 961-1242.

Experimental Drug Assures Healthy Future for Teva

ISRAEL — Economic analysts are carefully watching the progress of tests currently underway on a multiple sclerosis drug, developed by Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.

Known as COP-1, the treatment prevents painful and debilitating MS attacks among sufferers of the disease. Torontonian Perla Arditti was the first person in Canada to take COP-1.

Teva will likely ask the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for its approval by the end of this year.

Teva president Eli Horvitz told the cable business channel, CNBC, that COP-1 could generate $100 million in sales.

The company's majority shareholder is the Canadian-controlled Claridge-Israel Inc., a Bronfman firm.

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El Al Speeding Toward Privatization

ISRAEL — By the end of 1994, El Al Israel Airlines should be privately owned, ending an unusual corporate adventure.

The company is still in temporary receivership, dating back to the dark days of the '80s. However, El Al's economic prospects are so healthy the government wants to take advantage of its restored status by speedily privatizing the airline.

The Government Companies Authority expects to meet the year-end target for transferring through the New York and Tel Aviv stock exchanges. Lawyers have been hired to guide everyone through the transition.

El Al's decision to spend $10 million on improving passenger service is a sign of its optimism. Two new 747-400 jumbo jets will be riding the skies by year end. Dinner is going to be served in business class before take off on night flights, and coach passengers will have access to TV.

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ISRAEL — An Isareli company is testing the ultimate in hi-tech car radio.

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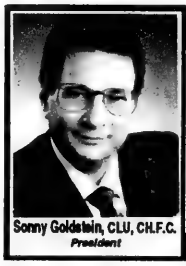
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TIPS FROM PROS

By JEROME SHORE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Do you want to turn your small business into a brand name? Of course you do!

Brand name companies get to charge more. Their sales don't go down as much during a recession. They have more repeat customers and they don't have to cut their price when the competition is heavy.

But wait. Can a small business actually have a brand name like Coca-Cola, BMW, XEROX and Colgate-Palmolive? The answer is yes. Brand names aren't only for big multi-national companies. They're also for small companies with products and services to sell in a particular market niche.

We all compete with brand names, only sometimes we don't recognize them because they don't have billion dollar TV advertising campaigns. Their customers, in their market niches, know who they are and why they are brand names.

Try to figure out who the brand name companies are that you compete with. Are there some competitors that make you sweat, because all your customers know who they are and constantly threaten to leave you for them? Do you have competitors who charge more and get it, and you can't figure out why? Do you have competitors whose names always seem to appear in your industry press; who the editors always call for a quote? Well, chances are, those are the brand names you compete with.

What does it mean to be a brand name? Why do customers separate companies, services and products into the brand names and the others?

The answer is trust. And marketing trust in your niche is the way to become a brand name. These are the three concepts which are essential to building a brand name: trust, marketing and niche.

What is trust?

From the customer's point of view, trust is safety from vulnerability. When we buy something or take someone into our confidence we take a risk. We're vulnerable to poor performance. When we trust a product, we feel safe. Brand names are trusted.

The way to build trust is to persuade everyone in your market niche that you're both capable and well-intentioned. Either alone is isn't enough. This is where marketing comes in.

Marketing builds trust

Marketing can best be defined as helping other people value your product or service. It is both a science and an art.

Its a science because it works on the scientific principle that persistence wears down opposition. In this case the opposition is the tendency among consumers not to believe yet another promise. They hear and see about 2,500 advertising promises every day.

How do you get your promises believed? How do you separate yourself from the herd so you're not stereotyped along with the 2,500 other marketers?

You must do everything you can to personify customer satisfaction. Your advertising, if you can afford it, must stress the importance of customer satisfaction and it must be sincere. Advertise buyer benefits not features.

It is easier if you sell face to face, especially for retailers. When you see a customer or prospect you must suspend your self-interest and find out how you can help them fulfil their desires and achieve their goals — how you can help them get what they want. If you make it interesting for your customers, because they're the focus of your interest, you'll stand out from the crowd and be seen as special — and your product will be seen as "capable."

The goal, by the way, is not a happy customer. The goal is a happy customer who will think of you as a brand name and refer you to friends, relatives, acquaintances and strangers — in effect become a walking billboard for you. When your customers are out there pitching for you, you're a brand name.

Becoming perceived as well-intentioned is the art of marketing. You have to think of inventive ways to make people like you.

If you're a small company or an individual practitioner, make friends with your customers and get to know their circle. Join their clubs and organizations. Find ways to help them all personally. People buy from friends. Make more friends. Be patient. The sales will come.

Keep in touch in a warm way. Treat your customers as family (family you like). Send them birthday cards and Chanukah cards. Help them like you. If they like you and if your product is capable, they will tell everyone they know. You'll be their brand name.

Don't be misled; none of this is complex or sophisticated. Your brand name competitors are doing it. As it happens, though, few companies make the effort. Those that do become brand names.

What is your niche?

If yours is a small company, you ought to have a small market niche if you want to become a brand name.

You can't be all things to all people. Find a market niche that you can mine deeply and build a big, profitable market share in. Get a large part of a small market, not a small part of many markets.

Concentrate on becoming a hero to your current clients. They're in your niche. Chances are they hang around other people like themselves. If you're doing a good job, your name will spread and your business will grow.

Jerome Shore is the owner of the Coaching Clinic in Toronto.

Guide targets foreign firms who do business in Canada

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Americans doing business in Canada are likely to fail if they assume that our marketplace is an extension of the U.S. marketplace, according to the author of a manual on doing business in Canada.

U.S. businesses sometimes put in a 1-800 number, answered by operators with distinct American accents who request zip code numbers when they take orders, said Robert Cohen, the author of *How To Successfully Do Business in Canada*. Expecting to increase their sales by 10 per cent this way, they are lucky if sales go up by one per cent. Then "they pull out within a year."

We lose any service-related jobs they created, in areas such as marketing, advertising, distribution, custom brokerage and transportation, Cohen pointed out. To make matters worse, disappointed American entrepreneurs spread the word that Canada is a bad place to do business.

It's in our interest for American companies to succeed in Canada, he stressed, because we get to do the service work.

In the manual, "aimed at anyone who wants to do business in Canada and does not have a strong understanding of the Canadian marketplace," Cohen writes of our attitudes, culture and business environment, including the banking system, taxes, the government, the labor market, transportation, realty and marketing.

"Successful promotional material must ensure that details are specifically customized to the Canadian market," he advises. "Pricing is always in Canadian dollars and toll-free numbers are accessible to Canadians and answered by people who speak like Canadians."

Although Cohen says we have much in common with Americans, he makes it clear that we like Canadians content. "If a foreign-based company is doing business in Canada, it should emphasize any Canadian elements it has to offer." His tips on direct marketing include printing in Canada and saying so.

Canadians, he notes, are more conservative than Americans and concerned with the rights of women and visible minorities as well as environmental issues. "Products that are ozone friendly or somehow enable buyers to reduce, reuse and recycle have a tremendous advantage in the Canadian marketplace."

> "No one knows Canada the way a Canadian does."

The demand for *How To Successfully Do Business in Canada* has been greater than Cohen anticipated. He thought his first print run of 15,000 copies would last a year, but to his surprise they were all distributed to Canadian service companies, government offices and consulates within four weeks. A reprinting of 4,000 copies is in the works. "There really isn't anything else like it," said Cohen, adding that other business publications aimed at foreign companies usually cover single issues like accounting and not much else.

Madellon Lopes, a trade specialist with the U.S. Consulate, said the manual is very well done. "We give it to our U.S. exhibitors who come in for trade shows."

A year ago Cohen founded the Doing Business in Canada Association (DBICA), a non-profit organization that focuses on educating companies about the Canadian marketplace and the advantages of using Canadian service companies and publications. "No one knows Canada the way a Canadian does," he says.

With 80 sponsors from the private sector and government, DBICA provides a free matching service for companies. An American company marketing a perfume, for example, could be matched with Maclean-Hunter, one of DBICA's sponsors, to get information about demographics. For marketing expertise they might be directed to Dun & Bradstreet.

Cohen formed DBICA and published *How To Successfully Do Business in Canada* because he would like to see more jobs created for Canadians. However, Cohen, the owner of The Cohen Group, a full-service advertising, marketing and public relations company, acknowledges there is some self-interest. "I make no bones about it. It gets us in front of businesses coming into Canada. From my own agency's view, I consider it an important part of my own marketing."

During the past year DBICA got around 1,000 calls — making up approximately one-third of all their enquiries — from people who wanted information about doing business in the United States. Setting up a network is currently under discussion, Cohen said. If the government or one of the major banks agrees to get involved, he will go ahead.

Corrections

In the June 2 Party supplement, *The CJN* incorrectly listed some of the telephone numbers. The correct telephone numbers are:

- Simcha Video 661-9060
- Judd Shemesh 905-764-7337
- Face Up To It 905-660-7695
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The CJN regrets the errors.

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The June 9 issue of *The CJN* ran an article under the headline Experts outline positive guidelines for franchisees. The article listed an incorrect name. The owner of Kernals Popcorn is Scott Staiman. *The CJN* regrets the error.

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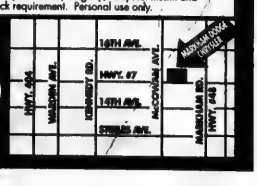


Business & Finance

Exploratory talks target free trade

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Canadian and Israeli officials have begun "exploratory talks" concerning a free trade agreement between the two countries, says Benny Noy, trade commissioner of the Israel Economic Mission in Toronto.

The proposal for such an agreement was first tabled in April 1992 at a meeting of the Joint Economic Committee (JEC), committees responsible for bilateral trade negotiations.

At that time, the reaction of the Canadian government was not encouraging. Noy said officials were occupied with the implementation of the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the United States and hadn't yet signed the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

"Public opinion, at the time, was against free trade," Noy said, adding that establishing free trade with Israel was not a priority.

Recent talks included Canadian officials from the Ministry of External Trade and the Ministry of Finance. Noy says a list of reasons why such an agreement would not be advantageous were dispelled. Upon studying the proposal closely, he said officials saw many differences between free trade with Israel and the FTA Canada has with the U.S.

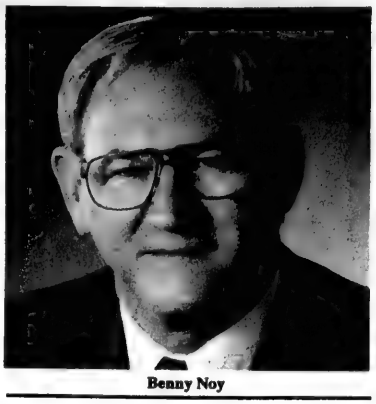
When addressing the sensitive issues — the manufacturing of products that were cause for conflict between Canada and the United States — most don't exist with Israel.

For example, Israel does not manufacture automobiles; they import them. In agriculture, Israel is not an exporter of grain nor would it quibble over Canadian hog farming.

Noy also points out that neither country would have to fear the re-location of or takeovers by multinational corporations, and consequently, a free trade agreement would pose no threat to Canadian or Israeli jobs.

As far as industry conflicts are concerned, Noy said one of Israel's largest industries, diamond cutting, is not one with which Canada is involved. This also holds true when examining Israel's medical equipment industry. Noy said most exported pieces are not manufactured in Canada.

Noy said the size of Israel and the population numbers are often misleading. However, considering Israel imported $30 billion in goods last year, a free trade agreement would open many economic opportunities for Canada.



Benny Noy

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This week The CJN features...Professional Insurance Services

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The insurance business has always been very competitive. And it's getting even tougher now that banks are getting in on the action. But E. James Cooper, president of Professional Insurance Services, doesn't worry about competition from the banks.

He says the banks are too large to offer the personalized service of small to medium size insurance brokers, like **Professional Insurance Services.** "At the bank clients are just policy numbers." Personalized service is the key to success in the insurance business, says Cooper, who has been at it for 40 years.

He trained in property and casualty insurance in 1954 and became a licensed life insurance broker the same year. In 1962 he amalgamated Cooper Insurance Services with another firm to form Professional Insurance Services. He bought out his two partners when they retired in 1982.

The Royal Insurance Company has appointed Professional Insurance Services as a Professional Associates Council of Excellence broker. Only 30 out of several 100 brokers across Canada have this status, which gives them preferred underwriting and claims assistance.

Professional Insurance Brokers has three divisions: life insurance and estate planning; property and casualty; and employee benefit planning.

The largest division, property and casualty, includes car and house insurance. Cooper says car insurance is the most common type of insurance purchased because it is required by law.

The client relationship usually starts with the purchase of car insurance, and expands as the client's needs change, he says.

For example, clients may purchase their first car insurance policy while living with their parents. When they move out, they may require apartment or house insurance and if they have children, they may want life insurance. And so the client's needs for insurance grow and change.

Cooper says client loyalty is an important factor in the insurance business, but loyalty cannot be taken for granted. "Clients are loyal if they are getting good service at the lowest prices from a guy they like."

When there is a claim, Cooper or one of his agents follows their clients through the process to help negotiate a satisfactory settlement. "We want you to be happy," he says. "We want you to get a replacement for that stolen ring or car."

Cooper thinks life insurance is a necessity for parents of young children. "The bread winner insures himself to protect against the loss of future earnings." He says the market has changed from being predominantly male. With increased numbers in the work force, women are buying more life insurance.

Professional Insurance Service also offers disability insurance, but it is not purchased as often as life insurance, Cooper says. "There's a 20 to one ratio. Everybody knows they're going to die one day, though they don't know when. Nobody believes they'll become disabled."

In addition to life insurance, Professional Insurance Services also offers estate planning. Richard Segal, a certified financial planner with a degree in commerce is in charge of this area.

Cooper says that the insurance industry has been affected by social and economic trends. With the escalation of the crime rate in Toronto there are more claims for break and entry and car thefts, he says. "There were more stolen cars in the last year than in the last 10 years.

The recession has also taken its toll on employee benefit packages which include dental and extended health coverage. During the boom years in the '80s, many companies introduced employee benefit packages, but now they are cutting back on benefits, Cooper says.

He says one of the reasons for these cutbacks is the increase in insurance premiums which have gone up 20 to 30 per cent. He attributes the increase to the insurance companies' loss of revenue from their investments during the recession.

Cooper says established brokers like Professional Insurance Services have been able to weather the recession without much difficulty, but he acknowledges that there are more obstacles in the insurance business than there were 40 years ago.

He says he's lucky he started out when he did. He could put the hours into the business and still have enough time for his family, and his extensive involvement in communal services.

But it's much harder for people starting out, he says. I'm glad I'm at this stage of my career. Times are tougher."

Israeli firm links phones, computers

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The first telephone system that can be hooked up to personal computers has been introduced to Canada by an Israeli telecommunications company.

Up to 20 personal computers may be linked through the Digital KeyBx system to create a network that lets workers share information, said Ron Romano, a communications consultant with the Communications Solutions Group, a Mississauga distributor for Telrad Telecommunications, based in Lod, Israel.

A telecommunications industry magazine named Telrad's KeyBx telephone system, which includes voice mail, product of the year 1992. "Every time they come out with something, you can bet it features the latest/greatest in high tech wizardry. It comes as no surprise, then to find the KeyBx teetering on the cutting edge," wrote product reviewer Rick Luhmann in *Teleconnect.*

What are the advantages of having computers networked through this telephone system? The supervisor of a customer service department, for example, has access to reports on accounts as soon as calls with service representatives are completed, said Romano.

The telephone system allows the supervisor to distribute the workload/calls evenly, to keep track of the number of outgoing and incoming calls, and to find out how much time agents are spending on the phone.

With automatic caller number identification, available here through Bell Canada, the system will instantly generate information about a caller, saving time for both the company and the caller. "If you have the proper software package," Romano noted, "client history can pop up on the computer."

One could don a headset, put away the telephone, and have all the functions of the phone on a PC, he said. Then, with the account information on screen, the user would press enter to make a call.

Romano pointed out that the cost of telemarketing, for instance, would go down as representatives, no longer required to punch in telephone numbers, could make more calls per hour.

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Telrad offers six telephone models, which include features such as call forward, volume control, a paging system, background music, automatic redial, automatic taping system and least cost routing. When someone dials a long distance number, least cost routing automatically directs it to the line that is least expensive, Romano explained.

The phone system's voice mail can take orders when employees are unavailable to answer phones.

Telrad, which began developing telephones for the Israeli Ministry of Communications in 1951, has its European headquarters in Biggleswade, England, and a North American office in Woodbury, New York. There are more than 300 Telrad distributors in North America and Mexico.

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Business grad aids Sick Kids with help of welfare recipients

This article appeared in the May 19 issue of The CJN, p. 22.

TORONTO — A Toronto man on welfare recently raised $4,000 for the Hospital for Sick Children.

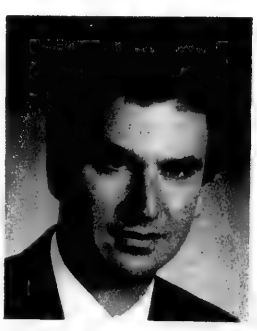
Stuart Weinstein, 27, spent six weeks asking fellow welfare receipients to sponsor him for the hospital's Miracles in Motion Aerobathon, an all-day aerobics event held April 10. His donation was the third highest.

Standing outside three Toronto-area welfare offices, Weinstein got "down and out types" to donate anywhere from five cents to $1. "You don't have to look hard to find poor people in this city," he said of his strategy.

Weinstein has been on welfare since graduating from the University of Windsor with a master's of business adminstration degree last May.

As the third highest donor, Weinstein was awarded a four-day trip to Las Vegas and athletic equipment. Aerobathon coordinator Hala Bassala assessed their total value at $1,250. Weinstein didn't accept the prizes, instead donating them back to the hospital.

"I want to get myself into a position where I can afford my own trips," he said.



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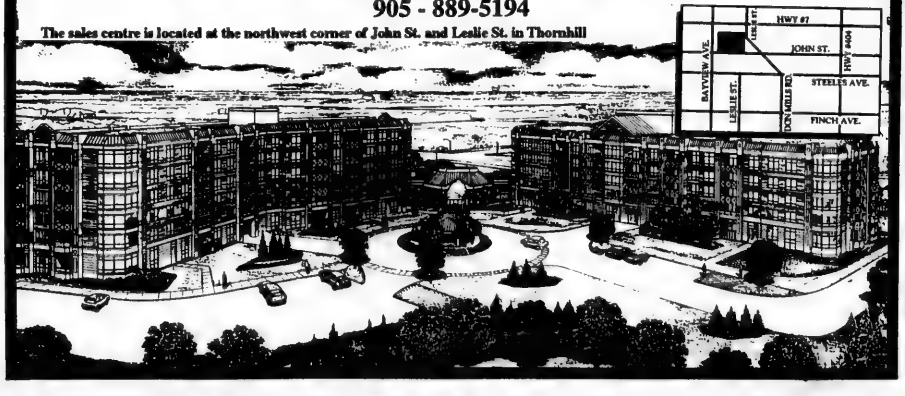

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CANADA, ISRAEL, HOLD DEFENCE TALKS

Canada's Minister of National Defence, David Collenette shakes hands with Prime Minister and defence minister Yitzhak Rabin during a recent swing through the Middle East. Israel asked Canada to reconsider its policy of restricting arms sales to countries under threat of war. Collenette reportedly said Ottawa is re-working its arms sales policies. Collenette also marked the 20th anniversary of Canadian participation in the UN peacekeeping force in the Golan Heights and said Canada would take part in a peacekeeping force between Israel and Syria. [IPPA Photo]

Federation releases continuity report

Three priorities identified

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — What is the price tag for ensuring the survival of the Jewish community?

According to the recently released report of the Task Force on Jewish Continuity, Assimilation & Intermarriage, it's $1.2 million a year — to start.

The report, two years in the making, was presented by Task Force chair Aaron Brotman at the recent annual meeting of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

The sum indicated, the report says, is intended to cover staff, administrative costs and grants to a wide variety of programs and projects.

The money, which would be funnelled through a continuity action committee, might come, the report suggests, from endowment funds or from a reallocation of funds previously allocated to either the community generally or the Jewish Agency for Israel.

That this is a sum that must be paid is made clear in the report. The Task Force is blunt: "Jewish continuity is not simply about whether our grandchildren will be Jewish" or whether existing organizations and institutions "will be able to continue to pay [their] bills and deliver [their] services."

The question is, the report asserts, "whether being Jewish will continue to be important to Jews, or whether it will become a peripheral and ultimately meaningless part of their lives."

The Task Force was established in 1992 by the Federation, in response to the growing concern about assimilation and intermarriage, and about Jewish continuity itself in the Diaspora.

This concern is not merely academic. In the United States, statistics show that 52 per cent of Jews who married between 1985 and 1990 married non-Jews. While the Toronto figure of 22 per cent intermarriage since 1981 seems small by comparison, in fact the intermarriage rate prior to 1961 was only two per cent — a tenfold increase in only 20 years.

The report questions whether the lower figures, as well as what it considers "the vibrancy of Jewish identification and participation of its [the Toronto community's] members" and the excellent Jewish educational opportunities here are due to the fact that the Toronto Jewish community is still fairly close to the immigrant experience.

It notes that the third and fourth generation away from immigration statistically is more inclined to show a decrease in ties and commitment to the Jewish community and experience.

The report sets three priorities for dealing with the potential crisis: family life education, programs for young adults and Jewish education.

The latter priority was not dealt with in depth by the task force, since the Board of Jewish Education is conducting a Commission on Jewish Education, which is expected to report shortly.

(In fact, at the annual meeting, Federation president Bernie Ghert indicated that he was taking steps to ensure that that report would indeed appear in the very near future.)

"The Jewish family," the report says, is "the ground in which Jewish identification can flourish — or wither. It is also the ground on which the community is built, and through which it continues."

The report calls for a wide range of programs to foster and improve a healthy and Jewishly aware family.

These programs should cover the entire age range, and include such matters as prenatal, postnatal and parenting groups in both formal and informal settings; opportunities for parents and children (including teenagers) to interact and communicate with each other; and the development of a comprehensive resource centre.

An innovative suggestion is an adopt-a-grandchild/grandparent program, on the model of the big sister and big brother movement; and a mentoring program to encourage interaction between the young, particularly teenagers and young adults, and seniors.

These programs should be in Jewish contexts (the report repeatedly stresses the need for synagogues, for example, to play an increasing role in the struggle for Jewish continuity), and they should focus on linking living Jewishly (not necessarily religiously) to everyday life.

Keeping the programs small enough to promote the development of friendship networks among participants is a recommendation found throughout the report, and is one of its basic suggestions.

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Rabin government, IDF cleared in Hebron massacre

Panel finds security lax

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The Rabin government and the Israel Defence Force has greeted with a sigh of relief the findings of the official commission of inquiry investigating the Feb. 25 Hebron massacre.

Following six weeks of closely watched hearings, the panel, headed by Supreme Court Chief Justice Meir Shamgar, issued a 350-page report last Sunday, stating that Kiryat Arba settler Dr. Baruch Goldstein had been solely responsible for the slayings of at least 29 Palestinians at the Tomb of the Patriarchs.

Though it found that security had been lax at the tomb on the day of the killings, the five-member panel, which included an Israeli Arab judge, found no negligence on the parts of government officials or senior army officers.

The panel did, however, note that several border guards were not at their posts at the time of the incident. But it did not recommend that proceedings be initiated against the guards on charges of negligence.

Terming the Feb. 25 killings "one of the harshest expressions of the Jewish-Arab conflict," the Shamgar Commission found that Goldstein had planned the massacre alone, concealing his plans even from his wife, Miriam.

The panel rejected testimony that a secret accomplice had helped Goldstein carry out the killings.

But if the commission was reluctant to attach blame to any one person or authority beyond Goldstein, it was adamant that there had been a breakdown of law and order in the territories.

The situation was compounded by a lack of clarity in IDF orders regarding how to react to a situation in which settlers were found firing on Palestinians, according to the report.

Israeli soldiers testifying before the commission had stated that, according to their so-called open-fire orders, they were not to shoot at settlers, regardless of the circumstances.

The commission recommended that the police force in the territories be substantially increased and that the police officers, rather than the IDF, be responsible for maintaining law and order.

The commission also recommended that neither off-duty soldiers nor settlers be allowed to carry arms into the Tomb of the Patriarchs.

The only people allowed to carry weapons will be members of the permanent guard stationed at the site, which is sacred to both Jews and

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Former Arafat guard arrested

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TORONTO — Officials with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Canada's immigration department recently arrested a former bodyguard of Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat for being a threat to Canadian security, a spokesman with the immigration authorities revealed last week.

Wahid Khalil Baroud, 43, was arrested June 6 at his home in Mississauga, where officials presented a rarely used National Security Certificate for his arrest. The certificate is used to detain persons considered a threat to national security until they can be removed from Canada.

The warrant, signed by Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi and Solicitor General Herb Gray, was based on information provided by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, Canada's equivalent of the FBI and CIA. No further details were revealed.

Baroud, an officer in Arafat's mainstream Al Fatah organization, arrived at Toronto's Pearson International Airport from Greece in May 1991 with his wife and three children.

The family, traveling on forged Egyptian passports and claiming to be Israelis, filed for refugee status.

But officials issued a Canada-wide arrest warrant after Baroud missed two immigration hearings.

Baroud was reportedly in charge of coordinating PLO terrorist acts in Libya, Syria, Lebanon and Greece, where he had been stationed for eight years.

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Continuity report presented

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

A.A. (Bucky) Epstein presents the Ben Sadowski Award of Merit to Judy Gwartz at the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto annual meeting. [Jay Brodbar photo]

TORONTO —The annual meeting of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, held at the Leah Posluns Theatre, was marked by a brief report by president Bernie Ghert; the formal introduction of the Task Force Report on Jewish Continuity, Assimilation and Intermarriage; and awards to a number of Federation volunteers, most notably Judy Gwartz and Wilfred Posluns.

Gwartz received the Ben Sadowski Award of Merit, and Posluns a special distinguished service award.

Ghert said that while his tenure has given him a great sense of achievement, "I get frustrated, because so much needs to be done, and everything seems to take so long.

"The world is changing," he said. "Our values don't change, but we must change our strategies if we are to maintain those values."

Toronto, he said, has one of the largest participation ratios in UJA campaigns in North America. But over 95 per cent of income is from annual contributions, which is not, he said, a stable source.

A financial resource development planning committee has recommended that a permanent committee be established to bring together professional and lay leadership of UJA and the Endowment Fund; that the planning and allocation process be included in long-term fundraising so that funds can be raised for areas of importance to the community; and that a stewardship committee be formed "for prudent investment and for making sure that funds are used properly and to handle seed money."

The federation bylaws, Ghert said, which up to now "have grown like Topsy," are being studied and brought up to date. Currently, he said, they are convoluted, and work to discourage involvement. "We want to make a clear process, so that Federation will be more open."

A highlight of the meeting was the formal presentation of the Task Force on Jewish Continuity, Assimilation and Intermarriage by task force chair Aaron Brotman. [See page 1.]

Brotman said that the two-year project was "by far the most complex task I have ever had. It was also the most satisfying."

The task force, he said, met with over 40 organizations, had a think tank and spoke with the unaffiliated, the young, the religious, the disaffected.

"We listened carefully," he stressed. "We were not judgmental."

He noted that elementary and secondary school education is not stressed in the report, as the board of Jewish Education will shortly be coming out with its own study.

"We must get off our comfortable chairs. We can't just do things like we did before. It just ain't working," Brotman said.

Judy Gwartz, who received the Sadowski award, was the first president of the Jewish Women's Federation, and is retiring chair of the department for human resources development of JFGT.

She has also served as chair of the UJA Women's Campaign and of the recent Anne Frank Exhibit.

The Sadowski Award, noted presenter Bucky Epstein, is "The highest award the community can bestow."

He described Gwartz as an "outstanding woman; a leader by action and example, who brings honor to every Jewish woman."

Gwartz stressed the need for an organized method of developing and encouraging new leadership, to deal with the increasingly sophisticated community.

Volunteer lay leaders, she said, should understand and appreciate the important role of the professional staff, which, she believes, will "foster an increased appreciation between lay and staff workers."

A special distinguished service award was presented to longtime communal leader Wilfred Posluns, a past president of the Federation and of the UJA campaign, who is stepping down after 10 years as chair of the Bequest and Endowment Fund.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut, who presented the award, called Posluns "a role model for all of us. He is modest and self-effacing — a doer instead of a talker."

Leadership development awards were presented to Jill Goldberg Reitman, vice-president of the Jewish Women's Federation social and political action committee and a former chair of UJA's business and professional women's network, and to Les Klein, a former planning committee member and chair of the federation's leadership development program and now chair of the federation social planning and allocations committee.

An innovation at annual meetings was a musical interlude by musicians of the Community Integration Program: Nina Shapilskaya playing piano and singing, Mikl Ziskind on the violin, Igor Ziskind on flute, and Yiddish and Russian songs by Yuri Tzevi.

Shem Tov Awards, also called Distinguished Volunteer Recognition Awards, were presented to Lewis Moses, for his work with the Board of Jewish Education; Elliott Peranson, Senior Care; Jack Schwartz, Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cassa; Michael Steele, Kehilla Residential Programme; Rabbi Sol Tanenzapf, Jewish Student Federation; and Cyrel Troster, Ontario Jewish Archives.

The proposed slate of officers and members of Federation and its executive committee was elected by acclamation.

Jewish woman heads Ottawa law school

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — Sanda Rodgers is not the first woman, nor the first Jew to become dean of a Canadian law school. But when she takes over the dean's chair at the University of Ottawa Faculty of Common Law on July 1, it will be a significant indication of the changes that have taken place for both groups in the country.

As dean, says Rodgers, 47, her job will be to keep the school on the progressive course set by her predecessor, Donald McCrae.

"[My job is] ensuring the continuation of a traditional, classic, broad, professional education, and also ensuring that our commitment to equity issues in the law school is maintained, and trying to do all of that in the context of reduced resources," says the soft-spoken Rodgers.

She believes strongly that the faculty and student body ought to reflect the society the young graduates will serve.

"The faculty has now made a commitment to ensuring that any hiring it does is done to increase the diversity of the faculty [by including people from] those communities that haven't been represented, and the same is true of the student population," she says.

For instance, when Rodgers joined the faculty 10 years ago, she was one of two women teachers at the school. Today, half the faculty of 25 and half the students are women.

A few months ago, the school made headlines when a student complained about its policy of giving some students extra time to write exams. Rodgers says the practice simply accommodates those with quick legal minds who are slowed by disabilities or language constraints.

Another of Rodgers' tasks as dean will be helping students put their education to work. Because of the recession, says Rodgers, 18 per cent of law school graduates, "wonderful students," can't get articling positions. And if they don't article, they can't get called to the bar. Rodgers plans to work with the Law Society to find creative solutions to the job crisis until the economy recovers.

In the meantime, she would like to see the school's practical programs expanded. Students are already involved in a judge-shadowing program and are also placed with organizations under the umbrella of the Regional Coordinating Committee to End Violence Against Women and Children.

"It gives them practical skills and access to the legal community," says Rodgers. "For the community it means access to students and the research and other skills they can bring."

Rodgers' own career reflects a concern for equality and social justice, particularly in the area of women, law and health care. She was a consultant to the Royal Commission on New Reproductive Technologies for which she wrote a paper about the legal autonomy of pregnant women whose behavior might be dangerous to themselves and their babies. She has also been a legal advisor to the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women, a member of the Ottawa Civic Hospital ethics committee, a commissioner on the Ontario Law Reform Commission and a consultant to the Krever Inquiry into Canada's blood delivery system.

Although there have been other women deans, Rodgers will be the first at the University of Ottawa. Society has come a long way since Rodgers entered law school at McGill University in the early 1970s as one of three girls in a class of 50. She says it's important for girls to see how far women can go.

At a recent Law Day dinner, Rodgers sat at a table with several high school girls.

"They were pretty impressive young women and I think the more women they see in positions of authority the more it opens their eyes to what's possible."

Three Toronto high school students help search for better flu vaccine

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Three Toronto high school students were part of the first Canadian team to search for a better flu vaccine.

Edward Klugerman, Eli Kane and Mickey Mann, students at William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate Institute, spent close to seven months working at Willowdale's Connaught Laboratories, only the fourth in the world to do such research.

Their supervisor, Prakash Sambhara, said the research may someday be applied towards developing an HIV vaccine.

Klugerman, 18, who came from Lithuania with his family just over four years ago, said the trio went to Connaught Laboratories in the fall to work on a school project that was supposed to be over in January.

"We got so attached to our work, however, that what started off as a project turned into something personal. We just had to keep going until we got results."

He explained that because new forms of the flu virus develop each year, new vaccines must be formulated to combat them.

"The goal is to develop a flu vaccine that can work against all strains of the virus and we worked on the initial steps that can allow Connaught to continue with its research," Klugerman said.

Sambhara said that as a result of the boys' work "we will now be able to identify and perhaps one day manufacture a more effective flu vaccine."

Klugerman worked last summer at Connaught Laboratories as a participant in the Shad Valley Program, a program for Canada's brightest science and mathematics students run by the Canadian Centre for Creative Technology in Waterloo.

Organizations like Connaught sponsor the program, and students spend one month working for their sponsor.

"This work on the flu vaccine has been a fantastic experience," Klugerman said. "It led us to get a grasp of what the real world of science is all about. We now know what real scientists do."

As for Kane, he said "it was the experience of a lifetime. It was supposed to be a simple project and everything escalated beyond our wildest dreams."

The three worked on the experiment hands-on for about seven months, Kane said, "and when we got to the end and it all worked out, it was overwhelming. It was just extraordinary."

Mann said he was honored to be a part of the experiment. "The group helped make a tremendous contribution to science."

Klugerman said his work reinforced his desire to become a professional biologist. He intends to study biology at University of Toronto next year. Also a proficient pianist, he is working on his teaching diploma at the Royal Conservatory of Music.

Mann and Kane each have one more semester of study at Mackenzie. Both plan to study medicine.

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Neo-Nazi leader, followers to spend summer in jail

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Wolfgang Droege, leader of the neo-Nazi Heritage Front, was sent to jail last week along with two others for ignoring a court order to shut down a racist telephone hotline.

Droege, 44, received a three-month jail sentence from Madam Justice Danielle Tremblay-Lamer of the Federal Court.

Droege was convicted of contempt of court June 2.

Gary Schipper, 42, the Heritage Front member who wrote and recorded the racist messages, received a two-month jail term.

Kenneth Barker, 32, who set up the Equal Rights For Whites hotline on Droege's orders, was sentenced to one month in jail.

The Heritage Front was fined the maximum $5,000. The maximum jail sentence for contempt of court is one year.

In handing down the sentences, Tremblay-Lamer said the case was "not about free speech but about disobeying a court order ... To allow an individual to flout the law will lead to anarchy and chaos."

Tremblay-Lamer said the lack of previous contempt convictions and Barker's single parent status were mitigating factors in the sentencing.

She did not welcome arguments from Droege's lawyer, George Wootten, to grant an appeal.

"Your comments are not appropriate," Tremblay-Lamer snapped.

Wolfgang Droege

"Court is now adjourned." All three men were led away in handcuffs.

The three will appeal the sentences if legal aid funding comes through, said Barker's lawyer, Valerie Owen.

The contempt of court charge was pursued by the Canadian Human Rights Commission (CHRC) after the Heritage Front began playing racist messages over the telephone last fall.

The white supremacist group had been ordered by a judge to stop the messages until a human rights complaint brought earlier by Canadian Jewish Congress and the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto was heard.

CHRC lawyer Eddie Taylor told *The CJN* the sentences were significant because "it is rare for the Federal Court to impose a prison sentence" for contempt of court.

Taylor said he knows of only five such sentences in the country.

Gerda Friedberg, chair of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, said, "The sentence is not important. What is important is that the court recognizes these actions could lead to anarchy."

B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights lawyer Mark Sandler said in a press release that BBC "strongly" supports the sentences.

"Prison terms send an important message to hate-motivated criminals that they will not spread hate with impunity," Sandler said.

But Toronto student Jesse Kaufman, one of a dozen Betar youth group members who helped fill the courtroom, said the prison terms were not stiff enough.

"We're happy they will be imprisoned. It's a step in the right direction ... but three months is too lenient," he said.

Droege is also facing charges of violating his bail conditions by addressing a public forum on immigration last week at York University.

Droege was arrested June 20 and jailed overnight before appearing in Ontario Court, provincial division, the next afternoon.

Crown Attorney Scott Kerr told *The CJN* Droege was released on a $1,500 bond and is to appear again in court this week.

If convicted, Droege could face additional jail time.

Anti-Semitic comments on CIUT

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A volunteer programmer for radio station CIUT, which is affiliated with the University of Toronto, has been placed on probation and is having her broadcasts closely monitored for four weeks following two recent interviews with members of the Nation of Islam.

Denise Burnett, 31, interviewed Khalid Muhammed on April 28 and Eric Mohammed on May 26 for the morning show *Caffeine Free*. Sol Littman, Canadian representative for the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust Studies then wrote a letter to station manager David Ackerman charging the station with providing a platform for Nation of Islam spokesmen "to voice a series of bitter, flagrantly untrue remarks concerning Jews and their relationship to Blacks."

Littman also sent copies of the letter to Robert Prichard, president of the University of Toronto; Rose Wolfe, the university's chancellor; and Keith Spicer, chair of the Canadian Radio-Television & Telecommunications Commission (CRTC).

This marks the third time in the past 16 months that CIUT has become the subject of controversy regarding questionable programming content.

In March 1993 a group of protesters marched on the station following the airing of a show which featured Wolfgang Droege and Gary Shipper of the white supremacist Heritage Front, and George Burdie, head of the Church of the Creator, a like-minded radical group.

In December Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) Ontario region filed a CRTC complaint over anti-Semitic comments made by guests on a segment of *African Woman and Family*.

The complaint was resolved following on-air apologies and a revamped training program for CIUT programmers.

"Our concern is that we see a continuing pattern," said CJC's Steven Shulman recently.

On the May 26 broadcast, Mohammed said, "So-called Jewish people had a prominent role in our subjugation... No one dared to document the hand of the so-called Jewish people in the world. And because they were so arrogant in their subjugation of us and their victimizing of us, they actually documented it themselves and printed it themselves and teach it to their babies as a badge of honor."

After allowing several minutes of uninterrupted monologue, Burnett broke in when Mohammed made reference to "the most wicked and most corrupt slavemasters ever."

"There has to be another way of dealing with it besides calling names, and we know the Jewish community has also suffered the Holocaust...we need to give them that due respect," she said.

"The interviewer's response...was weak in the extreme as she permitted Mohammed to engage in a blistering, hate-ridden filibuster," wrote Littman.

In his response to Littman, program director Dan Hart acknowledged that Mohammed's comments were "defamatory" and said that he (Hart) had gone to the control room during the broadcast to "ensure that...Burnett challenged Mr. Mohammed to prove his claims."

Hart added, "During the pre-interview, Miss Burnett said Mr. Mohammed assured her he would not make statements of the type that have led to past Nation of Islam controversies."

Hart stated that CIUT "remains committed to the principles of broadcasting governing radio in Canada." He said that the station would broadcast a "retraction" twice daily from June 10 to 24.

The retraction states in part that "a recent CIUT show provided discriminatory views with a platform for which CIUT expresses profound regret." Neither the show, its host nor the name of the guest was specified in the statement.

New programmers at the station undergo a four-hour training program to apprise them of CRTC regulations and of their responsibilities as broadcasters, Ackerman told *The CJN*. Occasionally speakers are brought in to discuss interviewing skills and sometimes programmers are sent for technical training.

In the June 8 broadcast of *Caffeine Free*, programmer Bruce Cattle chose to devote 30 minutes to written material counteracting statements such as those made by Mohammed on-air.

Finta case to remain closed

TORONTO — The Supreme Court of Canada has refused to reopen the Imre Finta war-crimes case despite requests from Justice Minister Allan Rock and Jewish organizations.

The court decided 4-3 last week not to re-examine its March acquital of Finta, 81, the former captain of the Hungarian gendarmes accused of sending 8,600 Jews to Nazi death camps in 1944.

The League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada and the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association, along with the federal Justice Ministry and Canadian Jewish Congress, petitioned the court to clarify its ruling, which accepted the defence that Finta was following orders he believed were legal, given the climate of anti-Semitism in Hungary at the time.

B'nai Brith Canada lawyer Marvin Kurz said last week's ruling was "a death knell to criminal prosecutions in Canada."

But Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association vice-chair Sabina Citron said in a press release her group is still concerned the court's refusal to re-examine the case may have "the effect of legalizing persecution, discrimination and genocide as a political expedient."

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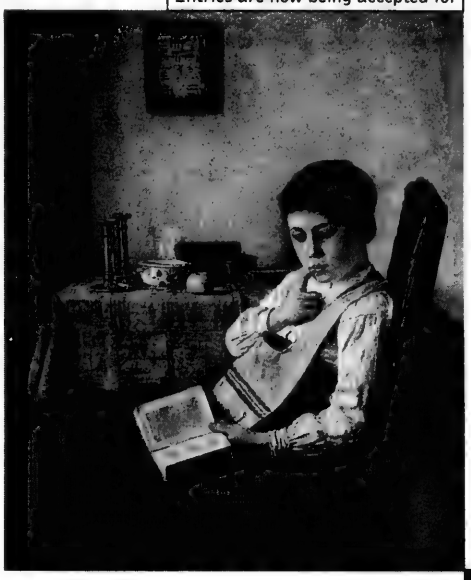

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Feinberg's hopes rest with new clinic

Suffers from leukemia

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —Once again, the Jewish community is being asked to open their hearts — and roll up their sleeves — to help a fellow-Jew.

A blood-screening clinic to find a compatible bone marrow donor for Jay Feinberg, a 26-year-old New Jersey man suffering from chronic myelogenous leukemia, a particularly virulent strain of leukemia, will be held July 4, from 1 — 9 p.m. in Room 206 of the Jewish Community Centre, north branch.

Clinics have been held in the last few weeks in Montreal, Ottawa, and Calgary, and more are planned in those cities.

Rabbi Reuven Bulka, spiritual leader of Machzikei Hadas Congregation in Ottawa sent an information packet about Feinberg and the need for people to be tested for the bone marrow registries to all the congregational rabbis in Canada. Response, according to the synagogue, has been excellent.

Over the last few years, other mass screenings have been held for Feinberg, and for Allison Atlas, a young woman from Bethesda, Md. Hundreds turned out at each clinic.

The testing is a simple matter. A sample of blood is taken and tested to see if the blood type is compatible.

There is no charge, in Toronto thanks to Daniel Laboratories, and in the other cities because those clinics are being held under the auspices of the Canadian Red Cross.

If there is a match, marrow for a transplant, which in a healthy person is replaced by the body in seven to 10 days, is removed under general (or sometimes local) anesthetic.

Although there is some discomfort for the donor, it is easily controlled by analgesic (pain-killing) drugs, or, according to several doctors interviewed for the Allison Atlas testings, by the psychological effect of knowing the significance of his or her donation.

If there is no match, the sample is entered into the Canadian and United States bone marrow registries. Although neither Atlas nor, so far, Feinberg, could find a donor, matches have been found for other sufferers from the same disease, including several in Canada.

Rabbi Bulka tells the story of a woman in Ottawa who came to be tested in a previous clinic for Feinberg, but was disappointed to find that she could not help him.

Shortly afterwards, she was called to give a bone marrow donation to a baby. She agreed, and asked to also send a teddy bear to the child. She later saw the teddy bear in the arms of the child of a long-time friend in Toronto.

Doctors feel that the best chance for a match comes from the immediate family of the potential recipient, but neither Feinberg's parents, siblings or extended family are compatible. The next best chance is someone from the same ethnic background; in Feinberg's case, a Jew with an Eastern European background.

While Feinberg has been treated by interferon and now by oral chemotherapy, these do not alter the natural progression of the disease.

Feinberg's mother, Arlene Feinberg, told *The CJN* that her son has passed the three year, median life span for the disease. There is no permanent remission possible for him, or others with the same ailment, without a bone marrow transplant.

She says that she never gives up hope. "I will continue to work on drives, to help Jay, and others who can benefit from the registries."

She shrugs off compliments about her courage. "I have a mission in life. The fact my son is so courageous and hopeful gives us courage, as do all the patients who have received donations thanks to our drives."

Blood screening clinics, many organized by the Feinberg family or their friends, relatives or supporters, have been held throughout the United States, in Canada, South Africa, Australia and in Israel. None has been successful.

We could not save Allison Atlas. It is not too late for Jay Feinberg or for others who so desperately need bone marrow transplants.

For more information, call Eli Meir in Toronto, 226-0437; Rabbi Moshe Shulman in Calgary, (403)258-1312; Shawn Zelig Aster in Montreal, (514)486-2961; and Rabbi Reuven Bulka in Ottawa, (613) 521-9701.

Brian Mulroney is presented with a portrait by artist Rita Briansky as wife Mila and David Vineberg look on. [Joe Donohue photo]

Tel Aviv U honors Mulroney

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — If there was any question about the sincerity of Brian Mulroney's support for Israel or the Canadian Jewish community's gratitude for that friendship, a dinner in the former prime minister's honor held recently at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue should have put all doubt to rest.

"Anyone privileged to serve for an extended period of time as prime minister can no doubt reflect upon decisions made and wish he had done one thing and perhaps not another...

"But I shall never regret any of the statements I made or decisions I took in support of the State of Israel or the Jewish community that has made such a splendid contribution to the life and well-being of Canada," Mulroney declared after being given an honorary Doctor of Philosophy degree from Tel Aviv University (TAU).

The degree was in "special recognition" of his "warm friendship for the Jewish people, his appreciation of the role of the Jewish community in Canada, and his unswerving and courageous support for the State of Israel."

It was conferred by TAU president Yoram Dinstein, following a formal academic procession that included John Sears, academic vice-president of St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia, and Yvon Marcoux, executive vice-president of Laval University (Mulroney's alma maters), among other Quebec university leaders.

Mulroney was in fine form and charmed his audience with a string of jokes before getting down to the serious business of reviewing his record on Israel and Jewish affairs.

Mulroney said his admiration for Israel goes back to the Six Day War. "Seeing Israel — a small and courageous country threatened by seemingly overwhelming forces — fight for its survival inspired profound respect."

He repeated his assertion that Israel showed "immense restraint in the face of intense provocation" during the Gulf War" and that Israel "does not need lectures from third parties on how to handle its security. It has earned the right to make these decisions itself."

He also praised Canadian Jews' contribution to this country "in a way that is extraordinary in the light of [the community's] size."

Mulroney also commented on the current political scene. He noted that few nations in history have shown such respect for democracy and dissent that a party dedicated to breaking up the country is allowed to take its place as official Opposition.

"Surely, no one will ever seriously argue for the separation of this province on the basis that any new state would ensure its citizens greater individual freedoms, stronger economic and social security, a more advanced liberal democracy or a more compelling international contribution than Canada has provided for over 125 years."

Criticism and debate are the heart of democracy, he said, and politicians, no matter how offended, "must suffer in silence because such is the primary price of freedom."

About 450 people attended the black-tie dinner, organized by the Canadian Friends of TAU and under honorary chair Charles Bronfman, with father and son, Jack and Steven Cummings acting as co-chairs. Israeli statesman Abba Eban was guest speaker.

Mulroney was accompanied by wife Mila and their two oldest children, Caroline and Benedict.

The goal was to raise $1 million (U.S.) for the Brian Mulroney Institute for Canada-Israel Relations at TAU, scheduled to open next year. David Vineberg, chair of its endowment fund, said the institute's objective will be to "broaden understanding and cooperation between the two countries" through stronger academic links.

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Ottawa Holocaust survivor Anna Heilman (fourth from left) joined Canadian teens in last spring's March of the Living to dedicated a plaque to her sister at Auschwitz. With them were Barry Rishikof, (far left) Montreal chair of the March and Jerzy Wroblewski (third from left), director of the Auschwitz museum. [Nir Bareket Photo]

Ottawa survivor wants plaque as tribute to sister's memory

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

OTTAWA — Last spring, Anna Heilman stood in freezing drizzle near the spot in Auschwitz where her sister had been hanged 49 years earlier for helping blow up a crematorium.

Now, the Ottawa Holocaust survivor is hopeful Polish authorities will soon unveil a plaque at the one-time death camp that will pay tribute to her sister and three other women also publicly hanged for their role in the sabotage.

And Heilman is looking forward to the unveiling in Ottawa of a marker in memory of the four courageous women who smuggled gunpowder from an Auschwitz munitions plant into nearby Birkenau to blow up a gas chamber and Crematorium No. 4 on Oct. 7, 1944.

Heilman's older sister, Ester Wajcblum, then 20, was hanged along with Ala Gertner, Regina Safirsztajn and Roza Robota on Jan. 5, 1945 in front of over 2,000 female prisoners. Heilman's friends prevented her from watching the execution, and she remained behind in her barracks. But she can still hear the crowd's moans at the precise moment the scaffold gave way.

Three of the women were laborers at the Union Munitions Factory. After stealing and using the gunpowder to destroy the crematorium, one of them — Ala Gertner — was tortured by SS guards.

She gave them the names of the others, although Heilman claims Regina Safirsztajn played no part in the sabotage but was hanged because she was the women's supervisor.

Last public execution

It was the last public execution at Auschwitz. The camp was evacuated by the retreating Germans just two weeks later and liberated by the Red Army nine days after that.

It was during last spring's March of the Living, which took some 6,500 Jewish teenagers from around the world to Poland's death camps and then to Israel, when Heilman and some Canadian marchers held an emotional ceremony at Auschwitz.

They presented an English plaque in honor of the four heroines to Jerzy Wroblewski, the director of the Auschwitz museum.

That marker has been brought back to Ottawa for unveiling. And Heilman says Wroblewski has assured her that a permanent plaque in Polish has been cast but isn't yet ready to be put up at Auschwitz.

"He says there are a great deal of obstacles," Heilman told *The CJN*. "He didn't say what they are."

If erected, the plaque would be among the very few at death camp sites in Poland to actually state that most of the Nazis' victims (90 per cent at Auschwitz) were Jews, Heilman added. Most simply say that those murdered were Poles.

A monument to the four women was unveiled at Yad Vashem in Israel in 1991.

Heilman has been told the plaque would be placed at the ruins of the sole standing crematorium at Auschwitz.

— The above article corrects some innacuracies which appeared in a May 19 CJN story about Mrs. Heilman. The story was based on an English translation of a Polish newspaper account.

Edmonton shul gets first full-time rabbi

EDMONTON — Temple Beth Ora will welcome its first full-time rabbi to Edmonton this summer.

Rabbi Paul Sidlofsky, currently the associate rabbi at Temple Shalom in suburban Chevy Chase, Maryland, will take over the duties at Temple Beth Ora on July 1.

Cheryl Friedenthal, temple president, said the congregation is very excited about working with the new rabbi.

"This is a big step for our congregation," she said. "It will help us to achieve a new spiritual awakening, and we're really looking forward to sharing and growing as a congregation along with Rabbi Sidlofsky. We feel he has a great deal to offer us in terms of leadership, education, and helping us to develop ourselves Jewishly."

Rabbi Sidlofsky grew up in Toronto, where his family belonged to Holy Blossom Temple. Before being ordained at the Leo Baeck College in London in 1988, Rabbi Sidlofsky was a rabbinic intern at Holy Blossom, where his responsibilities included leading High Holiday services for the Toronto deaf community.

A 1983 graduate of the University of Toronto, where he was an Ontario Scholar, Rabbi Sidlofsky received a BA in English literature and minored in Near Eastern studies. In 1990, he was awarded an MA in Jewish education from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion's Rhea Hirsch School of Education in Los Angeles. His thesis, "On the School and Synagogue: Toward a Symbionic Relationship," captures one of the rabbi's chief interests: educating people of all ages in Judaism.

Rabbi Sidlofsky says he believes that his primary function "is that of a teacher," and he is committed to making education central to the congregation.

At Temple Shalom, where he has been

Rabbi Paul Sidlofsky

since 1992, Rabbi Sidlofsky directed a religious school that has nearly 400 students and more than 20 staff members. He has also run religious schools at synagogues in suburban Boston and Los Angles.

At Temple Beth Ora, Rabbi Sidlofsky will conduct Sabbath services, develop adult education programs, direct the Bet Sefer, teach bar and bat mitzvah students and work with the congregation's two youth groups.

Rabbi Sidlofsky's wife, Wendy, grew up in Washington, D.C. and received a degree in communication from Goucher College in Maryland. She has worked with the elderly in Suburban Washington, and has also been a substitute Sunday school teacher.

Both Sidlofskys are looking forward to their move north, and the members of Temple Beth Ora are excited to welcome them. They hope the rest of the Jewish community will join them in extending a warm shalom to their new rabbi and his wife.

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Canada

School calendar discriminates against Jews, Supreme Court rules

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Last week's ruling by the Supreme Court of Canada allowing non-Christians to miss work for their holy days without losing pay, while welcomed by the Jewish community, still leaves the fate of observant Jewish employees in doubt.

The court ruled 9-0 that three Jewish teachers working for a Catholic school board in suburban Montreal were wrongly docked a day's pay for missing work on Yom Kippur, 1985.

The teachers' union brought a grievance, and an arbitration board ruled that the school calendar in effect discriminated against the teachers, and that the school board had failed to take steps to accommodate them.

The arbitration board ruled the teachers should be paid for their absence on Yom Kippur. Quebec's Superior Court agreed with the board.

But Quebec's Court of Appeal reversed the judgment and set aside the arbitration board's award as "unreasonable." The court said the teachers sought "reverse discrimination" because they would have worked 199 days for the same salary as everyone else received for 200 days' work.

The Supreme Court of Canada decision overturns that ruling and states that the academic calendar (with Christmas and Good Friday off as paid holidays) "had the effect of adversely discriminating against Jewish teachers.

"As a result of their religious beliefs, they must take a day off work and, in the absence of some accommodation by their employer, must lose a day's pay to observe their holy day while the majority of their colleagues have their religious holy days recognized as holidays from work."

The decision, written by Mr. Justice Peter Cory, states the school calendar discriminates against members of an identifiable group because of their religious beliefs "and that the employers must take reasonable steps to accommodate" those adversely affected by employment rules.

But for observant Jewish teachers and other employees, the crux lies in the court's definition of reasonable as being anything short of undue hardship.

Needs of observant Jews bypassed

The ruling states that the observance of a holy day by Jewish teachers is a good reason for their absence and should qualify them for a day's wages.

But nowhere does it specifically address the unique needs of the fully observant, who conceivably could require not one or two days off, but up to 13 days off a year to observe Jewish holy days, provided all of them fall on a workday.

(The 13 are two for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, two for Sukkot, one each for Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah, four for Passover and two for Shavuot).

Most collective agreements for teachers across Canada entitle them to three days off with pay (other than sick leave), if they have good reason to be absent. But for an observant teacher, that could mean as many as 10 unpaid days to observe holy days.

In fact, the ruling seems to go against the needs of the fully observant. While common sense and flexibility should apply, there are limits, the court noted.

For example, an employer would be justified in refusing a teacher every Friday off for religious reasons.

And a small company or an employer having financial difficulty could reasonably refuse an employee's request to have all Jewish holidays off with pay.

What's reasonable in prosperous times may be a burden in a recession or time of restraint, the court said.

The court found no evidence of the school board's inability to pay teachers Joseph Kadoch, Louise Elbraz and Jacob Lahmi for their day off, and in fact, it pointed out that until 1983, the board allowed its Jewish teachers to take Yom Kippur off with pay.

The decision will have varying effects on different parts of the country, said Bernie Farber of Canadian Jewish Congress.

But it should help teachers who do not have personal time written into their collective agreements and should also influence large corporations, such as banks, Farber said.

Max Bernard of CJC's Quebec region denied the ruling will lead to a flood of requests for religious days off with pay.

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נח װיסמאַן באַערט אין װיניפּעג

פֿון אָשר אַנטעל
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די װיניפּעגער ייִדישע קהילה האָט לעצטנס געפֿייערט דעם ניינציקסטן געבורטן-טאָג פֿון זייער באַליבטן נח װיסמאַן מיט אַ גרויסן קאָנצערט. מיר האָבן אויסגענוצט די געלעגנהייט צו אָנערקענען זיינע גרויסע בייטראָגן צום קולטורעלן לעבן און ספּעציעל צום ייִדישן ישוב אין גאַנץ קאַנאַדע.

נח האָט ביז היינט צו טאָג ליב צו פֿאַרװײַלן און עולם מיט שפּיל, געזאַנג און טעאַטער. ייִדן אין די מערב-קאַנאַדער שטעטלעך פֿלעגן אַלעמאָל ניטעריק אַרויסקוקן אויף זיינע באַזוכן. עס פֿלעגט זיין אַ יום-טוב, װען ער איז אַהין געקומען אַלס פֿאָרטרעטער פֿון הסתדרות. דער ניינציק-יאָריקער נח איז נאָך פֿול מיט ענערגיע. ער האַלט אַלעמאָל ביים אָנהייב פֿון אַ נייעם פּראָיעקט, װאָס ער נעמט אונטער און פֿירט דורך.

תלמידים האָבן אַ דאַנק אים, דעם לערער, געהאַט די געלעגנהייט צו לערנען די ייִדישע שפּראַך. ייִדיש-לייענער האָבן געגאָסן פֿון דער ייִדישער צײַטונג, װען ער האָט אָנגעפֿירט מיט „דאָס ייִדישע װאָרט". ביז היינט דערשיינט אַ ייִדישער קאָלום אין דער היגער ייִדיש-ענגלישער צייטונג. ער פֿירט אויך אָן אַ ראַדיאָ און טעלעװיזיע פּראָגראַם אויף ייִדיש יעדע װאָך. ער גרייט צו פּראָגראַמען און באַרייכערט אַלע ייִדישע אָרגאַניזאַציעס און „סיניאָרס" קלובן מיט נייע מאַטעריאַלן, װעלכע ער קלייבט אָפּ, און אויך װאָס ער שאַפֿט אַליין. ביי שטאָטישע פֿייערונגען און קאָמפּיינס הערט מען אַ ייִדיש װאָרט מיט דרך ארץ, אַ דאַנק נח'ס באַטייליקונג.

נח װיסמאַן איז דער עקזעקוטיװ-סעקרעטאַר פֿון קאָמיטעט פֿאַר ייִדיש אין װיניפּעג און עקזעקוטיװ-דירעקטאָר פֿון הסתדרות-עמל-קאַמפּיין. די אָמטן פֿירט ער אויס אויף אַן ענערגישן און פֿאַראַנטװאָרטלעכן אופֿן — און אַלץ פֿרייװיליק אַלס װאָלונטיר. „איך בין גליקלעך" — זאָגט נח װיסמאַן, „װאָס נאָך 67 יאָר אין װיניפּעג, רופֿט מען מיך נאָך אַלץ אַמוזירן ייִדן מיט מײַנע פּאָעמעס, מיט מײַן הומאָר און אָפֿט אַפֿילו מיט געזאַנג".

װען מיר פֿון ייִדיש-קאָמיטעט האָבן אָנגעהויבן פּלאַנירן צו פֿייערן זײַן ניינציקסטן געבורטן-טאָג, זיינען מיר פּשוט איבעראַשט געװאָרן פֿון דעם אָפּרוף. כמעט אַלע עלעמענטן פֿון דער ייִדישער קהילה, װי אויך פֿון דער אַלגעמיינער באַפֿעלקערונג, האָבן אונדז געלאָזט װיסן, אַז זיי װילן אָנטייל נעמען אין דער פֿייערונג.

עס האָבן זיך אָפּגערופֿן אַרטיסטן, אָנפֿירער פֿון ראַדיאָ און טעלעװיזיע, ייִדן פֿון גאַנץ מערב קאַנאַדע, געװעזענע און אויך הײַנטיקע פֿירער פֿון אָרגאַניזאַציעס, שולן, קלובן, לייענער און צוהערער. מיט דער פּראָפֿעסיאָנעלער אָנפֿירונג פֿון לאָרי מינסער אַלס פּאַרזיצער און „פּראָדיוסער", און אָשר אַנטעל, מיט-פּאַרזיצער, איז צוגעגרייט געװאָרן אַ גרויסער און געלונגענער קאָנצערט.

צום קאָנצערט זיינען געקומען אַרום צוועלף הונדערט מענטשן. עס האָבן אָנטייל גענומען אַ גרויסער כאָר פֿון אַרום זיבעציק, אָנגעפֿירט פֿון אביבה קיין, די „סינדזשאַך" קלעזמאָרים, „חי" פֿאָלק אַנסאַמבל, און אויך פֿערזענלעכע פֿריינד חזנים און אַרטיסטן.

דער פּאַרזיצער פֿון קאָנצערט איז געװען דער באַװוּסטער עלען בליי פֿון לאָס אַנדזשעלעס. ער האָט געבראַכט מיט זיך די פּאָפּולערע חזנים הערשל און דזשודי פֿוקס.

עס זיינען אָנגעקומען באַגריסונגען פֿון אָרגאַניזאַציעס און רעגירונגס-באַאַמטע, װעלכע זיינען געלייענט געװאָרן פֿון שילערס פֿון ייִדישע שולן, און עס איז געװיזן געװאָרן אַ „ביאָגראַפֿישער פֿילם לכבוד נח װיסמאַן", װאָס איז ספּעציעל געמאַכט געװאָרן פֿון דער ייִדישער היסטאָרישער געזעלשאַפֿט, מיט דער מיטהילף פֿון באַװוּסטע טעלעװיזיע אַרטיסטן.

דער פּאַרזיצער פֿון ייִדיש-קאָמיטעט ביים קאַנאַדער ייִדישן קאָנגרעס האָט פּרעזענטירט אַ בילד פֿון נח'ן אין נאָמען פֿון דער װיניפּעגער ייִדישער קהילה. דאָס װעט הענגען אין אַ פּאַסיקן אָרט אין נייעם ייִדישן קאָמיוניטי צענטער, װעלכער װערט געבויט אין װיניפּעג.

דער גרויסער עולם האָט געהאַט די געלעגנהייט פּערזענלעך צו װינטשן נח װיסמאַנען נאָך אַ סך שעפֿערישע און געזונטע יאָרן מיט זײַן משפּחה, ער זאָל װייטער בייטראָגן און באַרײַכערן דעם ייִדישן קולטורעלן לעבן אין קאַנאַדע.

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May her family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

JDC celebrates 80th anniversary

MONTREAL — On June 6, a dinner in the Benjamin Franklin Room of the State Department in Washington marked the 80th anniversary of The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc. (JDC), an agency founded in the early days of World War I to channel funds for the relief of Jews caught in the agony of wartime in Europe and Palestine. The celebration had a twofold significance for Joe Ain, a retired Montreal contractor.

As an eight-year-old living in war-ravaged eastern Poland in 1921, Ain tasted white sugar for the first time after it arrived in a relief package from the World Jewish Distress Organization, the forerunner of the Joint Distribution Committee.

Today, three-quarters of a century later, Ain is an honorary member of the board of directors of JDC, which still serves as the overseas arm of the North American Jewish community, aiding Jews and non-Jews alike by sponsoring programs of relief, rescue, reconstruction and Jewish education.

The number of people helped through eight decades reaches into the millions. There has been a JDC presence at one time or another in more than 70 countries in every continent except North America.

Canadians play significant roles in the activities of the New York-based JDC, which has an annual budget of about $60 million (US) for its work. Funds are contributed to the organization by the United Israel Appeal in this country, and Ain's son, Steve, is its executive director. Among JDC's directors are Andrea Bronfman and Hillel Becker of Montreal, and Albert Reichmann of Toronto.

Canadians also serve in the front lines in the field. Seymour Epstein of Toronto, for example, is a key player in work being carried out in the former Soviet Union and Albert Weizman of Montreal is involved in the extensive JDC programs in Morocco.

The founders of the organization thought it would be disbanded once the wartime emergencies were over, but the realities of 20th century Jewish life shattered that expectation. Rather than decreasing, needs have escalated and continue to do so.

JDC today has a set of global objectives, consisting basically of four primary functions: rescuing Jews in danger or distress; providing essential relief, food and shelter to Jews in need, with a special responsibility for Holocaust survivors; helping to reconstruct and strengthen Jewish community life and restore Jewish cultural and religious activities; and contributing to the vitality and social progress of the people of Israel by helping the Jewish nation make the most effective use of its social resources in the face of countless pressures.

In the former Yugoslavia, by March 1994 the JDC had rescued more than 2,100 people from Sarajevo — 1,001 Jews and 1,103 Muslims and Christians. One of the most striking examples of JDC determination and daring occurred last February. While refugees were in the act of boarding buses to take them away from the besieged city, a shell fell just 200 metres away, killing 65 people. JDC organizers resolved to have the evacuation continue and finished leading 116 Jews and 180 non-Jews onto the buses. After a long and arduous journey, the convoy reached safety in Makarska, Croatia.

The JDC now is resettling the displaced and homeless, providing food and medical supplies, and establishing hospital and educational facilities around the world. It responds to natural and manmade disasters, and contributes to development efforts in many countries.

Specifically, in Eastern European countries struggling with vast economic and political changes, JDC is providing life-sustaining assistance to elderly and infirm Holocaust survivors, even as it continues to help both young and old renew their Jewish heritage.

In addition, in the former Soviet Union, the agency is helping to rebuild the Jewish communal infrastructure and nourish the quest for Jewish knowledge. It also has been part of the U.S. government's non-sectarian program of food assistance.

In Africa and Asia, JDC helps dwindling Jewish communities to maintain essential services for their elderly and to provide a Jewish education for their children.

In Israel, JDC is helping the country absorb its newest immigrants while continuing to enrich the lives of the disadvantaged and improve the quality of services for the aged, handicapped and disabled.

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Canadians attend Diaspora conference

Beilin stirs controversy

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JERUSALEM — Israeli President Ezer Weizman last week opened, to mixed reviews, a much-anticipated two-day international conference on the changing relationship between Israeli and Diaspora Jews.

While participants praised the initiative, held in cooperation with the foreign ministry, some privately expressed doubt that anything meaningful could be achieved with the packed agenda and large crowd.

That crowd included a sizeable contingent from Canada, comprised of Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella, Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Ottawa, Montreal community leader Yoine Goldstein, human rights activist Prof. Irwin Cotler and Julia Koschitzky of Toronto, world chair of Keren Hayesod's board of trustees.

"I'm not sure the format lends itself to the kind of exploration that the serious subject of the future of the Jewish family deserves," said Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chair of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Some also criticized the dearth of young people and the absence of representatives of the opposition to the Israeli Labor-led government. The organizers said they had invited such representatives but were turned down.

No one could complain, however, for a lack of controversy at the conference. That was provided, perhaps characteristically, by Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin.

In his remarks, Beilin called for the scrapping of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization, and replacing them with a new international Jewish body.

The existing partnership "tools" between Israeli and Diaspora Jews are anachronistic, Beilin charged, echoing arguments he has made in recent months.

The difference was that at the conference he outlined his vision of an alternative partnership institution.

He called for a democratic, voluntary membership organization, called Beit Yisrael. Its mandate would be to fund visits by all Diaspora Jewish youth to Israel, to support aliyah and Jewish education in the Diaspora.

He also called for a census of Jews in the Diaspora to identify and reach out to unaffiliated Jews.

Earlier this year, Beilin was censured for suggesting that fund-raising activities for Israel end, since the state no longer requires "charity."

Beit Yisrael, he explained, would be a mass membership organization. Unlike existing Zionist frameworks, its leaders would be democratically elected, Beilin said.

The key project of the new organization, Beilin said, would be bringing every young Diaspora Jew to Israel for a month at the age of 17, with a free, non-transferable ticket.

Some $200 million would be needed for the project, he said, which would be financed from membership fees as well as the Federations, the United Jewish Appeal, Keren Hayesod and private foundations.

Israel Bonds, he suggested, should be converted into a worldwide investment fund for Israel.

Beilin's remarks prompted some sharp responses.

Addressing the Zionist General Council in Jerusalem, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin made no bones about his dissatisfaction.

"With deep sorrow, I have to say that there is a certain person, a deputy minister, who has made remarks that are not in keeping with government policy," Rabin said without mentioning Beilin by name. "This is a lot of rubbish and the government is not bound by it."

Jewish Agency Board of Governors Chairman Mendel Kaplan remarked later that Beilin's proposal was "based on ignorance."

"He insulted his audience by not doing his homework and by shooting from the hip," said Kaplan. "His ideas don't merit discussion."

Yehiel Leket, acting chair of the Jewish Agency and WZO, dismissed Beilin's idea as "not serious" and said Beilin's remarks had "created confusion and embarrassment."

"I respect Yossi Beilin in political matters," said Leket. "He has a deep understanding of the Palestinians, (but) not much understanding of the Jews."

At the conference, more than 200 intellectuals and organizational leaders sweltered in the heat under a big tent in the back yard of the president's residence.

They listened to one speaker after another address the misperceptions each Jewish community has of the other.

And they heard various initiatives proposed to stave off the crisis of Jewish continuity in the Diaspora as well as of Jewish identity in Israel.

The first day's speakers included Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, British Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks; Letty Cottin Pogrebin of Americans for Peace Now; Michael Walzer of Princeton University; Hebrew University Prof. Steven M. Cohen; United Jewish Appeal Executive Vice President Rabbi Brian Lurie and former French Chief Rabbi Rene Samuel Sirat.

Weizman, who gave a rambling introductory address which disappointed and frustrated invitees, tried to enliven proceedings by asking questions and pressing for an exchange with those in attendance.

Weizman, who has offended Diaspora leaders in the past for implying that a full Jewish life can be lived only in Israel, repeatedly and candidly confessed his ignorance and his desire and willingness to learn more about Diaspora Jewish life.

At the same time he defended his posture as head of a Zionist state whose purpose "through all the years was to ingather all Jews back to Israel."

University presidents to visit Israel

MONTREAL — Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella will lead an unprecedented mission to Israel of 16 Canadian university presidents, from July 5 to 12.

The trip is intended to open and enhance exchange and research possibilities, as well as academic and other contracts between Canadian and Israeli universities, CJC says.

The group will visit seven Israeli institutes of higher learning: Haifa University, the Technion, Bar-Ilan University, Tel Aviv University, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, the Weizmann Institute of Science and Hebrew University.

The Canadians are also scheduled to meet with Palestinian university leaders.

On the itinerary are trips to an Israel Defence Force base, the Golan Heights, Bethlehem, the Canada Centre in Metulla and Yad Vashem.

Scheduled are meetings with President Ezer Weizman, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Immigration Minister Yair Tsaban, Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein and Canada's ambassador to Israel, Norman Spector.

The presidents of the following universities are slated to attend: Dalhousie University, University of Waterloo, Carleton University, University of Ottawa, University of Saskatchewan, McMaster University, York University, Wilfred Laurier University, Memorial University, Mount Allison University, Saint Thomas University, Mount Saint-Vincent University, University of Toronto, Universite de Sherbrooke, McGill University and Simon Fraser University.

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Cooperation urged among institutions

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As well, the report recommends that an attempt should be made to encourage cooperation among various institutions.

The young adult population has two major challenges which the task force feels must be addressed: preparation for, finding and keeping decent jobs in today's difficult economic times; and finding mates who not only share their interests but will ensure the establishment of homes that will have a commitment to living Jewishly and to attaching themselves to the Jewish community.

Recommendations for this age group include "jobs wanted" programs, such as the ProMontreal program which brings together community members and young adults looking for work; mentoring; a serious attempt to reach young Jews on college and university campuses; and support services for young adult groups.

Community organizations, the report says, should take into consideration the need of young adults for meaningful participation. Also, attempts should be made to develop new young leaders, "who would establish bonds with each other as well as with established leadership."

These priorities, the report stresses, are not intended to replace or displace other recommendations of the task force, which include dealing with problems of adolescents, including reconciling Jewish ideals and demands with the world around them; the immigrant communities, especially the Russian and Israeli; the problems of the ever-increasing "sandwich generation;" divorce; and the lack of communication about services and programs that already exist.

The task force takes special note of the challenges of the intermarried family, encouraging counselling both before and after marriage, taking into account the sensitivities of the Jewish and non-Jewish partner, so as not to cut off the Jewish family members from the community.

While the task force urges the community not to abandon the intermarried Jew, it states firmly "that it is not in the best interests of those Jews, their partners, their parents and their children to pretend that intermarriage does not make a difference to the community.

"It does."

Those studying the report — and it merits serious study — will find particularly useful the overview sections detailing the different problems the task force sees the community facing now and in the future, as well as those discussing the composition of the Toronto community.

The Task Force consisted of Ruth Bass, Richard Berman, Austin Beutel, Naomi Brown, May Dalume, Sheldon Disenhouse, Mel Finkelstein, Tom Lobel, Frank Mayer, Patricia Rucker, Stuart Schoenfeld, and Elizabeth Wolfe; and for short periods Mark Halperin, Robbie Spier and Jessica Wyman. The group spanned age, profession and community involvement.

The Task Force met with some 40 groups representing all segments of the community, focus groups consisting of intermarried, assimilated or unaffiliated Jews; and it organized "think tanks" which tried to bring together people in small groups to discuss particular topics.

The full report is available at the Federation offices.

Recommendations adopted

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Muslims, according to the recommendations, which the government adopted on Sunday.

While no restrictions will be placed on Jews and Muslims using the same central prayer hall, arrangements will be made to ensure there will be no contact between the two groups.

The commission also urged that security devices, such as those used in airports, be installed at the tomb.

Until these measures are taken, the panel determined, the site will remain closed, as it has been since the day of the massacre.

The panel further recommended that settlers who use their weapons for any reason be required to report immediately to the police regarding the circumstances under which they were used.

As a result of the panel's findings, permits allowing settlers to own and carry arms will now be reviewed annually, and the IDF's open-fire orders will be reviewed and reworded in the clearest possible language so that there can be no misunderstandings in the future.

In an effort to aid the police in maintaining order, the commission further recommended that firm action be taken against so-called "extreme elements" in the territories, including members of the now-banned Kach and Kahane Chai movements.

The panel approved the government's decision to ban the extremist groups, which it did within weeks of the massacre.

The law, the panel determined, must be "enforced energetically and all must be equal before it."

Within days of the Hebron massacre, the cabinet called for the formation of a commission to investigate the slayings.

In the ensuing six weeks of hearings, most of which were held in open session, the panel heard 106 witnesses, including Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, during 31 sessions.

While some witnesses said that ongoing tensions in Hebron prior to the killings made the incident entirely predictable, the commission in effect endorsed the opinion of the IDF chief of staff, Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak, who testified that the massacre had come like "a bolt from the blue" and that the act of one gunman was not something that could have been either foreseen or entirely prevented.

Members of both ends of the Israeli political spectrum expressed disappointment with the panel's findings.

Critics on the left noted that the Shin Bet General Security Services had warned more than once against the danger posed by extremist settlers.

Members of the political left were also critical that the panel did not recommend that the 400 settlers living among the some 70,000 Palestinians in Hebron be ordered to leave the West Bank town.

And on the right, settlers groups complained that the panel had not addressed the issue of what they see as repeated Palestinian provocations of Jewish settlers.

Reaction among Palestinian leaders was also critical.

Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe said, "The Army did nothing. The settlers are still there."

His words were echoed by Saeb Erekat, a leading PLO official from Jericho who was recently named minister of local government in the newly formed Palestinian governing authority.

"The report did not address the root of the problem — the settlers," said Erekat.

Nabil Sha'ath, minister of planning and international cooperation in the Palestinian authority, said a copy of the report had been sent to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in Tunis.

Sha'ath said the PLO leadership — which broke off its negotiations with Israel in the weeks following the Hebron massacre — would react to the commission's findings after it has had a chance to study it.

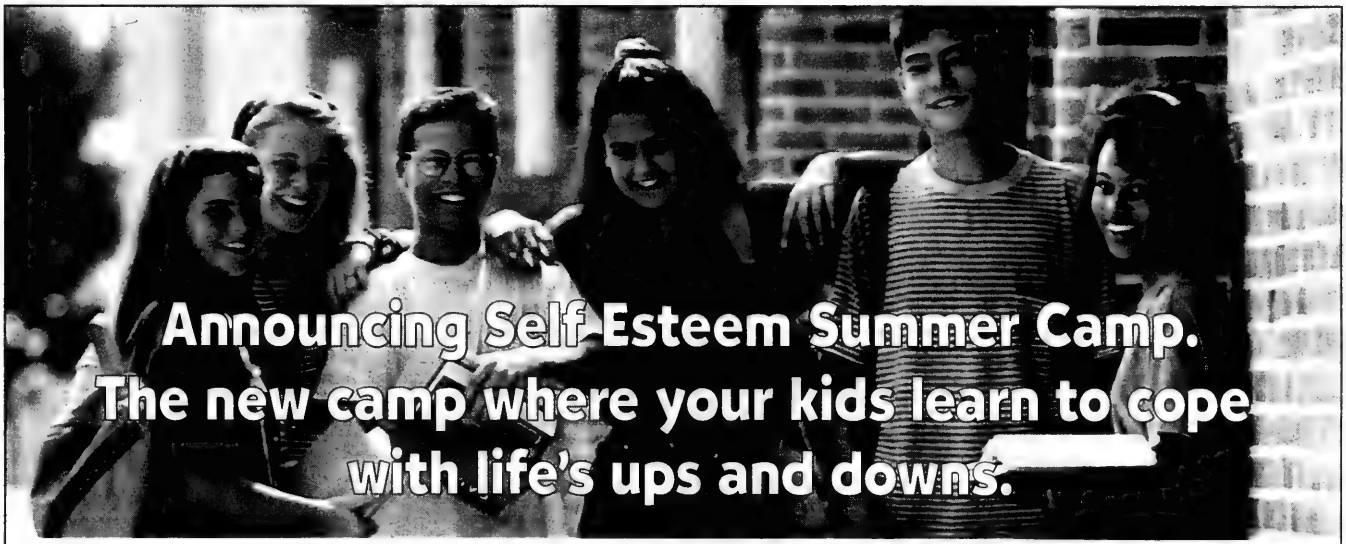
PNAI publishes guide

NEW YORK — Parents of North American Israelis (PNAI) has published a comprehensive *Guide & Reference for Families with Offspring in Israel.*

The 32-page guide contains 12 sections with information on financial and employment resources for olim, issues affecting dual citizens (Canadian Israelis, American Israelis) including service in the Israeli army, absentee voting, passports, birth registrations and taxes.

Founded in 1974, the volunteer-run PNAI is an educational and support organization for parents with one or more children living in Israel.

For more information about PNAI and the guide, contact Leonard Eisenberg, international vice-president for membership, 13618 Whippet Way West, Delray Beach, Fl 33484 or Lester Harris, international president, 7229 Stanford, University City MO 63130.



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Students Named to Represent Canada

TORONTO — Six outstanding science students have been chosen to represent Canada at this year's Bessie F. Lawrence International Summer Science Institute held on the campus of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot.

Shawna Silver, of Toronto; Karen King (Belle River, Ont.); Lorin Hochstein (Montreal) and Joanne Tannenbaum (Montreal) will participate in the program with Prakash Chaudhari (Peterborough, Ont.), recipient of the Arthur and Beatrice Minden scholarship and Chris Umson (Winnipeg), who was awarded the Joseph Kerbel scholarship at the Canada-Wide Science Fair.

The Weizmann program, which is open to students entering university, focuses on research in medicine, environmental issues, alternative energy sources and the development of advanced technology.

Lab work, field work, lectures and a tour of Jerusalem are included in the program.

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BBC Presses Ottawa

OTTAWA — B'nai Brith Canada (BBC) is urging the federal government to help secure the protection of minority rights in Eastern Europe, press for increased international actions to curb the spread of right-wing extremism and press Arab states to abandon their boycott of Israel.

In a seven-page brief submitted recently to the Special Joint Committee Reviewing Canada's Foreign Policy by BBC's Institute for International Affairs and Department of Government Relations, the organization also recommended Canadian sponsorship of training programs in the area of minority rights.

The brief calls for the expansion of trade relations between Canada and Israel. It advocates Canadian involvement in the movement towards democracy by Arab states and the Palestinian authority in Gaza and Jericho, and in the promotion of international human rights standards throughout the Middle East.

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Porush Loses Knesset Seat

JERUSALEM — The luck of the draw cost longtime MK Menachem Porush his Knesset seat earlier this month.

Porush, 78, has sat in the Knesset for 39 years as a representative of Agudat Yisrael, which along with another Orthodox party, Degel HaTorah, comprises the United Torah Judaism (UTJ) bloc.

A recent ruling by the Council of Torah Sages, the supreme council of UTJ, ousted Porush from the Knesset, but left the equally colorful Avraham Shapira, also a member of Agudah, still in the Knesset.

In 1992, when the current Knesset was elected and the UTJ bloc was formed, it was agreed that one of the two Agudah members would resign after sitting for two years in order to permit Avraham Verdiger, who remained waiting in the wings, to take his place.

But when the time came, neither Porush nor Shapira wanted to yield his seat.

Last week, the rabbis who comprise the Council of Sages decreed that lots should be drawn.

Porush took the result of the draw with equanimity, saying he had many other public duties to perform.

Commenting on his winning the draw, Shapira said: "It was apparently divine will that I should continue."

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Hezbollah Reported on Alert

JERUSALEM — Hezbollah, under Iranian guidance, has put members on alert and is reorganizing cells across Europe to prepare and execute plans for terrorist attacks against Israeli interests, an Arab language Paris newspaper reported last week.

The June 17 story in *Al-Watan al-Arabi*, said that the foreign operations department of Hezbollah is planning to link up with Algerian fundamentalists in Germany and assassinations of Israeli and American diplomats, suicide operations against their embassies and legations and the taking of hostages.

It added that Western security sources were reporting that Tehran had sent for the legendary terrorist Carlos (Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, known as The Jackal) "from his place of residence in Finland."

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Tel Aviv 13th Dearest City

GENEVA — According to a survey released here, Tel Aviv ranks 13th on a list of the world's most expensive cities.

The most expensive is Tokyo and the cheapest is New Delhi.

According to the survey, conducted by the Corporate Resources Group, a financial company, Tel Aviv is a more expensive place to live than Los Angeles, London, Frankfurt, Milan, Madrid, Amsterdam and Cairo.

Yohanan Bader Dies

JERUSALEM — Yohanan Bader, an early leader of the Likud Party, died here June 17 at the age of 93.

Bader was born in 1901 in Krakow, Poland, and fled the Nazis by escaping through Russia. A lawyer, he was a member of Knesset for 28 years during Likud's opposition status in the Israel government.

He was an active member of the Knesset's finance committee and was on the advisory board of the Bank of Israel.

After arriving in Palestine in 1943, Bader was a member of the underground group Irgun Zvai Leumi and was a disciple of Ze'ev Jabotinsky's Revisionist Zionists.

He was arrested and held by the British Mandatory forces between 1943 and 1945.

Bader wrote political articles for the Herut newspapers and was a member of the World Central Committee of Herut-Hazohar.

He retired from the Knesset in 1977, but continued as an adviser to the late Menachem Begin.

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Klausenburger Rebbe Dies

NETANYA — Thousands attended the funeral this month of the Klausenburger Rebbe, Rabbi Yekutiel Yehuda Halberstam, head of the chassidic Sanz dynasty, who died at age 90.

Rabbi Halberstam was descended from a distinguished rabbinical family that also heads the Bobov Chassidim.

He lost his wife and all his children in the Holocaust, surviving to rebuild the court of Sanz first in New Jersey and then in Kiryat Sanz near Netanya.

Rabbi Halberstam established Kiryat Sanz and the Laniado Hospital.

His eldest son, Rabbi Zvi Elimelch Halberstam, and his younger son, Rabbi Shmuel David, were appointed rebbes of the two principal Sanz communities.

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U.S., Israel Join Forces

WASHINGTON — Israel and the United States signed an unprecedented agreement this month to join forces to combat terrorism.

According to an anti-terrorism cooperation agreement signed at the State Department, Israeli and American officials will commit up to $20 million (U.S.) to develop advanced systems to fight terrorism.

In the coming weeks, the two sides will decide what specific projects to pursue and will establish a schedule and agenda for future projects.

The agreement with Israel marks the first time Washington has joined forces to combat terrorism.

An Israeli Embassy spokesperson refused to comment on the agreement, saying that "combating terrorism is a very sensitive issue and we do not discuss it publicly."

The State Department also refused to discuss the accord.

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Swiss Cemetery Vandalized Again

ZURICH — Switzerland's oldest Jewish cemetery has been desecrated by unidentified vandals twice in the past four months, according to the Swiss Jewish newspaper *Judische Rundschau*.

More than 100 gravestones at the cemetery in Zurich were overturned in the latest attack, which took place last Friday.

It is estimated that repairs to the cemetery, which was opened in 1862, will cost some 45,000 Swiss francs, the equivalent of $30,000.

Last Friday, two visitors called police after seeing youths running from the cemetery.

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Camp Barracks to be Rebuilt

BERLIN — The Jewish barracks at the former Nazi concentration camp of Sachsenhausen, destroyed by an arson attack in September 1992, are to be rebuilt with public funds.

The directors of the foundation for memorials in the state of Brandenburg, including Ignatz Bubis, head of Germany's Jewish community, have also decided to enlarge the museum at the site of the camp, north of Berlin.

And a new memorial will be put up at the site to recall the period following 1945, when the Soviets, who became the occupying power in eastern Germany, used the camp to incarcerate political opponents. From 1945 to 1950, about 50,000 people were imprisoned in Sachsenhausen, of whom some 15,000 died.

Between 1937 and 1945, under the Nazis, some 100,000 people, including an estimated 10,000 Jews, perished in the camp.

The directors of the Brandenburg memorials foundation had considered leaving the destroyed Jewish barracks as a memorial to present-day anti-Semitic violence.

Two young neo-Nazis were arrested on the eve of Rosh Hashanah last year for setting fire to the Jewish barracks at Sachsenhausen. They later recanted their confessions and were acquitted for lack of evidence.

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Family Matters

by

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"Lost opportunity" costs may be uncollectible

On June 2, 1994 the Supreme Court of Canada refused to hear the appeal of Deborah Elliot, a woman who had initially won a large lump sum from a lower court judge for her "lost opportunity" costs of marriage. In an earlier article, I explained that the initial judge at trial ordered Mr. Elliot to pay his wife a six figure sum in addition to the normal division of property and monthly support. This sum was calculated to compensate her for the future opportunity she lost in her career as a result of her staying at home to raise the children during the course of the marriage.

Cases like Ms. Elliot briefly triggered an entire industry of conferences, symposiums and economic assessments costing the Legal Aid Plan and clients thousands of dollars, often in a single case, so as to justify this type of order.

The Ontario Court of Appeal rejected this approach and, without giving any reasons, the Supreme Court of Canada won't even hear Mrs. Elliot's appeal and consider the merits of her case. This means that the Ontario Court of Appeal's decision is now the law of Ontario, and arguably, may be the law of Canada.

In my opinion, the result will make it very difficult for women to claim lump sum compensatory support in addition to periodic support in the future. The Divorce Act and the Ontario Family Law Act appear to allow for this kind of remedy. However, the courts are not disposed to hearing about ordering husbands to pay lump sums to adjust for the wife having incurred a "disproportionate share of the economic disadvantage of the marriage".

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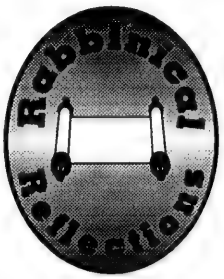

By RABBI IRVIN S. BEIGEL

Is religion a purely private matter or is one's religion a public matter as well? The recent controversy over the banning of turbans and kippot by some branches of the Royal Canadian Legion again raises this issue.

The question is, of course, not new. The slogan of the Enlightenment in the 18th century was "a Jew at home and a mentsh in the street." The price that Jews expected to pay for acceptance into general society was to shed the outward signs that would make them unique and different when they mingled with their fellow citizens. They were to continue the practice of Judaism, but only within the confines of their homes.

Jews and Sikhs rightfully protest that the headgear ban is an example of intolerance, unacceptable in this multicultural society. Yet, I know Jews who might argue for a more tolerant policy, but who, in their own lives, regard Judaism as a private matter, not for public display. They may be Jews at home, but they want to be no different from the non-Jews among whom they live when they leave the house.

To be sure, we all feel the tension between our devotion to Judaism and our desire to reap the benefits we believe can be found in the non-Jewish world around us. We each resolve this tension in our own way. The way in which we resolve this tension has far reaching implications for the Jewish future.

We fight for the right of Jews to wear yarmulkes in Legion canteens. Do we fight strictly on principle, or do we fight because we ourselves would be willing to exercise that right?

We argue that the public schools ought to respect our holy days, but are we willing to keep our children out of school on religious holy days like Sukkot, Pesach, and Shavuot, when their absence will be conspicuous? We believe that our faith deserves the respect of our employers, but are we willing to publicly declare our pride in being Jewish by staying away from work on our sacred days?

The strength of the day school system here in Toronto is admired far and wide. Yet, I know parents who opt for the public schools because their priority is for their children to be acquainted with the multicultural society around us, rather than to become immersed in their own Jewish culture and religion. Presumably, these parents believe that their child's commitment to Jewish observance is strong enough to withstand whatever challenges they will face in public school. Or perhaps they feel that when their child leaves for school, some compromise of Jewish values is to be expected, so that their child can "fit in." I would suggest that we can "fit in" with a multicultural society, only after we have been thoroughly immersed in our own background, both at home and at school.

What our tradition asks of us is that we develop a deep devotion to Judaism in the privacy of our home, but that we proudly live that faith in public. The mezzuzah is placed on the outside of our doorpost so that our identity will be known to any passers-by. The Chanukah menorah is to be placed in our window so that we can make public the miracle of Judaism's survival.

If we keep our faith strictly private, what will our children say to us when we ask them to live publicly as Jews? Will they question the depth of our convictions?

We are described as a "light unto the nations." The task of the Jewish people is to be an example of righteous and ethical living to the nations of the world. We can only fulfil that task when we live our private faith in public as well as in private. Today, more than ever, Jewish continuity, and the well-being of the entire world demand that we be Jews in the street as well as Jews at home.

Rabbi Beigel is the assistant rabbi of the Beth Tzedec Congregation.

American teen thanks Israelis after release from Singapore

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Michael Fay, the young American sentenced to a caning in Singapore for vandalizing cars last autumn, thanked the people of Israel for "doing their best to help" him.

Upon his release from jail last Tuesday, Fay, whose father is Jewish and the son of Holocaust survivors, gave Israel Radio an exclusive interview in recognition of the interest the radio station had generated in his case.

A number of Israelis had reacted strongly to the story of the 19-year-old Fay and the flogging to which he was sentenced after pleading guilty to acts of vandalism.

Fay told Israel Radio that he had been punched in the face and head, and pulled from his chair by his hair during his interrogation at the hands of Singapore police officers.

He denied that he had spray-painted cars, but admitted that stolen traffic signs had been found in his possession.

He said that other youths caught during an anti-vandalism sweep had also been beaten by the police.

Received caning as sentence

Fay remained silent about his flogging, saying he would speak of that only when he was back in the United States.

When Fay was released, his father, George Fay, told reporters in Singapore that his son had survived the caning and 83 days of imprisonment better than he had expected.

After pleading guilty to the vandalism charges, Michael Fay was sentenced to six lashes on his bare buttocks with a rattan rod — but the penalty was later reduced to four after U.S. President Bill Clinton issued an appeal for clemency.

The youth was also fined $2,000 and sentenced to four months in prison, but the sentence was later reduced for good behavior.

George Fay told reporters that his son's Jewish background had "struck a chord in Israel" and that human rights groups there had joined the appeal on Michael Fay's behalf.

During his interview with Israel Radio, Michael Fay said that after the caning, he shook the hand of the person who administered the lashes, saying he had done so as a matter of pride.

"NACHAS"
BY MIRIAM LANAIL
I'M OFF TO THE SENIORS SUMMER CAMP IN THE MOUNTAINS.
THE PERFECT PLACE TO LOSE YOUR CARES.
...TO RELAX... UNWIND...
AND STOP WORRYING FOR TWO WHOLE WEEKS.
CAMP B'NA
DID I FORGET ANYTHING? ARE MY DOORS LOCKED? IS THE STOVE ON? WILL THE PIPES LEAK?
WHAT IF THERE'S A BREAK-IN? A FIRE - A FLOOD! WHO KNOWS WHAT!
...IT'S NO USE... I WON'T LAST A WEEK.

Front Line

Rabin in trouble over his Labor Party turmoil

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

Despite the traumatic aftermath of the Yom Kippur War, the voters renewed Labor's mandate, but Golda Meir's generation had to leave the scene to a younger and untrained team. This is how Yitzhak Rabin, Chief of Staff in the Six Day War and then ambassador to the United States, a military man in his fifties with no political record, became prime minister in 1974. He led his administration for three uninspiring years and lost to Likud's Menachem Begin in the 1977 elections.

Yeshayahu Anug

Fifteen fateful years later—a cool peace with Egypt and a controversial war in Lebanon in between — the country was tired of Likud's failures and gave Labor a new chance under Rabin. He seemed to possess the right mixture of leadership qualities. He undertook to restructure the budget, to reorder the national priorities, to invest in the neglected infrastructure of Greenline Israel and, above all, he promised peace with Israel's neighbors, to be reached by territorial compromise and secure military arrangements to guarantee the country's safety. Not everything went smoothly for Rabin during his first two years in office, but his achievements are quite impressive. His main asset throughout was his public image as a man who can be trusted.

He was indeed trusted by the majority of Israelis even when he abolished the dogma he himself had helped to formulate — that there would be no negotiations with the PLO. His handshake with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat was accepted by the public as a necessary development and his body language during the odd scene on the lawn of the White House only deepened public understanding. When he returned to Jerusalem and became the target of much vilification by the extremist right wing, his popularity remained intact.

Recently, obscure hints coming from that small sector of relentless fanaticism indicated that his ongoing peace efforts could well induce some deranged extremist to make an attempt on his life. Political blackmail or a threat disguised as a warning? In the present overheated atmosphere, nothing can be dismissed offhand as sheer absurdity. As we were reminded only recently, the effects of manipulated mass hysteria can be disastrous.

Rabin is still the most popular and trusted politician. His grip did not loosen within the moderate sectors either, when his unconditional allegiance to Israel's security needs, as he sees them, led him to authorize a number of hazardous security measures and operations that threatened to derail the peace process altogether. Nor when he switched emphasis from one peace partner to the other, from Syria to the PLO, or from these uneasy partners to Jordan and vice versa. His supporters attributed the apparent incoherence to tactical skill, his doubters to indecision. But the Likud opposition was partially disarmed by his hawkish policies in Lebanon and in the territories and by his handling of the peace negotiations with the Arabs. And as the peace process is now going on despite its frequent setbacks, it is not this facet of Rabin's leadership that is presently on trial, but his troubles within the party, his once reliable power-base.

He made several mistakes by either supporting the wrong candidates for important positions or in his attempt to enlarge his narrow government. Despite his proven readiness to make excessive concessions to the ultra-Orthodox Shas, he has so far failed to return them to his coalition. Now their conditions for rejoining include the request to fully immunize halachic rulings from the scrutiny of the Supreme Court.

The real test of Rabin as a party leader came shortly before the recent Histadrut elections — and he failed it. It was when the new Health-Plan of the then minister of health, Chaim Ramon, was turned down by his own Labor party, which had previously endorsed it. In protest Ramon resigned from the government, ran his own list of candidates and did much better than the official Labor list. Since then, and for more than a month, the losers practically refused to hand over the organization to his victorious team. Faced by their obstructionism, Ramon threatened to form a coalition with the Likud-faction, another casualty of his victory. Accused of betrayal, Ramon points to the fact that in order to block him, a number of local Labor leaders have themselves already formed coalitions with cooperative Likud representatives.

This imbroglio would be much less dramatic if only the party and the public knew where exactly Rabin himself stood in this power struggle. The impression is that he sympathizes with Ramon, but that he also hesitates to come out too decisively on his side. One can regard the struggle over the Histadrut as the beginning of the power struggle for succession in the leadership of the party. True, but meanwhile confusion is paramount and the disunity in the party affects its ability to function as the leading force in government. The crisis consumes all the energy and most of the time of its protagonists who were elected to govern and not to fight each other.

Friends and foes are now asking themselves how the prime minister could have painted himself into such a corner, and some ascribe this to his particular style of government. He seems to distrust his cabinet colleagues, including Shimon Peres, with whom he appeared to have worked smoothly until recently, in the conduct of the peace process. Both deny this firmly. But Rabin is evidently more comfortable with his fellow generals, and some of his civilian advisers have lately abandoned their posts. Together with disgruntled ministers with very oversized egos, they have fed the media with gossip about Rabin's short temper, his bad manners and his reluctance to listen to their advice.

Now that that teflon lining of Rabin's leadership shows cracks, the public is waiting for a renewed proof of his ability to put his house in order. As he still commands more prestige than all of his rivals in that divided party and even outside it, he should be able to recover by showing firm leadership. The testing ground could well be the peace process, by far the most challenging item on the national agenda, where an impressive breakthrough is overdue. Short of that, it seems, his administration and the hopes for peace may not survive the time left before the 1996 general elections.

If all this is known to his party critics, they ought to know also, that the ship they are now rocking is the one that keeps them afloat. But do they? Rabin dismisses their grudges and also seems to overrate his own skills as the skipper. He may be wrong on both counts.

Czechoslovakia and Canada: Two of a kind?

By VINCE BEISER

Tell me if this sounds familiar.

There's this country, which throughout its not-so-long history has been comprised primarily of two peoples, two nations very similar to each other but each having their own distinct language, history and culture. The people of the smaller nation, outnumbered two-to-one by the larger, complain loud and long and with a certain amount of justification that the larger group has always oppressed them. Not with death squads or mass arrests, you understand, but by imposing their language and culture on the smaller, and by treating them always with a certain condescension.

Frustrated after years of negotiations and various unsatisfactory constitutional adjustments, the smaller group elects a party into power in their part of the country that calls stridently, if somewhat vaguely, for the smaller nation to assert itself, to assume sovereignty in the area where they are the clear majority.

The larger group, meanwhile, has become a bit peeved with the endless complaining of the smaller and, truth be known, pretty sick of the whole issue. Nonetheless, opinion polls consistently show that a majority of people on both sides want to continue living together. Their leaders, however, continue to escalate the rhetoric, call each other's bluffs, and before their citizens really realize what is going on, split the country in two.

This is not a parable about Canada. It's what I watched happen two years ago in what was then Czechoslovakia, now the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

The parallels with Canada are of course not exact, but there are enough of them to give all of us pause in the midst of our increasingly acrimonious debate on national unity.

In Czechoslovakia, right the way through the process of separation, opinion polls showed that a majority of both Czechs and Slovaks did not want to separate. Yet the Slovaks had voted into power Vladimir Meciar's Movement for a Democratic Slovakia, on the strength of its vague promises to win more respect and freedom for the Slovaks from the Czechs. Meciar refused compromise after compromise with the Czechs, pushing ever harder for more concessions until the Czech leadership called his bluff and told him to go ahead and take Slovakia out of their federation.

The Czech government, headed by Vaclav Klaus, had their own motives. They had decided they could pull themselves out of the economic morass of Soviet-style socialism, where they had been trapped for decades, and re-enter the advanced capitalist world more quickly alone than with less-developed Slovakia in tow. Trapped by his own rhetoric, Meciar could not afford to back down. So Slovakia and the Czech Republic went their separate ways on Jan. 1, 1993. A solid democratic majority among both Czechs and Slovaks were opposed to this, but they had allowed their leaders to lead them to a place where there was no choice.

What have the Slovaks gained with their new independence? Well, they now have their own flag, their own banknotes, and they get to speak Slovak and only Slovak everywhere in Slovakia (To do business anywhere outside of Slovakia and the Czech Republic, of course, they have to switch to English or German.) They also got a dizzying array of economic afflictions, including 20 per cent unemployment and a drastically devalued currency, which were either caused or made worse by the sudden loss of trade with the Czechs, formerly their biggest trading partner. The Czechs, although less hard hit, also suffered severe economic disruption from the overnight appearance of an international border in the middle of what had been their single country. Both countries, especially Slovakia, also lost much of their attraction for investors thanks to all the uncertainty and instability of their breakup.

Today, the Czechs are well on their way to joining the club of wealthy Western European nations, largely because they are encouraging Germans and Austrians and whoever else they can to buy up as much of the country as they like. Slovakia is still in dire economic straits, its relations with neighboring Hungary are increasingly tense, and the party that led it to independence has splintered into mutually hostile factions, paralyzing the government.

I do not mean any of the foregoing as an argument for or against Quebec staying in the Canadian Confederation. I do mean it as an argument for knowing what we are getting ourselves into, for thinking the full consequences of what we are talking about before we actually do it — and for not allowing the rhetoric and political needs of our supposed leaders to lead us somewhere we don't want to go.

Vince Beiser is a correspondent for The Jerusalem Report *who has just returned from two years in Eastern Europe.*

Town displays solidarity with Jewish community

By HILLEL KUTTLER

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

Last winter, when skinheads threw cinderblocks through the window of a Jewish home displaying a chanukiah, the community of Billings, Montana, rallied.

The *Billings Gazette* published full-page drawings of a chanukiah and townsfolk pasted them in their windows.

Unable to distinguish the Jewish homes from those of non-Jews, the skinheads — who were aligned with such white supremacist groups as Aryan Nation and the Ku Klux Klan — ceased further attacks.

No sooner had the hate campaign begun than it was crushed.

In recognition of the town's solidarity, the American Jewish Committee, at its annual dinner, recently presented Billings Police Chief Wayne Inman with a special citation. In making the award, organization director David Harris evoked the World War II-era Danes who helped smuggle 7,500 Jews to Sweden, and Bulgarians who refused to deliver Jews to the Nazis.

The incident became a model for a community overcoming its enemies.

It also validated the recent urgings of Inman, 51, who had arrived in Billings just a year earlier after 28 years on the Portland, Oregon, police force. The Montana native and Marine veteran retired from the Portland force, because he wanted to get away from the "big city."

In 1992, Inman first saw racist fliers after he was named top cop in Billings with its population of 81,000. He "naively believed, though we had skinheads in the city, their influence wouldn't be critical."

Even today, he estimates the skinheads in Billings number a half-dozen.

But when additional anti-Jewish, anti-black and anti-homosexual leaflets appeared six months later during a Martin Luther King Day march, Inman decided to take a stand.

Threats had been made against the tiny Jewish community of 240 (including those in surrounding Billings County) in the previous few years.

First, Jewish cemeteries were vandalized during the High Holy Days in 1992. Then came the Martin Luther King Day and Chanukah incidents last year.

"The next step was property destruction, assaults and death," Inman said in an interview here. "I wanted to intervene at the earliest possible stage. I explained in the best way I could: 'These folks represent a substantial threat to our community over time; let's face it now.' "

The police chief's awareness of the danger facing minorities dated from the 1988 beating death of Ethiopian immigrant Mulegatis Serew by Portland skinheads.

After the leafleting incident, Inman brought his message to schools and churches. He told people they didn't understand the problem if they really believed the solution was to not cast a spotlight on the hatemongers.

The turning point was a May 1993 rally for tolerance in which 600 citizens turned up.

"It said to me: we have a city that is aware and moved out of the classic denial they were in," Inman said. "It's a story we want to tell — good triumphs over evil," he stated, adding that the town's response has resonated across the United States, because "we're so hungry for good news in this country."

The conductor of the city's symphony orchestra, Uri Barnea, believes that Billings responded the way it did because the victims were familiar faces.

"Racial bigotry against American Indians is commonplace," said the Israeli-bred Barnea, who has himself faced periodic threats by extremists during his 10 years in Billings. "But when it happened all of a sudden to the middle class, the Jewish community, . . . it immediately touched the hearts and minds of people who know us personally.

"It could have been that complacency, as far as other minorities [were concerned], was not the case [here]," added Barnes, emphasizing that this was just his hypothesis.

Gazette publisher Wayne Schile said: "Though I think this is a wholesome and well-meaning community, this was an opportunity to address something we have not been used to in this community; namely: hate crimes."

Inman attributed the community's behavior to its Great Plains culture: "There has to be a common sense of justice and fair play, and Montana has that. It comes from the frontier spirit where we take care of our neighbor. In the same way cities rally when there's a flood, an earthquake, cities rally against hatred."

Asked about Billings's response to the hate in its midst, Anti-Defamation League national director Abraham Foxman said, "It wasn't so much an act of courage in Billings as moral leadership."

But he acknowledged it represented an exception to the norm.

"What we haven't been able to find so we can clone," Foxman said, "is what makes the people of Billings, Montana, stand up and say 'No.' "

Though Inman stood up to the Klan, he still exercises caution, because he has been threatened by the Klan. He declines to give the first names or hometowns of his two grown children, who were influenced by his law enforcement career. His son is a police officer in Oregon and his daughter is an investigator in California.

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The reward of hate

A crime is at minimum an affront to person or property. The same crime inspired by hate though, is even more. It is an affront to person, property and to dignity. Like a dart dipped in poison it causes a wound far greater than the mark it leaves. As it attacks the individual, it also corrodes society.

Therein lies the justification and the wisdom in the Bill tabled earlier this month in the House of Commons by the Federal Government.

As part of an omnibus bill on sentencing reform, Minister of Justice Allan Rock introduced amendments to the Criminal Code which will compel judges, when passing sentence on someone convicted of committing a crime, to determine whether bias, prejudice or hate, based on religion, color, sexual orientation gender, age, mental or physical disability, or nationality formed part of the crime.

If the crime was motivated or aggravated by hate, the bill will allow the sentence imposed on the individual to be more severe.

We commend the Minister. It is an important and welcome initiative.

As this newspaper has often argued, thwarting the evil of the hatemonger is a complicated multi-layered task involving the commitment, courage and action of government at all levels, law enforcement authorities, schools, organizations and individuals.

The proposed amendment is a tangible action by the government in leading society's fight against the perpetrators of "hate crime." It is an expression of Canadian society's disgust with such people and of its determination to more effectively deter such criminal behaivior. As Irving Abella, the national president of the Canadian Jewish Congress pointed out, it sends "a powerful message."

The government thus deserves and has rightly received credit for its action.

However, we must also point out as has B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights that, while praiseworthy, the initiative is neither ground-breaking nor innovative. In fact many Canadian judges of their own volition already consider whether hate was a factor in a crime, when they impose sentence. Nor is the proposal especially bold; indeed it is quite modest. There are many jurisdictions which have broader definitions of hate-based crimes and which direct judges to impose minimum jail sentences for people convicted of committing a crime motivated by hate.

Democracy defends minorities. Canada — where the "preservation and the enhancement of the multicultural heritage" of its minorities is enshrined in the constitution — must defend them vigorously. Let the purveyors of hate and those whom they inspire to act out their hatred know this.

And let them also know, finally, that the reward of their hatred will be greater, more exacting punishment.

Turmoil in Egypt

Since the assassination of former Egyptian president Anwar al-Sadat by a Muslim fundamentalist, current president Hosni Mubarak has been walking a thin line in his attempt to lead Egypt through the shoals of political and religious turmoil.

The challenges he faces are monumental: a population increase nearing the Malthusian danger point, a bureaucracy riddled with inefficiency and corruption, and an unemployment and housing problem teetering on catastrophe.

If this were not enough, Egypt is now facing a fundamentalist insurgency that in the last two years has taken the lives of 400 police officers, government officials and terrorists.

It has been only by dint of supreme resolve that Egypt under Mubarak has not already experienced melt-down. The Egyptian president has avoided this through the judicious use of his intelligence units and army cadres, both of which have waged a relatively effective war against elements which have openly called for the destruction of the current regime.

Now it appears that President Mubarak, having neutralized one set of opponents, has turned his attention to the Muslim Brotherhood, a shadowy organization which functions as religious society, labor union and social welfare agency. Egyptian authorities assert the Muslim Brotherhood has had links with organized violence against the government.

Western authorities should think twice before criticizing Mubarak's often draconian prosecution of the battle against terrorism — a battle moreover, which has badly hurt tourism to Egypt. Those who are working to destroy Egypt do not play by the rules of the game and it is sometimes necessary for the Mubarak government to exercise war powers against an internal enemy.

It is in Israel's interest, and for that matter the West's interest, that Egypt remain a stable force in the Middle East. The Mubarak government is an imperfect one, but it has done much to promote peace in the area. It also played a major role in the Israel-PLO accords. A fundamentalist Egypt along the lines of radicalized Iran — the dream of anti-government militants today — is unthinkable.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

HIS HOLINESS' HAT

Regarding your article, "Montreal Legion Branch Rejects Bylaw Against Turbans, Kippot," which appeared in the June 16 issue.

I am a veteran, having served in the RCAF. I am angry about this [ban] as I consider it to be blatant racism and anti-Semitism.

The Pope and cardinals of the Roman Catholic church wear skullcaps similar to kippot. Would these clergy be forced to remove them upon entering the Legion Hall? I don't think so.

Hy Sederoff
Montreal

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ACCEPTABLE JEWISH BEHAVIOR

I have just read the article about Gay Pride Month in Israel. I could be prepared to accept the fact that being homosexual is not aberrant behavior and that in the world at large it might be acceptable. However, in the same way that the eating of pork is not abnormal behavior, nonetheless it is *not* acceptable *Jewish* behavior.

And even though there are many Jews who eat pork, it would not be proper or acceptable to the vast majority of Jews to have a Pork-Eaters Pride Month. Of course, just as pork-eating Jews have civil rights, those who practise homosexuality have civil rights and just as there is no pork-eaters synagogue, why should there be a gay synagogue?

Our guide to proper Jewish conduct — even if we do not follow it on a personal level — should be the document that defines what Judaism is and how a Jew should live — the Torah. And just as it says that for a Jew, eating pork is wrong and keeping Saturday as the Sabbath is right and that one should be good to one's fellow man — it also says that for a Jew, homosexuality is very wrong. (Leviticus 18:22)

And therefore it should not be supported by Israel in any way. Of course, this reasoning should also apply to those who wish to support the "same-sex" legislation.

Dr. Ernest Greenwald
Toronto

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REMEMBERING THE REBBE

It has been several days since the Jewish people have lost their Rebbe. I'm not going to write a tribute to the Rebbe as that can best be left for others. I feel I must however address the issue of the response of Klal Israel to his passing. To all the millions who stood in line for dollars; who stood in line for a brachah, to the baalei teshuvah; to those who were childless and conceived; to those who were sick and were cured; to the hopeless who found hope; to those whose businesses were failing and prospered, we all owe much to our Rebbe.

Do not let this opportunity to stand up for the Rebbe and all that he believed in pass by. Unfortunately, many misguided and cynical people have found it fashionable to destroy the work of the Rebbe. The Rebbe was a true martyr of the Jewish people and indeed the world. One did not have to become a Lubavitcher to feel the grief. Those who took a shiur, put on tefillin, danced on Simchat Torah, or lit a candle, please don't let the flame go out. Chabad Lubavitch has a monumental task ahead and needs your help and blessing. Let us hope that we will all act in a proper and respectful manner so that we will merit the coming of Mashiach speedily in our days.

Dr. Perry Rubin
Thornhill

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PROGRAM

In the article, "Federation CJA after hours Jewish school a first," which appeared in the May 19 issue of *The Canadian Jewish News* you noted that Shaar Hashomayim has a supplementary school program. As well, you mentioned that the Royal Vale and Merton public schools have supplementary Jewish instruction after school.

Unfortunately your article did not mention that Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom has a religious school program. Our program meets on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Wednesday afternoons from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. We also have a West Island satellite program which meets on Monday afternoons from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the West Island College.

Our religious school has operated for many years and has an excellent curriculum and staff. We are proud to be part of the Montreal community involved with Jewish education.

Rabbi David J. Goldberg
Religious School Director
Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom
Montreal

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HONOR THY FATHER

Re: "Happy Father's Day," *CJN* June 16.

Instead of martyring their brains and buying useless gifts, may I suggest to all children and grandchildren to make a donation in honor of their father or grandfather to a charity of their choice.

As I am not impartial, may I strongly suggest a donation to UJA, the only charity for the total Jewish community, honoring those who made this community what it is today.

Robert Engel
Toronto

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MORE SHAYNA MAIDEL

Re: Review of *A Shayna Maidel*, May 5.

Since I had been away for awhile I am now catching up on some old *CJN* articles. Ben Rose's review of *A Shayna Maidel* caught my eye because of my history and interest in Holocaust related material.

Mr. Rose writes that he has a problem with this play because he finds it "unbelievable." From his description of the plot (I'm sorry now that I missed the play) it sounds as though there might have been some exaggeration, but the general premise seems valid. The idea being put forward seems to touch some raw nerves, especially in parts of the population who have guilt feelings about not doing enough for their brethren during the Holocaust. And, I would put it to Mr. Rose that there were many instances in which our own fell short of the mark when it came to doing whatever possible under the circumstances. If interested, I can give personal and general examples of such cases.

Theatre quite often uses exaggeration to make its point. It's the nature of the medium. Where television or film can use "realism," the stage must create an atmosphere within limited boundaries.

I cannot judge a piece of theatre that I haven't seen. I may have liked the production; I may not have, but, as a critic I think Mr. Rose used some very personal attitudes to gauge this particular show. That's fair. But it should be acknowledged.

Harry Finkelstein
Toronto

Ben Rose responds: In my opinion, *A Shayna Maidel* is a bad play, period. I have reviewed many plays about the Holocaust and this is the first I found lacking in integrity and credibility. The "guilt trip" theory is not valid in my case.

Dry Bones

THEY JUST HAD A BIG CONFERENCE IN ISRAEL ON FIGHTING THE DESERT?
YUP.
I GUESS IT DIDN'T MAKE THE NETWORK NEWS
NOPE
THE TROUBLE WITH TV NEWS IS NOT WHAT THEY SHINE THEIR LIGHTS ON...
...IT'S WHAT THEY INSIST ON KEEPING IN THE DARK!

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Opinion

Gentiles speaking Yiddish in Germany

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

It's one of the more unlikely tidbits of modern life: Germans speaking Yiddish as their personal language — and not a single Jew anywhere in sight.

Wuerzburg is a lovely old university town in south-central Germany. It has a distinguished cultural tradition and in the good old days had a renowned rabbinical seminary. Then came the Nazis and soon all the Jews were gone.

Rabbi Plaut

But a strange remnant persists. Where Jews once spoke their own language, Gentiles are still carrying on in the same manner and with the same sounds, even though the Jews have not returned.

It is indeed an unlikely scenario, and I knew nothing about it until I saw an unusual video made in Germany which has the simple title *They Were Our Neighbors.*

The director, Harry Raymon, had a young high school student from Wuerzburg take two Gentile friends around the neighborhood to show them something of the Jewish community, both past and present. Among these were traces of an unused mikvah underneath a Protestant church, a memorial tablet for the dead of former wars, and another for the victims of the Holocaust.

What fascinated me above all was a visit the three students made to a little town in the area. Called Schopfloch, it had the distinction of being one third Jewish in pre-Hitler days, and it was the locale of a most unusual development.

The Jews were merchants, with cattle dealers predominating. As in many parts of central and western Germany, they had preserved their Western Yiddish, which they used to communicate with each other in situations when they did not want outsiders to know what they were saying.

It was a kind of family language with which I too grew up. Even though we had lived in the country for some 400 or more years and spoke high German at home, our talk was flavored with dozens of such terms as schmontzes bar-yontzes, ausgebackene lecho-daudis, and emes bajazzo, to name just a few which enlivened our daily speech.

In Schopfloch, however, with so many Jews in town, this kind of talk became common amongst Gentiles as well. Jews must have jocularly referred to it as their personal "loshen kodesh" (holy tongue), which in Schopfloch the Gentiles heard as "lochaudisch." That is the way it is still known — and I could hardly believe my ears when I heard modern day Schopflochers use it as their daily speech. Language is a hardy thing and especially so when it can survive the horrors of the Nazis.

I don't believe there are any Jews left in the little town, but the Gentiles are keeping up the tradition. It has become their language, their own lingo, which they use as a personal dialect inaccessible to outsiders — the way the Jews had used it.

Even amongst those quite familiar with Yiddish, the presence of a western branch which was once spoken in Germany is practically unknown. Werner Weinberg's wonderful little book, *Die Reste des Judisch-deutschen,* reproduces the whole rich vocabulary with which I grew up. I had always thought of it as a part of our own family tradition, and only later discovered that Jews throughout western Germany were still spicing their talk with such expressions.

In my youth these were of course "extras" and no longer the complete language it had once been. But back in the 17th and 18th centuries Western Yiddish was still the common tongue of Jews living in Germany. It had added German words to its vocabulary, just as in Eastern Europe, Yiddish had added Russian and Polish words. Both Eastern and Western Yiddish were branches of the same tree: a mix of old German with Hebrew and local additions, creating a product that assumed a character all of its own. In twentieth century Germany it had become nothing more than a flavoring of the way we spoke, while in Eastern Europe it remained the daily speech of millions.

If you are interested in knowing some of the terms that we used — and how the above words related to Jewish tradition, look at Weinberg's book.

Mideast peace would affect education in Israel

By LISA SAMIN
World Zionist Press Service

In Israel, fifth grade geography students learn to chart a course from Japan to Israel. Unable to enter Arab states, they used to bypass Jordan, Iraq and other countries inaccessible to Israelis.

Until a few months ago, students from Grades 1 to 12 learned the PLO was an outlawed terrorist organization. Now, they are Israel's peace partners.

Since Israel's establishment, history, geography, civic studies and other humanities courses were taught in light of the official state of war with Israel's neighbors. After the 1967 Six Day War, the 1973 Yom Kippur War, and the 1979 signing of the peace treaty with Egypt, Education Ministry officials were continually correcting and changing textbooks and curriculums to reflect new realities.

However if real peace comes, the implications will require a mass revision by the Ministry of Education. According to Doron Shohet, director of the division for democracy at the ministry, controversial issues and events relating to the peace process are already being dealt with in classrooms all over the country, and plans for a new, forward thinking, peace-oriented curriculum are underway.

"We are continually introducing new educational activities and projects into the schools to teach about democracy and the developing peace process," said Shohet, whose unit has just come out with a teaching manual entitled *The Way to Peace.* It is the first bilingual Hebrew-Arabic teachers' guide published by the ministry.

However, according to a ministry spokesperson, it is up to each school to decide which activities, projects and materials they will use.

"There are so many issues involved and so many sides to them. Our job is to try to present the different points of view and to help the children understand the peace process," said Shohet. Students, he says, should be given the opportunity to express their opinions, with no judgment of what is good or bad in the discussions.

The ministry works with teachers in the field and in training courses for each grade level, as well as helping them conduct the sometimes volatile political discussions. Through simulations, debates and role playing, the students get an insight into the complexities of the peace process in a democracy.

Co-existence activities have been introduced into many schools, and meetings between Palestinian Arab students and Israeli Jewish students are no longer uncommon. In East Jerusalem Palestinian students study under the Jordanian educational system and are not part of the co-existence initiatives.

Moshe Ilan, director of curriculum development at the Ministry of Education, says a whole reshaping of attitudes will need to take place if peace comes. "There is a lot of hope and fear among students and adults alike concerning the peace process," said Ilan. "We need to address the different attitudes and incorporate them in a non-threatening way."

The pedagogic secretariat of the Ministry of Education, the ministry's highest professional policy-making body, is now organizing a planning committee for peace issues in the national curriculum.

"The issues we are dealing with are constantly changing," said David Gordon, secretariat director. "The most important factor is flexibility."

The committee, a microcosm of Israel's teaching profession, consists of professional teachers from elementary through high schools. According to Gordon, it will begin its work this spring.

Teacher training seminars play an important role in the process. Itai Zimran, dean of the David Yelin Teachers College in Jerusalem, said "We have increased our student teachers' awareness of current events. We have also developed a quality co-existence program involving our Jewish and Arab student teachers, our faculty and children from neighboring Jewish and Arab communities."

Zimran believes in time the Education Ministry's programs will be implemented at the college as well as in in-service training courses. Meanwhile, he says, it is important to deal with the issues at hand.

Daniel Fried, a veteran high school teacher, agrees with Zimran. "The changes will be gradual. It won't be that the kids walk into class one day and all the textbooks are different."

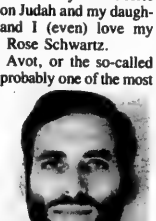
Whatever the outcome of the peace process, the Ministry of Education will have to grapple with how to present the peace to Israel's children, giving them the tools needed in a democracy to judge for themselves what is best for the future of their country.

More on what the 'Excitable Fathers' would say

By ALLAN GOULD

Look, I admit it: I love my wife Merle and I love my son Judah and my daughter Elisheva, and I (even) love my mother-in-law, Rose Schwartz.

But I also love Pirke Avot, or the so-called "Ethics of the Fathers," probably one of the most popular books ever written by the Jews. (Although Mordecai Richler has often sold pretty well, too.)



Allan Gould

Well, when I came across a sympathetic modern version of that great text, I could not help but to share it with you. We've managed to go through the first four chapters, so far; here is Chapter V of Perky Abbos (or The Excitable Fathers); don't say I didn't warn you:

THE PERKY ABBOS (EXCITABLE FATHERS), CHAPTER FIVE

1. With 10 sayings was the world created. Why not five? Or even two? Because Jews can never seem to quiet down. No wonder our phone bills are higher than the federal deficit of the United States.

2. There were 10 generations from Zayde Moishe to young Jason. Sometimes it really amazes me that we are still Jewish, when I think about it.

3. There were only two generations between Irv and Morris, and yet they still couldn't get along. Ach.

4. Our uncle Abe had 10 trials, but he had a good lawyer, so he got off.

5. There were a lot of miracles in Egypt and many more at the Red Sea. But the real miracle is "Matzah with Fibre." How on earth did our bubbies and zaydes survive without it?

6. Ten plagues were brought upon the Egyptians. If only a similar number would be brought upon Revenue Canada, I might have a chance.

7. We have had many trials and many tribulations in our family, but Auntie Chaya is surely the greatest one of all.

8. Many miracles were accomplished for our fathers at Temple Beth Weinstock, a Reform synagogue in our neighborhood: No woman was without a seat on Yom Kippur. No one ate pickled herring immediately before Kol Nidre. No unforeseen accident prevented the rabbi from giving her endless sermons (sadly). It never rained during Sukkot, when all the decorations were up. Though we did run out of seats on Rosh Hashanah, enough people were vacationing in Florida that no one got left out and threatened to sue. No one ever got injured by an Egged bus in Jerusalem on a mission. And no one ever got bumped from their Haifa hotel, either. Whew.

9. Many things happen just before Pesach: There's an irresistible sale on fresh challah that you cannot resist. Uncle Arnie is suddenly released from jail, with nowhere to go for the second night, which is a powerful argument for becoming Reform Jews, or making aliyah to Israel, where they keep only one night. Sammy forgot to sell the chametz again. The stupid chicken soup burned to a crisp. And to top it all off, Suzy brought home a friend for the seder who's a strict vegetarian, and tofu is chometz. It really is tough to be a Jew, lemme tell you.

10. There are many marks of an uncultured man and a wise man. An uncultured man rents a video, totally forgetting that it will be showing on pay-TV next week. An uncultured man talks about returning Tel Aviv to the Palestinians, when we Jews built the city, for heaven's sake. An uncultured man asks how someone's daughter is doing, when, if he only listened to his wife, he'd have remembered that she had recently run off with a Buddhist and broken her mother's heart. But a wise man does the reverse of all those things, thank the L-rd.

11. Many kinds of punishment are given for many kinds of sin. A bad stock market tip. A crooked business partner. A stale bagel. A super-persistent UJA campaigner. An overdrawn Visa bill. Cats that shed everywhere. Oy.

12. When does sickness come? When you don't take your vitamins. When you forget to wear your galoshes. When you have a lousy medical and dental plan at work, one with 6,000 loopholes.

13. There are four different types of men, although Rabbi Lisa insists that they are all the same: He who says, What's mine is mine and that's that. This sounds like Uncle Hymie. He who says, What's mine is yours and yours is yours — he'll be collecting welfare, soon enough. The one who says, What is mine is yours and yours is mine — he probably has a lot less than you. He who says what is mine is mine and yours is mine, probably works for the federal government, tax division.

14. There are four types of balabatim, a.k.a. synagogue board members: One is a pain in the head, another is a pain in the heart, another is a pain in the butt. The fourth is just a pain. You get the idea.

15. There are four types of student: The tired, the exhausted, the confused and the lost. Which brings me to the old question: Why on earth did you go into Jewish education?

16. There are four kinds of tzedakah givers: Those who have to be reminded, those who have to be called again, those who must be asked, and those who give without being asked. Where the last one is hiding, I have no idea whatsoever.

17. There are four characteristics of students: One who learns, but forgets. One who learns, but also forgets. One who doesn't learn, but remembers what he didn't learn in the first place. One who gives the teacher a two-dollar gift when his parents are millionaires. Go figure.

18. Ones who sit before a wise man are four in type: A smart one. A wicked one. A stupid one. One who lacks the capacity to inquire. Now, where have I heard this before?

19. What is love? Oh, I wonder, wonder, who, be-do-be-who? Who wrote the Book of Love? Probably Harlequin Romances.

20. Fight for heaven and you'll end up in heaven. Fight over total narishkeit, and you're probably in politics.

21. Cause others to be righteous, and it'll pay off. Cause others to be wicked, and it could well pay a lot better. I mean, look at the Mafia.

22. Abraham our father had good eyesight, great humility and modesty. While your synagogue board members tend toward the evil eye, and vanity. And as for humility? To work with these guys, you'll never be so humiliated in your entire life.

23. Judah, son of Allan, said: Be strong like bull. Be fast like Egged bus driver. But remember: It is safer to serve in Gaza than to drive between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

24. He also used to say, whether anyone asked him his opinion or not: At 5, you should be studying Torah. At 10, you should study Mishnah. But by midnight, you really should get to bed. They get up very early around here.

25. Ben Ben Beg Beg said said: Take the Torah and turn it, but don't drop it, unless you plan to fast for 40 days. You might want to follow its laws, too; there are some pretty smart things in there, you know.

26. Benny Henny Haa Haa said said: You work hard, you live on Easy Street. Well, if you work for gentiles, maybe. If you work for Jews, better find a slum to live in, and a good food bank. I've never figured out why this is true, however.

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Features

The infamy of Mauthausen

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Mauthausen, that notorious concentration camp in Upper Austria, was really a multi-headed monster. Not counting the main camp of Mauthausen, it consisted of 49 satellite camps extending across the length and breadth of Austria. Branch camps included Redl-Zipf, Hartheim Castle and Melk.

The population of Mauthausen and its subsidiaries reached a peak of 84,500 inmates in March 1945, two months before Nazi Germany's surrender. Conservatively, Mauthausen claimed 119,000 victims, of whom nearly 39,000 were Jews.

Mauthausen, the core camp, was not geographically isolated. It lay only four kilometres from the town of Mauthausen. So how did Austrian civilians in the vicinity respond to the evil so close at hand? In general, they collaborated with the Nazis, writes Gordon Horwitz, an American historian, in his revealing book, *In the Shadow of Death: Living Outside the Gates of Mauthausen* (The Free Press, $22.95 U.S.) To the best of my knowledge, this is the first book in English to gauge the attitudes of civilians living near a concentration camp.

Mauthausen, the town, was in a bucolic region known for its rock quarries. Accessible by road and rail, it proved an ideal setting for a concentration camp. Mauthausen — which received its first prisoners in August 1938 — was good for the local economy, since it revived the moribund stone industry. The SS-owned-and-operated quarries there, built on slave labor, provided material benefits for the town of Mauthausen.

Mauthausen, the camp, purchased goods and services from local merchants, farmers, artisans and tradesmen, while SS personnel and their wives patronized local stores.

There was no question but that local people knew of Mauthausen's existence and purpose. Indeed, Horwitz observes that the SS encouraged the dissemination of such information as an implicit yet deliberate warning to opponents of the regime.

As time passed, he adds, the civilian population in Mauthausen was increasingly exposed to the sight of mistreatment, brutalization and murder of camp inmates. As well, townspeople had to put up with boorish SS men who fired their guns in public, engaged in brawls and poaching, and desecrated religious shrines. Complaints were lodged, but no action was taken against the transgressors, who, Horwitz writes, were "above the law."

Hartheim Castle, 30 kilometres from Mauthausen, gassed and burned its prisoners. A cadre of local assistants, drawn largely from the surrounding population, took part in the killing process. They selected the victims. They collected their clothing and inspected their teeth for gold. They moved them to the place of extermination. They were sworn to silence, but news of the atrocities got out. The sickening odor of burning bodies wafted into homes, so that "traces of murder filled the air."

On pain of severe punishment, residents were warned not to spread rumors about the odors. Duly intimidated, they remained silent. In his research, Horwitz discovered that the vast majority of workers at Hartheim Castle belonged to the Nazi party. But in all fairness, it should be mentioned that they discovered the true nature of their jobs only *after* their arrival at Hartheim Castle.

In Redl-Zipf, some 70 kilometres southwest of Mauthausen, most local residents resigned themselves to the brutality of the camp, although some strongly disapproved of what they saw. They feared that if they protested they would be arrested. One respondent told Horwitz that there was an unwritten law: "do not talk, do not ask."

Melk, about 65 kilometres down river from Mauthausen, accommodated prisoners from many nations, including Germany, Poland and Greece. In addition, it housed thousands of Hungarian Jews. The inmates worked primarily in underground factories of the German armaments industry, producing ball-bearings for tanks and aircraft. During the single year of its existence — it was established on April 20, 1944, Adolf Hitler's 55th birthday — almost 5,000 of its more than 14,000 registered inmates died of beatings, shootings and work accidents.

According to Horwitz, the residents of Melk were completely aware of the camp's function. Inmates were regularly marched through the town on the way to the camp.

Among the strongest recollections of town residents was fear, which enforced silence and obedience. Yet, Horwitz notes, townspeople believed that resistance was itself a crime, "a form of lawlessness that brought upon the perpetrator the taint of guilt and criminality."

Although collaboration with the authorities was widespread, there were acts of kindness, such as the surreptitious dropping of fruit and potatoes during prisoners' marches. In other instances, civilians even helped Jews. "Those who dared come to the aid of Jews had first to accept the humanity of the victims, seeing past the obviously repellent appearance the persecutors had forced them to assume."

In concluding, Horwitz says that the Mauthausen camp complex left no discernible impression on neighboring civilians. "...the passage of time has served to dampen whatever feelings of wrongdoing they might have sensed... One encounters not a flat denial of the existence of the camps, only an indifference..."

Interestingly enough, Jewish survivors who returned to their homes in Upper Austria after the war were not warmly welcomed. Feelings of intolerance and a lack of understanding from local authorities and citizenry greeted them.

Simon Wiesenthal, the Nazi hunter, felt this when he settled in Vienna. As he put it: "When an Austrian Jew returns he has to excuse himself, so to speak, and say 'pardon me for living' and has the greatest difficulties in receiving back what is his..."

To add to the indignity, known or suspected war criminals continued in their positions of authority.

In Austria, moral amnesia was the order of the day.

Inmates greet liberation of Mauthausen in May 1945.

The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Being a film aficionado, I'm drawn to *Saturday Night at the Movies*, Elwy Yost's long-running show on TVOntario. Recently, Yost presented *Crossfire*, a nearly forgotten but socially significant film made in 1947.

Nominally a police thriller, *Crossfire* was in fact Hollywood's first no-holds-barred treatment of anti-Semitism in the United States. Its far better known and acclaimed clone, *Gentlemen's Agreement*, was released shortly afterward, and won three Academy Awards.

An RKO picture starring Robert Young, Robert Mitchum and Robert Ryan, *Crossfire* was directed by Edward Dmytryk, produced by Adrian Scott, and adapted from a novel by Richard Brooks entitled *The Brick Foxhole*.

The impulse for making *Crossfire* came from Dmytryk and Scott, both of whom were non-Jews. The horrors of the Holocaust were still numbingly fresh, and they felt that a "message" film on anti-Semitism would be timely and appropriate.

As Patricia Erens relates in *The Jew in American Cinema*, they approached RKO's newly-appointed head of production, Dore Schary, who liked the idea. The original theme of *The Brick Foxhole* had been the murder of a homosexual. But in John Paxton's screenplay, the victim was a Jew.

Not surprisingly, some RKO executives were nervous about this substitution. Hollywood moguls, the majority of whom were Jews, traditionally avoided Jewish themes. Then the conservative American Jewish Committee (AJC) jumped into the fray, arguing that the proposed film would not be in the best interests of American Jewry. As a last resort, Dick Rothschild, an AJC representative, suggested that the victim be black instead of Jewish, according to Neal Gabler's account of Jews in Hollywood, *An Empire Of Their Own*.

Schary rejected these pressures, and *Crossfire* became a modest commercial success. The critic of the *New York Times*, Bosley Crowther, wrote that it deserved "an unqualified A for effort in bringing to the screen a frank and immediate demonstration of the brutality of religious bigotry."

Shot entirely at night in a typical 1940s film noir style, *Crossfire* opens with shadowy fisticuffs, as one man staggers to the floor and another hurriedly leaves the scene of the crime.

Significant film

Set in Washington, and unfolding in a series of flashbacks, *Crossfire* is a moody police procedural rather than a serious attempt to probe the roots of prejudice.

It is left to a pipe-smoking detective, Finlay (Young), to determine who murdered Samuels (Sam Levene), a bland Jewish ex-serviceman. Finlay, an Irish-American, may be jaded and cynical, but he is also dogged.

Finlay learns that several soldiers, having met Samuels in a bar, followed him back to his apartment, where the murder took place. But who is the murderer? As it turns out, the chief suspect is Montgomery (Ryan), a tense sergeant whose blatantly anti-Semitic views single him out for attention.

Montgomery is anything but subtle. He refers to Samuels as a "Jew boy;" implies that people with "funny names," like Samuels, shirked their war duty; announces that he dislikes Jews and their defenders; and charges that Jews "live off the fat of the land."

Montgomery's calumnies do not go unanswered. Kelley (Mitchum), Montgomery's fellow soldier, tellingly observes that more than a few "funny names" are inscribed on American casualty rolls, while Finlay proclaims that "ignorant men" fear that which they do not understand.

Drawing an analogy, Finlay compares the ethnocentrism and violence Irish Americans endured in the 19th century with the current Samuels murder case.

And, lest his message not be entirely clear, Finlay adds that the phenomenon of hatred is dangerously infectious and, therefore, must be vigilantly combated.

Forty-seven years on, nothing has changed in this respect. *Crossfire* is as relevant today as it was shortly after World War II.

Development politically motivated

By BILL HUTMAN
World Zionist Press Service

There's metropolitan New York, Paris, and even Calcutta, so why not metropolitan Jerusalem? Social and political factors in Israel's capital make such a move highly problematic. "You can't do anything in Jerusalem without prompting sharp political reactions from one group or another," says Yisrael Kimhe, a development expert from the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies. "But it's no secret that much of the development around Jerusalem has been politically motivated."

Development is scrutinized outside of Jerusalem on land acquired by Israel after Jordan attacked its eastern border during the 1967 Six Day war, land which is now part of the territories. The issue is even more sensitive in East Jerusalem, whose annexation by the Israeli government is not recognized by most of the international community.

But this has not stopped the government. Massive development in the territories adjoining Jerusalem has recently been approved by the city's planning and building committee to ensure a Jewish presence, act as a defence buffer and create "land-links" with Jerusalem.

"Past experience has proven that in order to defend Jerusalem one must have a strip of defence surrounding it to the north, south, east and west," said Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Gur while touring Pisgat Ze'ev, a suburb in north Jerusalem, in November 1993. "We may have peace . . . but we must take into account the defence of Jerusalem and build it accordingly."

Funds are being raised, largely by wealthy American Jews who support the development, and some work is already underway in Pisgat Ze'ev, as well as in Givat Ze'ev and Ma'aleh Adumim — neighborhoods outside city limits to the north and east respectively.

Another 7,500 new homes are to be built during the next three years between Pisgat Ze'ev and Ma'aleh Adumim, thus creating a territorial link with Jerusalem. A "land-link" between the religious Etzion Bloc, in the territories to the south, and Jerusalem, however, is more problematic as Arab-populated Bethlehem, Beit Jalla, and Beit Sahur have to be bypassed. A large-scale highway and a massive tunnel under Beit Jalla are presently under construction.

The Ministry of Housing also wants to flank Jerusalem to the east with Jewish residential areas, business districts, and tourist centres.

Some ministry officials have even voiced support for creating an "Adumim Bloc" extending from the city's eastern border to Mitzpeh Jericho, just north-west of the Dead Sea. They say the bloc would meet both the development and security needs of Jerusalem, provide homes and jobs, and act as a buffer to the east. "The entire route from Jericho junction to Jerusalem is crucial to the country strategically," says Labor party MK Emmanuel Zissman, one of the main proponents of developing metropolitan Jerusalem.

The Housing Ministry spokesman, however, denies the existence of a plan to create an Adumim Bloc. But he does confirm that Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer wants to build 15,000 new homes in the Jerusalem area, about half in the territories. "We should have done what we are doing now five or six years ago in Jerusalem," says Ben-Eliezer.

Both Labor and Likud governments have pushed for western development as a solution to the capital's development needs, and last year some 14,000 dunams (3,500 acres) adjoining the city's western borders were annexed to the capital. "It's like a dream," says city engineer Elinoar Barzaki. This new land "will help take Jerusalem into the next century."

Several new neighborhoods and industrial zones are planned to begin in 1996 on the annexed land and experts are working on plans to coordinate this massive development. All, however, depends on the outcome of the peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians and the question of greater Jerusalem's boundaries.

Meanwhile, Palestinians such as Abdal Rahman Abu Arafeh, a Palestinian planner close to Palestinian leader Faisel Husseini, sharply attack the expansion plans of Israel around Jerusalem. They see the development of the lands adjoining Jerusalem as massive expropriation of Arab lands. "Since 1967, the Israelis have carried out far-reaching settlement aimed at minimizing the Arab presence [in Jerusalem] and promoting Jewish existence to the utmost," says Abu Arafeh. "It is an unjust policy. All settlements in the territories are illegal settlements because they are built on occupied land."

Zissman counters that Israel will never compromise on Jerusalem. So the building of metropolitan Jerusalem becomes only a means to an end.

BBW/T celebrates its 50th anniversary

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — B'nai Brith Women of Toronto (BBW/T) celebrated its 50th anniversary at a recent awards night.

The volunteer of the year award went to Diane Shiner-Feder for more than 700 hours of work at the Huronia Centre for the Handicapped in Orillia; Mitzi Dickstein was recognized as top fundraiser for raising $2,300.

A hundred women from 16 of the 22 BBW/T chapters were honored for their efforts in community service and fundraising during the past year. To be eligible for an award, they had to have done at least 60 hours of volunteer work or raised $750.

BBW/T president Ethy Lebow said mazel tov to all the awards recipients.

Among their activities, members of BBW/T volunteer at local organizations such as homes for the aged and hospitals. They run blood donor clinics, participate in communal drives and raise money for many causes. Each year volunteers knit mittens, hats and scarves for inner city schools as part of the mountain of mittens project. BBW/T operates an emergency shelter for battered women and their children here and a residential treatment centre for emotionally disturbed boys in Israel.

The organization looked back in time during its awards evening, held at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, as speakers from the chapters formed since the '40s took the stage and spoke of their chapters' histories and accomplishments. Members of the first Toronto chapter, formed in 1944 as a ladies' auxiliary to the only B'nai Brith lodge in Toronto, attended.

The first president, 85-year-old Anne Weinstein, told *The CJN* that the men were enthusiastic at that time about the fledgling women's group. "We got wonderful cooperation from the men," she recalled. In the '40s and for years after, she noted, the women visited wounded soldiers in military hospitals.

One of the original 105 members of the Toronto chapter, Bea Wolfe, 77, rose to the top of BBW ranks. "I was one of those who said I'll put my name down and I won't do anything and I've been at it ever since," she told *The CJN*.

She became president of the 1,100-member Toronto chapter in 1954. Moving up the ladder, she went on to become president in 1962 of the board responsible for the BBW region of New York state, New England and eastern Canada. Currently she is a board member of BBW of Canada.

Wolfe credits her BBW involvement with increasing her self-confidence. "I didn't have that much self-confidence until I became president. I was empowered and doors opened. I wish the young women of today would understand that when they are asked to do something."

Viki Rumack, representing Aquarius, formed in 1970, recalled that many said the chapter "could not be successful with the startling new concept of having all ages of women join together." Aquarius volunteers and fundraisers worked together, she said, and went on to prove the skeptics wrong.

Soleil, founded in 1976 and made up entirely of French-speaking members, has the distinction of being the only French-speaking chapter outside of Quebec. The women of Soleil, said Lolita Harel, hail from Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Israel and France.

Younger women are making their mark on BBW/T. Representing Tikvah, started in 1960, Barbara Wiseberg said the chapter of single and married women in their twenties is developing the organization for the year 2000 and beyond.

A new chapter for single, professional women living in the downtown core is being formed.

Furman elected new JIAS president

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

Robert Furman

TORONTO — Robert Furman, who came to Canada with a group of Soviet immigrants in the 1970s, is the new president of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada (JIAS) (Toronto).

Active in aiding his fellow immigrants for many years, Furman is also a hard worker in the chartered accountant division of the United Jewish Appeal.

His election at the society's recent annual meeting in Toronto highlights the significant number of immigrants on the JIAS board, six out of 15.

Outgoing president Gary Diamond reported 575 new cases in 1993, mostly from the former Soviet Union, involving 1,300 individuals. New federal funding will enable JIAS to expand its English as a second language program which already sponsors classes at B'nai Brith Canada and Bernard Betel Centre, he said.

As the increase of 14 per cent in Toronto's Jewish population between 1981 and 1991 is attributed mostly to immigrants, Diamond suggested that it is important to reach out to newcomers to keep them within the Jewish fold to achieve the goal of Jewish continuity.

With its 70 years of experience in the field, JIAS stands ready to share its skills with other ethnic groups, said Perry Romberg, executive director.

The Jack Shindman awards, presented by Sydney Blinick, went to Dr. Ilya Kaploun, 35, ($1,500) a former oncologist in the Soviet Union, who is beginning studies at the School of Radiation Therapy, and Nika Berdichevskaya, 20, ($1,000) a visual arts student at the University of Toronto. There were 34 applications for the awards.

Four performing arts scholarships endowed by the late John Hirsch, director of the Stratford Festival, an immigrant himself, went to Igor Gefter, a cellist; Marina Zelter, a violinist; Galina Zisk of Hamilton, a pianist; and Ilona Karan of Hamilton, an opera singer who has been offered admission to three different universities.

Two national education scholarships were awarded to Natalia Skomorovskaia, a former Russian pediatrician, who has enrolled for a nursing degree at Centennial College, and Anna Rozenberg, 19, a young Russian woman who is enrolled in physiotherapy at the University of Toronto.

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Shaar Shalom gets new rabbi

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Martin Berman doesn't mind being the new rabbi on the block.

Rabbi Berman, who takes over the pulpit of the Conservative Shaar Shalom Synagogue on July 18, said he isn't nervous about facing his new congregation.

"Maybe if it was my first pulpit," he laughed from his Detroit-area home.

Rabbi Berman, 44, has been spiritual leader of the 440-family Congregation Beth Achim in Southfield, Mich, since 1989.

He will be replacing Shaar Shalom's current rabbi, Rabbi Howard Markose, who is leaving the 600-family synagogue after six years. Rabbi Markose is making aliyah with wife Judy and their three children.

"I've had nothing but complete satisfaction [at Shaar Shalom]," Rabbi Markose told *The CJN*. "But aliyah means 'ascent' and we are looking forward to ascending to the next spiritual level, both for ourselves and for our children."

The Markoses — including Noam, 7, Eran, 4, and 2-year-old Leor — will make their home in the Jerusalem neighborhood of East Talpiot. Rabbi Markose said he will likely teach.

For Rabbi Berman, leading the Thornhill congregation is "a very exciting proposition. It is a wonderful community in a vibrant area, with good growth opportunities."

Rabbi Martin Berman

He is coming to Toronto with wife Marylin, a nursery school teacher, and two of their three children. The oldest, 17-year-old Etan, is staying behind to finish school, while Tamar, 15, and Ari, 13, will attend the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto and Associated Hebrew Day Schools respectively.

Mark Hammerschlag, the synagogue president who led the 12-member committee to find Rabbi Markose's replacement, said "in the end it was an easy decision.

"Rabbi Berman's was the first resume we saw, and we kept coming back to him. There was a real comfort level."

As for Rabbi Markose, Hammerschlag said "it's not easy giving [him] up, but you can't stand in his way. We respect what he's doing."

Rabbi Berman will officiate at his first Shaar Shalom bar mitzvah July 23.

Lieut. Marc Andre Villeneuve of the Canadian Armed Forces greets Reena client Rita Goldwasser at last week's Reena Foundation dinner. [Barry Shainbaum Photo]

Peacekeepers honored as Reena marks 20 years

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Reena is the Hebrew word for joy, which was in no small measure at last week's Reena Foundation annual dinner.

This year's gala took on even more significance, as Reena marked its 20th anniversary of helping developmentally disabled adults integrate into the mainstream community through group living and day programs, all in a Jewish environment.

Over 700 Reena volunteers, staff, clients and friends joined municipal dignitaries for the glitzy dinner, which this year took on a timely twist: instead of a single honoree, Reena paid tribute to 10 Canadian soldiers who served as peacekeepers in Bosnia.

The soldiers — nine men and one woman — were honored for helping save over 100 patients in two hospitals that were abandoned late last year in the small central Bosnian town of Fojnica.

The peacekeepers discovered the patients, many of them developmentally disabled children, starving, freezing, soiled and left to die by retreating Bosnian fighters.

The Canadians fed the youngsters, changed diapers and delivered coal, medicine and supplies for two months until the Red Cross took over. They also buried the dead.

The soldiers, stationed in Val Cartier, Que., are members of the 12th Canadian Armored Battalion, the 1st and 2nd Royal 22nd Regiment, the 5th Field Ambulance and the 5th Light Artillery Regiment. They received a standing ovation following a tribute from former Reena chair Marilyn Raphael.

Earlier that day, the soldiers visited a Reena group home and day program.

Reena's Tammy Gutstein Humanitarian Award, named for a late volunteer, was presented posthumously to Sam Handler, a longtime volunteer. Handler died June 3, less than three weeks before the dinner.

Reena's founding chair, Rabbi Joseph Kelman, presented the award to Handler's widow, Helen, who described Reena "as the only mistress Sam ever had."

Thanks also came from Sam Handler's grandson, Dan Kennedy.

Vaughan Mayor Lorna Jackson brought greetings on behalf of her municipality, where construction is expected to begin later this summer on Reena's $7.5 million Toby and Henry Battle Development Centre.

The Clark Avenue centre will house day programs, a creative arts studio, kosher kitchen and drop-in activities for people with developmental disabilities.

Reena chair Hy Eiley touched on the organization's plans for restructuring. Those include more and earlier consulting with families, longer-range planning and eliminating Reena's long waiting list.

Dinner co-chairs Marshall Gottlieb and Ron Hoffman took the audience through a mini-history of Reena, which opened its first group home in 1975. Three years later, government funding came through and Reena was off and running.

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101ST BIRTHDAY

Rose Stern (left) recently celebrated her 101st birthday, with a special visit from United Jewish Appeal. Stern and her sister Alys Segall, 95, received UJA Golden Givers certificates. The two women, originally from Britain, live together in a North York apartment. Segall says her sister used to be a prolific reader, but cannot concentrate as much anymore, although she is still aware of her surroundings. [Stephen Epstein photo]

Teens prepare for Israel trip

PARRY SOUND, Ont. — Jewish teens from small Ontario communities toured an ulpan, a kibbutz, the Western Wall, an absorption centre, and a cafe on Dizengoff Street in Tel Aviv this month with passports in hand.

However, you usually don't need a passport to get to Maple Lake Lodge in Parry Sound, Ont.

The 28 teens were preparing for an upcoming five-week Israel trip as part of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, High School Outreach Program.

At the make-believe ulpan checkpoint, Congress executive member Reva Sober dispensed some handy Hebrew phrases. Senior educational consultant Gary Levine served drinks and discussed Israeli politics in his role as a Dizengoff cafe owner.

Volunteer Devorah Levine, as director of an absorption centre, related some of the difficulties encountered by newcomers to Israel. Gary Levine switched roles to portray an observant Jew at the Western Wall discussing Judiasm.

Following her Israel trip on the lodge's grounds, 17-year-old Caterina Carpino of Sudbury said "I am looking forward to the real thing when we journey to Israel in July."

She said during the past year she learned a lot about Judaism and Israel. "As a result of my participation [in the outreach program], I now better appreciate my Jewish heritage, and Israel as our homeland."

Congress is committed to preserving and strengthening Jewish life throughout the province's smaller Jewish centres. The High School Outreach Program enables teens to bond with others with similar experiences.

Danielle Sperling of Barrie (left) and Caterina Carpino of Sudbury were among participants in the kallah program. [Susan Jackson photo]

The program runs on a three-year cycle providing comprehensive education about Judaism. Instruction is provided by CJC staff through home visits, community meetings and mailings. Each year, participants come together for two kallot featuring educational and recreational programs.

During the third year, attention is focused on Israel's past, present and future in preparation for the five-week Israeli summer experience. While in Israel, the teenagers study Hebrew, work on a kibbutz, spend time in the army, experience Shabbat, and tour the country.

Amy Malowitz, 17, of Windsor said her involvement in the program was an opportunity for her "to get connected" for the first time with Canadian Jewish teenagers. Most of her friends reside across the border in Detroit.

Randie Cartman, who had taken part in the CJC program as a participant and later a volunteer, was introduced as the program's new coordinator. A native of Montreal who grew up in Sudbury, Cartman is a York University graduate who worked as coordinator of Congress' regional Summer Camp Program in 1992.

More information about the next cycle of the program beginning in September can be obtained by contacting Susan Jackson or Randie Cartman at (416) 635-2883.

Bible study getting short shrift

By PHIL FINE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The five books of Moses get star billing in Jewish elementary schools but short shrift in yeshivot and adult study groups.

That's the message a university academic gave a shul audience here recently.

Dr. Martin Lockshin, professor of Jewish studies at York University, told a capacity crowd at Adath Israel Synagogue that Bible study may still be central to Jewish education — but it is studied only in the elementary grades.

"In most classical Jewish circles, adults are not getting stimulation out of the five books of Moses but out of the Talmud," Lockshin said.

Indeed, in the yeshiva world, he noted, the Chumash has become an object of veneration, not of study. Moreover, "Torah" itself has come to mean Mishna, Talmud and their many accumulated layers of commentary.

"We have so much Judaism which has been built up over the years that the Torah itself does not have the centrality it once had," Lockshin told his listeners.

Lockshin recalled that during his own yeshiva days, he and his study partner would get strange looks from other students for devoting time to the study of Bible.

Why the apparent decline in Bible study?

Religious competition is one reason, he said. The rise of Christianity forced Judaism to emphasize those things — Mishna, Talmud — which made Jewish belief different, Lockshin said.

Lockshin also noted that Rashi, who wrote the definitive commentary on the Chumash, had himself called for less emphasis on Bible and more emphasis on Talmud.

"Rashi was suggesting children's time would be better spent studying Jewish texts other than the Bible."

Turning to Jewish unity, Lockshin said the many splinter movements in Judaism today present less of a threat to Jewish survival than the apathy of Jews themselves.

"The real crisis is the vast number of Jews in the world for whom the fact they are Jewish is a matter of indifference," Lockshin noted.

"The fact they are Jewish is something like the fact they are, say, a brunette."

Judaism, Lockshin continued, has always managed to rid itself of negative elements and would not fail to do the same with splinter groups which threaten it today.

Indeed, over the centuries, he pointed out, such splinter groups as the Essenes, the Sadducees and the Samaritans had come and gone.

In reply to one questioner, Lockshin said Judaism's purpose was to engage the intellect — not leave the individual with a smattering of good feelings.

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Organizations and People

BBC vice-president meets with eastern European Jews

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — During a recent two-week, three country tour of the Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary, Lyle Smordin, senior vice-president, B'nai Brith Canada, said he was pleased to see Polish students starting to visit Auschwitz.

Although Smordin wasn't there in an official B'nai Brith capacity, he and his wife Evita did meet with the executive director of the Czech Jewish Federation and spoke to a B'nai Brith lodge in Budapest.

Budapest, he reports, still has a Jewish population of 20,000-30,000. However, he describes the community as "cautious and fearful" despite conditions much improved over what they were under the Communist regime.

"They are reticent in dealing with government," he said. "They are worried about what the change in government will bring. (The first democratically elected government, a right-wing group with some anti-Semitic members, was recently beaten by the rejuvenated former Communists.) My sense is that many of them are interested in leaving with America or Canada rather than Israel their preferred destination. I think though that most will stay as long as there is no persecution although their numbers will continue to decline through attrition."

In Poland, the Smordins visited Krakow and the remains of its once thriving Jewish community — one synagogue and a state-operated museum in the old Jewish quarter.

First visit

While this was his first visit to Auschwitz, Evita, a Holocaust teacher at Winnipeg's Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate, had been there earlier in 1979. At that time, it was not organized. There were no descriptions or explanations. Now there are a lot of explanations and the brick buildings are each named for one of the many nations, including the Jewish people, whose members perished in the Holocaust, he said.

Smordin points out that Auschwitz was the holding camp for nearby Birkenau where the crematoria were. He reports there is little left of Birkenau. Poles for years came and removed the bricks for their own building needs.

In Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic, the Smordins found an officially registered Jewish community of 1,300 although the true number may be about 3,000. Smordin reports that the government is currently in the process of turning over ownership of the Jewish communal buildings to the community. With the exception of the Altneuschul, all were officially owned by the government. The community members had the same right of access to them as foreign tourists.

While in Prague, the Smordins were able to renew acquaintances with Boruch Rand, the first superintendent of the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education when it was formed in 1980. Rand now divides his time between Toronto and Prague organizing joint ventures between Canada and the Czech Republic.

In general, the Smordins found the synagogue and Jewish organizations they visited in Budapest and Prague populated mainly by older people. "It isn't so different than what we see in Canada," he said.

From left, Dr. John Semple, Sharon Hampson, Mary Cousins, Monica Wright-Roberts and Dr. Roy Clark participated in Breast Cancer — The Up Side, a symposium sponsored by Toronto Hadassah-WIZO and the Canadian Breast Cancer Society.

Hampson speaks out on breast cancer

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — At 51, Sharon Hampson is the picture of vitality and style. As keynote speaker at a recent symposium on breast cancer, Hampson took the podium dressed in a sunny yellow blazer, flowing asymmetrically-hemmed skirt and black lace-up boots. Her frequent smile belied the nervousness she said she felt at her still unfamiliar speaking role. (She spoke publicly about the disease for the first time only last November.)

Hampson, who makes up one-third of the children's trio Sharon, Lois and Bram, was at Beth Shalom Synagogue to speak about her six-year experience as a breast cancer patient. The forum, entitled Breast Cancer — The Up Side, was co-sponsored by Toronto Hadassah-WIZO and the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

Hampson was joined by panelists Dr. Roy Clark, radiation oncologist; Dr. John Semple, plastic reconstructive surgeon; and Mary Cousins, research dietician.

Moderator for the evening was Monica Wright-Roberts, breast cancer survivor and author of *Side by Side*, a booklet which details specific ways in which friends and family can help cancer patients. (The publication is available through the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.)

Clark began the evening on a positive note by commenting on the number of healthy-looking patients he saw in the audience, some of whom he had first treated over 20 years ago.

"If you're going to get cancer, this is one of the better ones to get," he said.

It has been estimated that in Canada in 1993 about 16,300 women developed breast cancer and 5,400 women died of the disease, Clark said. Breast cancer is the leading killer of women between the ages of 35 and 55, he noted.

An increase in the incidence of breast cancer of 1.5 per cent per year over the past decade may be partly due to better screening and earlier diagnosis, he said. The latter has led to an 87 per cent survival rate after five years, he added.

Clark urged women over 50 to be screened at an Ontario Breast Screening Program centre. There is no charge for the service and a doctor's referral is not necessary.

Standard treatment has changed in recent years, Clark said. Lumpectomy and irradiation confined to the breast have become the preferred treatments for most women with localized breast cancer, he explained.

Semple, the plastic reconstructive surgeon, noted that there are still a number of women who have mastectomies. Breast reconstruction is an option for them, he said, adding that "we don't try and push it on anybody."

The most common method of breast reconstruction — albeit not suitable for all patients — involves using the patient's own abdominal tissue, Semple said. Other methods include implants, but not controversial silicone gel implants, which have been banned in Canada.

Many patients have breast reconstruction at the same time as their mastectomy, said Semple. Women can thus "go to sleep with a breast and wake up with a breast," although nipple reconstruction is done at a later date.

He stressed that "although we can reconstruct a reasonable facsimile of a breast, it should by no means make breast cancer more acceptable."

Because a high-fat diet is suspected as a breast cancer risk factor, Cousins explained how to follow Canada's Food Guide, which was revised in 1992 to reflect the changing needs of Canadians.

The easiest way to calculate the proper proportions for a meal, said Cousins, is to remember that when you're looking at your plate, two-thirds of the food should consist of starch, grains, fruit and vegetables. One-third can be made up of protein, and added fat should be limited, she said.

She advised keeping a record of food intake to determine the sources of fat in your diet. "It's the most powerful tool nutritionists suggest," she said.

Risky habits, particularly for women, include "eating a meal while preparing a meal," and eating a large meal shortly before bedtime.

Although Hampson didn't fall into a high-risk category, she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1988 and underwent a lumpectomy. A recurrence in February 1993 necessitated a second lumpectomy, a course of radiation and treatment with tamoxifen pills. According to Canadian statistics, 70 per cent of women developing breast cancer have no risk factors.

"This happens to other people," Hampson remembers thinking.

The most difficult part of her ordeal was [the thought of] telling her parents and children, she said. A friend of hers suggested that she let her husband tell their children and let her sister tell their parents in order to "let them have a chance to have their reactions without controlling their emotions for your benefit.

"What I needed was really positive vibes," she said.

Hampson's work played an important role in her recovery. "In many ways work was my salvation, and luckily for me, people clap for me when I do it," she said. "Clap for people who are down," she urged. "It's restorative."

Hampson's experience with breast cancer taught her that she must act as her own advocate, she said. "I believe it's crucial for us to inform ourselves about our options," she said.

One of her most difficult lessons was "recognizing the need to take care of myself." In order to balance treatment, emotional strain, home, family and workload, "it's important to recognize our own needs and express them," she said.

"I know I am fortunate," says Hampson.

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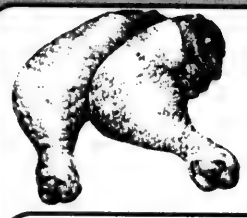

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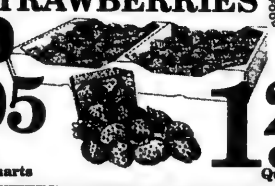

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Leah Posluns Theatre's seventh annual Basya Hunter Play Reading Series focusing on plays by Canadian, American and Israeli playwrights, continues with a play selected from seven award-winning Israeli plays that have recently been translated into English. Play reading takes place 7:30 p.m., Leah Posluns Studio Theatre. Free to the public. For reservations, box office, 630-6752.

Wednesday, July 6

ABOUT PROZAC

Jay Ingram, previous host of CBC's *Quirks and Quarks* will be speaking on Has the Media Attention on Prozac Diminished the Public's Understanding of the Significance of Depression? at the Manic Depressive Association of Metropolitan Toronto meeting, 7:30 p.m., 40 Orchard View Blvd., Room 224A. No admission charge. Everyone welcome. For information about support groups, 486-8046.

PRINCIPALS HONORED

The Toronto Board of Jewish Education's Supplementary School Principals Council recently met at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue to honor four colleagues who are leaving their positions at the end of 1993-94 school year. Ira Schweitzer (centre), Council chair and education director of Temple Sinai Religious School, presented certificates of appreciation to the four for their valuable contributions to the Toronto Jewish educational community. Shown with him above are (from left) Jack Israeli, Beth Tzedec Congregational School; Ziona Rubinsztejn, United Congregational Schools; Nadine Warren, Temple Kol Ami Religious School; and Bob Tornberg, Holy Blossom religious School. [Joan Schoenfeld photo]

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LIBRARY FILMS

Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton W. offers three films — *Antonio Vivaldi in Venice, Arturo Toscanini Conducting the Music of Giuseppe Verdi* and *Wagner E Venezia*, 1:30 p.m. Admission free.

And What Else Is New...

SUMMER MUSIC AT BETH TIKVAH

Come and enjoy two programs of music at Beth Tikvah Summer Music III. The first concert, Wednesday, July 27, 8 p.m., features lyric soprano **Rosemarie Danziger**; clarinetist **Avraham Galper**; and pianist **Brahm Goldhammer** in a program ranging from Yiddish and Israeli song to the operatic music of **Gounod** and **Mozart**. The second concert, Wednesday, August 17, 8 p.m., with clarinetist **Peter Stoll**, and pianist **Tania Lee Osmond** includes **Leonard Bernstein's** *Sonata for Clarinet and Piano* as well as music by **Brahms, Debussy, Rossini** and **Glick**.

Price is $5 at the door. Concerts take place at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave.

SPECIALTY NURSES NEEDED

Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in Jerusalem is in desperate need of experienced nurses for the Intensive Care Unit in its new Comprehensive Heart Institute, for respiratory, cardiac and open heart patients, and in the Operating Room for open heart surgery procedures. The Medical Centre will provide round trip tickets, housing, uniforms, meals and some financial compensation for those nurses making a commitment of at least 11 months. For additional information, contact **Leah Radian**, director of Nursing Services, Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, P.O. Box 3235, Jerusalem 91031; fax 011-972-2-513946.

SUMMER NEWS FROM SOLEL

At Solel Congregation, Mississauga, during July and August, small tutorials are available for students requiring extra help. An enriched Grade 7 and 8 Hebrew program will be offered in the fall. Regular services for July will be on Friday evenings at 8:30, with family services July 8 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. There will be no Saturday services. In August, services will be as follows — family services Friday, August 5 and 19, 7:30 p.m.; regular services Friday, August 12 and 26, 8:30 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. For information, (905) 820-5915.

B'NAI BRITH GOLF TOURNAMENT

B'nai Brith Foundation's second annual golf tournament takes place Thursday, August 18, at Lionhead Golf and Country Club. For information, 633-6224.

BEACH HEBREW INSTITUTE

Beach Hebrew Institute is holding weekly Saturday morning services commencing at 9:30 a.m. throughout July and August. Visitors are welcome to attend and participate in the service.

SUNDAY SERENADES

For music and dancing under the stars — big band, jazz, Dixieland, Broadway, classical and contemporary, be sure to attend the Sunday Serenades free concerts, July 3 to Sept. 4, 7:30-9 p.m. at Mel Lastman Square. For information and concerts line-up, call Hotline, 395-7350.

SUMMER SERMONS PROGRAM

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation continues its summer sermons program with **Miriam Schneid-Ofseyer** (July 2); **Harvey Ross** (July 9); **Max Goody** (July 16); **Edward Yuditsky** (July 23); **Esther Rodzynek** (July 30); **Amy Reinsilber** (August 6); **Leonard Golberg** (August 13); **Mark Gryfe** (August 20); **Sam Pasternack** (August 27).

KIDS' TUESDAYS

From noon to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays in July and August (except July 12), Nathan Phillips Square at Toronto City hall is the place to bring children for quality entertainment and lots of fun. There are also warm-up acts that include plate spinners, acrobats, contortionists, trampoline shows, puppet shows, rope twirlers and much more.

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY

The Community Integration Program seeks Canadian families to reach out to recently-arrived Jewish families from the former Soviet Union. Join the Family-to-Family Program. Be an important link for a Russian family and help them discover their Jewish heritage. This is an opportunity to develop a special friendship with a Jewish Russian family. At present there are many families from the former Soviet Union waiting to join this program. Call **Selena Kovshoff** at the CIP office at the JCC, 636-1880, ext. 261.

APPRECIATION

Downtown Jewish Community School's principal Joan Schoenfeld (left) recently presented an appreciation award to outgoing president Enid Slack in recognition of her valued leadership as school president for the past two years and her continuing contributions and involvement. The DJCS, located in the JCC Bloor Y, is celebrating its 15th anniversary year and now offers a newly expanded high school program for students in Grades 8-13. For information, 924-6211. [Rick Zolkower photo]

BAYCREST SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds Shacharit services weekdays, 8:30 a.m. and Mincha and Maariv 6 p.m. Shabbat services are at 9 a.m. preceded by Talmud studies with **Gershon Samonovits** at 8 a.m. For information, call **David**, 256-1600.

FILMS FOR CHILDREN

Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W., is offering Wednesday afternoon films for children 5-8 years of age. Time is 2 p.m. Call the library, 393-7706, for information.

BAYCREST VOLUNTEERS

Are you pounding the pavement looking for a summer job? Don't close the door on volunteering! Baycrest Centre offers unique opportunities. Gain leadership skills, work-related experience and contribute to your community. Days and hours are felxible to work around your summer schedule.

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For information on both these and other volunteer opportunities at Baycrest, call the Volunteer Department, 785-2850.

ORILLIA COUNTRY SHUL

This is the fourth summer services are being conducted at Orillia Country Shul. Visitors from Orillia, Barrie, the Muskoka area, as well as Toronto are welcome. Services will be conducted by **Irv Mudrick**, July 2; **Rabbi Danny Gottlieb**, July 9; **Cantor Tom Schwartz**, July 16; **Rabbi Joel Wittstein**, July 23; **Harvey Hecker**, July 30; **Rabbi Yaacov Palatnik**, August 6; **Stuart Hytman**, August 13; **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein**, August 20; **Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld**, August 27. For directions and information, (705) 327-7069.

NEED A PROGRAM?

Need a provocative and stimulating program for your club or group? The Awareness Project Players of Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living are seniors who present plays and discussions on elder abuse. Call **Sheila Zane**, 225-2112.

JF&CS SUMMER GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service summer groups include —

Widows/Widowers — discuss coping with grief, living alone, changing relationships and new beginnings. Begins Wednesday, July 27

Living With Your Teenagers — discuss communication, realistic expectations and independence. Begins Wednesday, July 27.

For information concerning fees and registration, **Pat Leiberman**, 638-7800.

PIANIST WANTED

A singing-dancing variety group in the process of being formed is looking for a volunteer pianist to join the group. Group will be affiliated with North York Seniors Centre. Anyone interested, contact **Miriam Schott**, 398-4752 or **Murray Zaidman**, 226-2747.

REENA VOLUNTEERS

There are many ways in which volunteering for Reena can be a rewarding and challenging experience — PAL-unteers (work one-on-one with

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an individual with a developmental handicap); home-buddies (visit and help out in one of Reena's many group homes); recreation and leisure volunteers (escort people with a developmental handicap to various classes/events and assist the class instructor); administrative volunteers (share office skills to support staff); family friends (invite an individual with a developmental handicap who may not have a family of his/her own, to participate in family activities/special dinners); speakers' bureau (people from all walks of life, with a variety of skills, speak to groups on behalf of Reena).

For information, **Arlene Margolese**, coordinator of Volunteer Services, 787-9554, ext. 3036 or 787-0131.

at the JCC

Intermediate and advanced Israeli dancing continues at the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch throughout the summer Wednesdays, 8-11 p.m. **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

Limited space is still available in the JCC Bloor Y branch's summer day camps — half-day Summer Fun for ages 3-5; Summer Fun for ages 4½-10; (new) Summer Fun Plus, Creative Arts Camp for ages 9-12 and Gymnastic Camp (August 29-Sept. 2) for ages 8-10 and 10-14. All camps are located at the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. Call 924-6211 for more information.

There's Israeli dancing on the roof every Monday, 8 p.m., at the JCC Bloor Y branch with instructor/choreographer **Marco Ben-Shimon**. Cost $5. For information, **Lindsay**, 924-6211,or **Marco**, (905) 771-0363.

for seniors

A Time for Me is a unique personal growth workshop for seniors over 55. Meet with others and discover strategies which will help you look at life in new and rewarding ways. Co-sponsored by Jewish Family & Child Service, Senior Care, Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, Baycrest Centre, with support from Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. Runs for eight weeks. **Ann Gleberzon**, 635-2883, ext. 800.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club, seniors 50 plus, is looking for new members. Join now, July to July or January to January. Annual membership fee is $12. Here's what the club has going — trips, dances, line dancing, ballroom dancing, bridge, fitness, yoga, bingo, mah jong, woodworking shop, shuffleboard, movies and much more. So, "come in please and go out pleased." For information, call **Espie** now, 395-7881. Club president is **Max Lazer**.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club reports that an orientation meeting is being planned for the November trip to Israel that includes a London show tour. Reservations are being taken for the two Stratford trips — *Twelfth Night* Sept. 29, and *Cyrano de Bergerac* Oct. 18. For information on trips and all activities, call **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. The Golden Book is a great way to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

LZA Seniors Club is taking registration for the day cruise on Lake Simcoe, Wednesday, August 24, and the Stratford trip to see *Pirates of Penzance* Oct. 12. For information, phone **Libby** 782-2059 or **Belle** 633-5841. Discussion Group continues to meet Tuesdays 10 a.m. and Ladies Dance Group Tuesdays 1 p.m. The next luncheon meeting is Wednesday, July 13, 11:30 a.m. at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Senior Adult Services, Jewish Community Centre North Y branch has arranged a trip to the Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills August 9-15. Call **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). The movie *Mrs. Doubtfire* is being screened June 30. For information, 661-4689 or 783-9453.

Listen to the Aging Network airing important senior issues and nostalgia segments on radio CIUT, 89.5 FM, Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to noon.

Young at Heart Seniors is starting the second bus for the 10-day Catskills trip to Pines Hotel August 5-14. Cost $975 same as last year except for medical. Also, going to the Washington Holocaust Memorial and tour Oct. 16. Package deal $484 Canadian (double occupancy) including bus and four nights at Ramada Plaza Hotel. **Doreen** or **Helen** 635-6343.

Funtime Seniors invites you to enjoy the musical, *The Music Man*, and a cruise Tuesday, July 19, and a tour to Clarenceville (near Montreal) Sept. 16-17. Call **Sylvia** 730-0503.

Sunrise Group has arranged a shopping trip to Buffalo, Tuesday, July 5, $20; a two-day trip to Windsor Casino, July 6-7, $99; trip to Montreal and Quebec City July 17-21. For details, **Esther** 223-9165 or **Sonia**, (905) 889-9436.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

The Lifelong Learning Institute's evening music appreciation course, From Romanticism to Reality: 19th Century European Opera, with musician/composer **Morton Silverstone** has been extended for four more classes, Wednesday June 29 to Wednesday, July 20, 7:30 p.m. There is a charge of $1 for non-members. Registration required. Course is in partnership with North York Board of Education Continuing Education. For information, **Bookie Kwart**, 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. For information, **Anna**, 225-2112.

About People

REENA AWARD WINNERS

Two Torontonians with a developmental handicap received special honors from Reena. **Phil Lepofsky** and **Paul Cantlie** each received the Employee of the Year Award at Reena's recent annual general meeting held at Baycrest Terrace/Wagman Centre. They were honored for contributions made to their individual employers — Lepofsky for his six-year commitment to Mr. Leonard, a women's apparel manufacturer, and Cantlie to the Canadian Tire store at Lawrence Square. This is the 10th year that Reena has honored clients with this award. To date more than 18 men and women have received the award.

AJL OFFICERS

At its recent annual meeting, the Association of Jewish Libraries (AJL) elected **Edmond Y. Lipsitz** as its president. Other officers elected were **Rachel Fain**, vice-president; **Rabbi Zigmund Wolkenstein**, immediate past president; **Barry Walfish**, national AJL liaison; **Bernard Katz**, treasurer; **Carol Payne**, secretary; **Joseph Berkovits**, membership; **Beverley Birkan, Rosemary Cohen** and **Zina Glassman**, program; **Lynn Pasternak**, publicity and public relations.

At the meeting, **Walfish**, from the **University of Toronto Libraries**, gave a talk on The Resurrection of a Library-History on the Judaica Collection of the Ukraine, based on his recent trip to Russia and Kiev.

HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Wendy Kline, a resident of Toronto and a second-year student of Yeshiva University's Wurzweiler School of Social Work in New York City, has received the 1994 Humanitarian Award from Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children. The award is given to recognize and honor students working at the hospital who have consistently demonstrated compassion and humanitarianism to children and their families. Kline, who is enrolled in Wurzweiler's Block Plan which allows students to complete degree requirements for the master of social work degree in three summers of study in New York City while working for social service agencies during the academic year, has done her field placement in the hospital's cardiac program since September 1993.

PLENARY ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENT

Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) president **Irving Abella** has announced the appointment of **Goldie Hershon** as chair of the 1995 National Plenary Assembly to be held at the Bonaventure Hilton Hotel in Montreal, May 14-15.

Hershon is presently a CJC national vice-president and a member of the Quebec region executive, officers and community relations committees. Most recently she co-chaired the CJC 75th anniversary committee. In 1989 she became the first woman to serve as chair of the Quebec region. She has been active in Soviet Jewry lobbying efforts, a member of the Federation CJA board of trustees, co-chair for the 1989 Combined Jewish Appeal Super Sunday, a recipient of the CJA Chairman's Award, and a member of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal.

The Plenary steering committe has already begun meeting. **Sharon Wolfe** will serve as programming chair.

USDS EXECUTIVE

At its recent annual corporation meeting, United Synagogue Day School elected the following executive committee members — **Eileen Silver**, president; **David Engel**, executive vice-president; **Geoffrey Bledin, Jill Reitman** and **Renee Schachter**, vice-presidents; **Kathryn Cooper**, secretary; **Sheldon Gold**, treasurer. **Ira Schecter** is immediate past president. USDS, is housed in three campuses, under the leadership of **Solomon Kaplanski**, its director of education, and **Steven Hacker**, administrator.

OUTSTANDING GYMNAST

Local teenager **Justin Maurice Gerson** placed second of 31 of Canada's top gymnasts at the Canadian National Championships held in Prince Edward Island recently and has been appointed to his age group's National Team which will be competing in the forthcoming Commonwealth Games. In 1993 the 16-year-old won both a gold and bronze medal at the Maccabi games in Israel.

Justin was born in Johannesburg, South Africa and arrived in Toronto with his family in 1980 at the age of two.

NIF FUNDRAISER

Pictured at the Toronto Jewish Film Festival's Good Evening, Mr. Wallenberg, a fundraiser for the New Israel Fund of Canada's Civil Liberties Law Program in Israel, are (from left) Maurice Green, president, New Israel Fund of Canada; Helen Zukerman, vice-president, New Israel Fund of Canada and producer of Toronto Jewish Film Festival; Carol Younes, New Israel Fund Civil Liberties Law Fellow; Prof. Irwin Cotler.

BONDS TRIBUTE

Pictured at a recent cocktail reception held at the Bank of Montreal offices in Toronto in advance of the State of Israel Bonds tribute luncheon honoring Bank of Montreal CEO Matthew Barrett are (from left) Brian Steck and Peter Munk, co-chairs tribute committee; Matthew Barrett; Itzhak Shelef, ambassador of Israel to Canada; Israel Bonds co-chair Mike Florence; Alex Grossman, chairman of the board; and Mendel Green, executive board member. Tribute luncheon took place June 24 at the Sheraton Centre Hotel, 123 Queen St. W.

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SINGLES EVENTS

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The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

The Largest Singles Weekend In Canada! Metro Toronto Singles presents our seventh annual Clevelands House Resort Weekend in Muskoka, Aug. 25-28. Meet singles from across Canada and the U.S. ! Two and three-day packages available Early bird price till August 2nd. Call 222-7111

Back To Camp!--A Real Indian Summer! Mark & Ari invite you BACK TO CAMP! Labour Day Weekend, All Inclusive, All Activities!**All Meals, Beer & Wine, All Activities One Low Price $199.99!!!** Held at Beautiful Camp White Pine (Where Meatballs was filmed.) If you loved camp, you'll love going Back To Camp! September 3rd to 5th, we're taking over the Entire Camp! Call the hot line for information 416-733-1419. Book early to avoid disappointment. Couple cabins and group camper cabins available. Call Raquel Benzacar at The Travel Network to book 416-789-3271.

Cassino Place Dance. Sat. 8-1 Sandw, coffee & tea. $10-$7 before 8. DJ + live band. Ballroom dance Fri. & Sun. $11. First hour free dance lesson. Free hot meal, coffee & tea. 72 Steeles Ave. W. at Yonge (905) 886-2810.

Floating Jewish Singles (Ages 40-65) Oneg Shabbat Friday July 8th Temple Sinai Synagogue Bathurst & Wilson 8 p.m. Refreshments following services. Bring a friend(s)

Jewish Community Centre Toronto New Leadership Program presents its **6th annual Tu B'av Festival Party** Thursday July 28th, 7:30p.m. outdoor field North Y Branch, 4588 Bathurst St. featuring **Rick Levine Band and Times Square Entertainment Group** . COR BBQ, vendor booth, **Allan Nackan magician, Sylman Photographers, video by Video Affairs** and fabulous door prizes including Danier Leather outfit, 2 tickets to a major musical play, etc. $18 in advance, $25 at gate. For info./ tickets call 636-1880 ext. 358. This is the largest singles fund raising party in Toronto attracting over 1,100 people.

Mark and Ari invite you to...Climb Aboard Captain John's. Saturday July 9, 1994, 9:00 p.m. 1 Queens Quay West (at the foot of Yonge St.) Great D.J. Dance Music, Door Prizes, Surprises. Admission $12.00 (Advance/Door). Advance Ticket Holders Do Not Wait In Line! Order an advance ticket today from Ticketmaster 416-870-8000. Ari Huber, Mark Brodkin Hotline 416-733-1419.

Metro Toronto Singles presents our annual Canada Day Long Weekend Party at the **Baha Beach Club** 277 Front St. in front of the Skydome. Thursday June 30th at 8 p.m. Cover $10. Door prize a pair of tickets for Pink Floyd concert. Call 222-7111 for info.

VIEWPOINTS meets Thurs. July 7 Beth Tzedec. Round table discussion. Topics: (1) Hurry to Wed; (2) Sexual Harassment. Refresh. 7:30. Discuss. 8:00. $5.00 . Call 781-9245

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Golf tourney inspired by heart condition

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Of the six guys on the executive organizing committee, only one is named Moe and the song and dance they do hasn't yet made it to Broadway. But the six friends not all named Moe have found their own claim to fame.

Together they have parlayed their interest in cardiac research into a highly successful summertime fundraising event.

Jeff "Moe" Morrison, and the Moe wannabees — Alan Bloch, Cary Green, Maurice Kagan, Jack Szymkowicz and Brett Tkatch — are the men behind this year's fourth annual Moe Classic golf tournament/extravaganza that raises thousands for heart research.

This year's tournament, which has all the earmarks of the most successful yet, is scheduled for July 7 at the Aurora Highlands Golf Club. Weeks in advance of the starting date, the tournament/fundraiser was fully subscribed with 152 participants and another 100 hopefuls on a waiting list. In addition, 200 corporate sponsors — from A & P Stores to Woodley's Jewellers — have signed on for this year's Classic.

With each golfer expected to ante up $125 as well as sell a book of raffle tickets worth $150, organizers expect to raise more than $50,000 to benefit pediatric cardiac research through the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario.

In 1992, its first year of existence, the Classic raised a modest $8,200, but that jumped to $33,000 last year, exceeding organizers' expectations of $25,000.

This year, interest was so high that "it was like a Barbra Streisand ticket," said Morrison.

Advertised mostly through word of mouth, the event has grown in large measure because "there is not one nickel of overhead," Green said.

Corporate sponsors provide a wealth of prizes and specialty services like printing, as well as food and beverages, Morrison said.

Perhaps the most enticing aspect of the event is the warm feeling and welcoming attitude at the Classic, said Kagan.

The idea for the tournament originated with Morrison several years ago.

"I had a heart attack when I was 30 and a second when I was 33. At 34 I had quadruple bypass surgery."

While Morrison was lying in a hospital bed recovering from his ailments, down the hall Ester Kagan, Maurice's wife, was undergoing her own cardiac crisis. After she gave birth to daughter Danielle, now 3½, doctors discovered an aortic aneurism that proves fatal in 95 per cent of cases when it's untreated as long as hers was, she said.

Ester underwent successful open-heart surgery and now "my surgeon can't believe I'm alive. . . My doctor said I'm a walking miracle."

The Kagans' interest in heart research was given a further impetus two years later when, during a routine physical, Danielle was found to have a heart murmur. Employing a unique surgical technique, doctors at the Hospital for Sick Children repaired a tiny hole in her heart and Danielle is now an active, energetic child.

Morrison recalls that, "When I got out of hospital, I was amazed that I was out of pocket only $3 and I felt I wanted to give something back."

In addition, Morrison said, "I didn't want anyone to have to go through what I did at 34."

With the assistance of the six-man executive committee — friends who stood by him during his illness — he invited 23 people to the first Moe Classic. Through word of mouth and because of the excellent reputation the tournament has garnered, the Classic has continued to grow.

This year, organizers introduced a Mini-Moe Classic, a miniature golf event that attracted 275 children and raised $3,000.

For more information on the Moe Classic, call (416) 736-8436.

Women urged to study halachic process in depth

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritime Correspondent

HALIFAX — There is no reason that the same intellectual advances that women have found in the larger society, cannot also take place in the spiritual realm, a noted American teacher and writer said recently in Halifax.

Speaking in an interview after appearing at a scholar-in-residence weekend for the Beth Israel Synagogue, Tamar Frankiel strongly urged women to form classes and study groups to better their understanding of the halachic process.

Frankiel, a professor in history of western religion at Claremont School of Theology in California, spent three days in Halifax, addressing issues in Orthodox Judaism such as learning, prayer and relations between men and women.

Frankiel, who also spoke at the Sunday installation of Rabbi Shlomo Grafstein as spiritual leader of Beth Israel Synagogue, holds a PhD in History of Religion from University of Chicago. She has taught comparative religion and American religious history at Stanford University, Princeton, San Diego State, University of California at Berkeley and the University of Judaism.

Jayson Greenblatt, a past president of Beth Israel, said Frankiel showed women the idea that many of their restrictions did not come from God, but from men. "She suggested we could chip away at those feelings and set some loosening in the framework. And she emphasized that questioning is not forbidden."

Frankiel said women have the same obligation to pray twice a day as men and an obligation to understand. "You can certainly do as much as you can, can increase your sense of gratitude and joy and develop a closeness to God."

She emphasized women "could pray privately or let public davening assist you in carrying you forward in your prayer."

Frankiel said the dynamics between men and women are an important element of Judaism, and are basic to family and morality. Differences between men and women should be celebrated, she said.

"The general Judaic focus for women is the inward dimension of strengthening home and family, the foundation of Jewish life. The focus for men is the synagogue."

She considers herself a feminist. "I will assert that women should have a clear voice in what affects them."

She encouraged the congregation to support Rabbi Grafstein in his new job, "which is not an easy one. We all have the treasure box of Torah which can reveal so much to us. When you are not sure how to access that treasure box, the rabbi can solve problems in so many ways through Torah."

Rabbi Grafstein said his responsibility is to teach, enlighten and inspire.

Rosh yeshiva Rabbi David says goodbye to Toronto

By PHIL FINE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — For Rabbi Avishai David, it's a bittersweet time.

The 44-year-old New York City native is leaving the two Toronto schools — Or Chaim and Ulpanat Orot — which he has guided as rosh yeshiva for the past nine years.

But then again he's leaving to take up two new teaching jobs in Israel.

"I obviously have mixed emotions," he told a reporter during a farewell dinner at North York's Clanton Park Synagogue.

"But I feel a lot was accomplished in terms of connecting with students and exposing them to Torah. And the fact that we're making aliyah is obviously an exciting and challenging venture."

In Israel, Rabbi David will be teaching at Or Etzion, a hesder yeshiva in Mercaz Shapira, and at Michlalah, a girls school in Jerusalem.

At the Clanton Park dinner, students, staff and parents heaped praises upon Rabbi David for both his scholarship and the example he set for students.

Typical of the comments were those of Rabbi David Aronson, chair of the Or Chaim-Ulpanat Orot education committee.

"They learned Torah from him but more so, they absorbed the values of a committed Talmud chacham," said Aronson of Rabbi David's influence on his students.

"They learned education has value and illiteracy is not piety, and that both Eretz Israel and Medinat Israel have meaning for religious Jews."

Rafael Lipner, an Or Chaim graduate, praised what he said was Rabbi David's openness and approachability.

Lipner, who is now studying in New York, said he never failed to call on Rabbi David on visits to Toronto.

"Rabbi David, you have this aura about you — a.k.a. the or HaTorah," Lipner quipped.

Rabbi Moshe Stern, chair of the Vaad Harabanim of Ontario, said Rabbi David contributed to discussions of halachic matters.

"I feel with the departure of Rabbi David's mishpachah there will be a void and a vacuum in the community because he has made a valuable contribution to all that is good and right," Rabbi Stern said.

At evening's end, it was Rabbi David's turn to go to the podium.

"Baruch Hashem, the dream of aliyah is one I have had for many years and, B'ezrat Hashem, one I hope to realize," the bearded rosh yeshiva told his listeners.

Speaking in his characteristic quick fashion, Rabbi David praised both his colleagues and the Or Chaim-Ulpanat Orot administrative staff. He singled out students as well, saying they had been largely responsible for the schools' success.

Rabbi David also thanked the many guests who had turned out to honor both himself and his wife.

"I am grateful for all of you who have graced us with your presence," he said, visibly moved. "We have made many friends in this community."

The dinner was also an occasion to bid farewell to Rabbi Moshe Rachimi, who is returning to Israel after a five-year stint as principal of Ulpanat Orot.

"I am sure our kesher with Rabbi Rachimi will continue for many years to come," Dr. Yehudi Shields, an Ulpanat Orot board member, said at the beginning of the evening.

Rabbi Rachimi told the dinner that as principal he had striven to give students a deep understanding of both Torah and the secular sciences.

"The ultimate goal is to have a Jewish young man or woman live in the Jewish world with pride and in the secular world with dignity," Rabbi Rachimi said of the Or Chaim-Ulpanat educational philosophy.

Detroit native to teach Yiddish at U of T as Ray Wolfe Fellow

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — After singing in a 1981 community theatre production of *They Fought Back*, a play about Jewish resistance during the Holocaust, Ellen Kellman was inspired to take an intensive summer course in Yiddish at the YIVO Institute in New York.

"That was the beginning of a major commitment for me," she told *The CJN* during a recent interview in Toronto. Kellman was in town to arrange accommodation for the coming academic year, when she will be affiliated with the University of Toronto's Jewish Studies program as the 1994-95 Ray D. Wolfe Fellow. She will be teaching Yiddish language, literature and culture.

A native of Detroit, Kellman was working as an instructor of English as a Second Language in Seattle, Washington when her interest in Yiddish was sparked anew. Both her mother and her late father were native speakers of the language, having been born in White Russia.

Kellman's mother, Rebecca Oppenheim, was raised in London, Ontario, after immigrating as a child. As a young woman, she worked for the Detroit branch of the Yiddish newspaper, the *Forverts*. "She has sort of a passion for Yiddish. I think I picked up some of that from her," says Kellman.

Kellman's formal Yiddish education began at Detroit's Sholom

Ellen Kellman

Aleichem Institute, where she attended classes three times a week. She maintained a tenuous connection with the language as a young adult through her singing.

Kellman left Seattle in 1985 to pursue graduate studies in Yiddish at Columbia University in New York, and is currently working on her doctoral thesis on Popular Novels in the American Yiddish Press: 1900-1940. A self-confessed "language junkie," she has also studied Hebrew, German, French and Russian, and has been teaching Yiddish since 1987, most recently at Columbia University and the YIVO Institute.

"My Jewish identity starts with Yiddish," said Kellman.

The oldest existing Yiddish literature dates back to the 16th century, Kellman said. She noted, however, that its heyday as a modern literature was in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

"There is a great need for translators," said Kellman. "There's a vast literature that's totally untranslated, and a lot of material that wasn't translated so well needs to be retranslated."

Kellman mentioned that an anthology of stories by Yiddish women writers will be published in Toronto later this year. The book, entitled *Found Treasures*, includes never-before-translated short fiction and autobiography from the past century. Of the 20 writers, Kellman was familiar with the work of only about half a dozen, although she has studied Yiddish literature extensively. "That gives you a sense of all the material that has never been translated, and it is very worthwhile material," she said.

Kellman believes that Yiddish has a future as a spoken language. "It's alive in the ultra-Orthodox culture, and I think it will continue to flourish with them." She also noted that there are small groups of people in many countries who continue to speak Yiddish on a regular basis.

The recent resurgence of klezmer music has resulted in new songs being written in Yiddish, she added. "There's definitely a growing interest in the language."

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Organizations and People

Soberman's students pay tribute to mentor

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A portrait of dedication and caring emerged at a recent tribute service held in memory of Susan Soberman at the North York Board of Education building.

Soberman, a high school teacher and active volunteer in the Jewish community, died in April of a heart attack at the age of 48. Friends and colleagues organized the service, at which a dozen speakers shared their memories of Soberman and the impact she had made.

Some of the most poignant tributes came from former students, who were inspired as much by her work in the classroom as by the voluntary work with which she filled her free time.

Talia Klement, a student at York Mills Collegiate, received her "first real education on the Holocaust" from Soberman. Known as a pioneer in Holocaust education in North York, Soberman was an active member of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, of which she was a founding member, and of the Holocaust education committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

"She instilled in us the necessity of hard work and dedication, two things I will carry with me forever," said Klement. "She was adamant about learning for the sake of learning rather than for the marks. She was more than a teacher. She was an adviser, a confidante, a mentor and a friend."

"Susan was no phony," said Rosalie Blond, head of the English as a Second Language (ESL) department at York Mills. "She cared very deeply for her students. Some of the kids loved her and some didn't, but they all learned from her."

Reuven Jhriad, a former student and family practice resident who has become involved with inner city medicine, attributes his career focus to Soberman's influence and example. He first knew her as his teacher at Sir Sandford Fleming Secondary School almost a decade ago, when he took a course about the Holocaust.

At the time of Soberman's death, she had been teaching for almost 25 years. Among the courses she taught were English, Dramatic Arts, and ESL.

Karen Mock, national director of B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights, remembers Soberman as "sensitive, emotional and intense." The two women became close friends when they roomed together on the League's Holocaust and Hope study tour for educators in Germany, Poland and Israel.

Soberman later chaired the Holocaust and Hope educators' committee, a task for which she was well suited because of her "passion and commitment," Mock said.

"Susan stood for the eradication of hatred, bigotry and racism, and the hope for a safer and more tolerant world," said Elsa Chandler, North York Board of Education trustee.

Frank Bialystock, former chair of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto's Holocaust education sub-committee, said that Soberman "just wanted to do the work" rather than "grabbing the headlines."

"I came to understand that what drove Susan was a real commitment to human rights," Bialystock said.

"Her greatest legacy was the inspiration she fostered [in people] to get involved and not be a bystander," said former student Cathy Himelfarb, past president of the now-defunct Canadian Association for Ethiopian Jewry (CAEJ).

Soberman spent her summer vacations for the past decade teaching English to Ethiopian olim in Israel as a volunteer. She never went to Israel empty-handed, but took clothing, books and other supplies for the Ethiopian olim, noted Evelyne Keslassy, a member of the Ethiopian Jewry subcommittee of Canadian Jewish Congress. "Her goal for them was full integration with dignity, not just their physical needs."

Aside from her career and community work, Soberman's eclectic interests included Hollywood celebrities, prominent Jewish personalities, fine art, travel and family, said longtime friend Roz Lofsky. (Soberman is survived by her parents, Tillie and Cantor Morris Soberman, and her brother Allan.)

Soberman was "a very caring friend," said Lofsky. "No topic was too large or too small for Susan [to discuss]."

Peter Silverman, Canadian Society for Yad Vashem; John Ip, vice-principal, York Mills Collegiate; and Danielle Stein, a student at York Mills, also paid tribute to Soberman.

FORMER SOVIET DISSIDENT VISITS

Over 100 young Jewish leaders were at Governors Hill to hear an impassioned address by former Soviet dissident Leonid Feldman at the recent New Leadership State of Israel Bonds event entitled From Marx to Moses: One Man's Remarkable Odyssey. Rabbi Feldman, the first Soviet born Conservative rabbi, emphasized his recent experience on this year's March of the Living. Seen (from right) Dr. Howard Alter, New Leadership co-chair; Brenda Bloomstone, event chair; Rabbi Feldman; and Jordana Enig Stockhamer, New Leadership co-chair.

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Canadian Briefs

Teaching Judaism to Children

TORONTO — The great tragedy for the Jewish community in the latter part of the 20th century is the belief that Judaism can be transmitted through osmosis, says an American rabbi and teacher at University of Judaism in Los Angeles.

"The truth is, nothing substitutes for Judaism," said Rabbi David Wolpe. "Being charitable is not enough to preserve Judaism and building Holocaust museums is not enough to preserve Judaism."

Rabbi Wolpe, author of *Teaching Your Children About G-d*, was guest speaker at the recent Harry Posen Memorial Lecture and Siyum presented by the Institute for Jewish Learning. The evening was held in celebration of the end of the year of studies as well as the graduation of its inaugural chevra class.

He said parents are inclined to change the subject when their children talk about G-d. "Talking about G-d is more intimate than talking about sex, because when you talk about G-d we are talking about the stuff at the bottom of our souls and we like to keep our souls closed. Children deserve better than that."

Rabbi Wolpe conceded that talking about G-d is difficult and people often do not know what to say. "[G-d] is a lot like love — something greater than you that you can feel. You do not need to know answers though, you only need to open up and share on a level with children that is very deep."

— Carolyn Blackman

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CJC Western Conference

VANCOUVER — To mark the 75th anniversary of Canadian Jewish Congress, the Pacific region will host its first-ever Western conference Oct 22-23.

The conference will be funded in part by a grant from Multiculturalism B.C. A cheque for $5,000 has already been presented to regional chair Renee Switzer Bellas by Vancouver MLA Bernie Simpson. Other funding will come from the endowment fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver.

The theme of the conference will be And Justice For All. A variety of social justice and public policy issues, human rights and inter-ethnic issues will be addressed.

Speakers will represent senior levels of government, leaders of ethnic and religious communities and academia.

— Maurice Lucow

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Women's Bonds Luncheon

TORONTO — A prominent Holocaust survivor recently left many Israel Bonds supporters in tears as she recounted her story of survival.

Chris Lerman, whose husband Miles is chair of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, described a personal chronology of horror for the Toronto Women's Division of State of Israel Bonds, at a luncheon held at the home of Roma Buchman.

Lerman spoke of the "sacred obligation" required of all those who were listening, to "make sure Israel is economically and militarily strong" by purchasing Bonds.

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Teen Equestrian Top Jewish Athlete

WINNIPEG — Sixteen-year-old equestrian Shashawna Greenberg was awarded the Max M. Nusgart Memorial Award as the 1994 Manitoba Jewish Athlete of the Year at the recent 22nd annual YMHA Jewish Community Centre of Winnipeg Sports Dinner.

Greenberg, who is entering Grade 11 at Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate in September, began riding when she was seven and her mother put her on a horse. She has been competing since she was nine. Last year, she won the Winnipeg Horseman's Trophy and the Canadian Equestrian Trophy. She also won the overall Canadian Equestrian Federation junior amateur competition and was reserve champion in the junior hunter division.

In both cases, she was competing against riders who were older and more experienced. At the 1994 Brandon Winter Fair, she won four more titles competing against some of Western Canada's best riders.

One of the highlights of the dinner was a tribute to Sherman Greenfeld, Canada's top racquetball player.

— Myron Love

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Entertaining Seniors

TORONTO — Shula Robin is a super professional and a super volunteer.

For many years, Robin has successfully coordinated benefit concerts for Ezrath Nashim Hospital in Jerusalem. Now she has turned her efforts to entertaining seniors with her academic poetry and stories.

Until recently, no one outside her family knew that Robin is a talented poet and writer. But the founder of Robin's Artists Management received the Editor's Choice Award for Outstanding Achievement in Poetry from the National Library of Poetry in Owings Mills, Md.

Her poems have been published in Canadian and American anthologies as well as in magazines and newspapers. A manuscript of her poems has been submitted to a publisher.

Robin has teamed up with Gladys Aaron to present dramatic poetry readings at public libraries, senior residences and at private gatherings. They have presented programs at the Lifestyle Senior Residences and the Wagman Centre.

At the Holocaust Commemoration Program at the Beth Sholom Synagogue, Robin read some of her poetry and a short story about her family and the Jews of Poland. And at the Yom Hashoah program at the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress, Jeff Wener recited her poem *Why, Oh God, Why?*

Robin said her free flowing poetry deals with contemporary issues, her Jewish heritage and timeless subjects including love and romance, aging and family relations.

To contact Shula Robin for future bookings, call (416) 636-0781.

— Cynthia Gasner

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CHAT's Top Athletes

TORONTO — Daniel Bar-Dayan and Dena Weinroth were named athletes of the year at the recent fourth Annual CHAT Awards Ceremony.

The two Grade 12 students were recognized for their athletic accomplishments in a number of major interschool sports, said Lil Fox, co-ordinator of the school's athletic department.

Weinroth participated in girls basketball, volleyball and softball for four years and was the basketball team's MVP all four seasons, Fox said.

Bar-Dayan has been a mainstay of the basketball team for four years, being named MVP of the senior squad this year. He's also a member of the tennis and softball team and he plays intramural volleyball as well, Fox said.

CHAT's physical education department also recognized the talents of two Grade 12 students, Ruth Elnekave and Michael Bloom, with leadership awards. Elnekave ran the boys and girls tennis team, organized tryouts, picked and coached the teams. Bloom did the same with the cross-country (long distance running) and track teams, Fox said.

— Paul Lungen

Daniel Bar-Dayan

Dena Weinroth

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My Yiddishe Mommas

TORONTO — This city has a double version of "My Yiddishe Momma" in the persons of Selma Sage and Malcah Sufrin who sing traditional Yiddish melodies but also translate American folk songs like *Clementine* and *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling* into Yiddish.

While they usually only sing at family simchahs or parties for friends, Selma and Malcah crossed the border recently to sing at a standing-room-only fundraiser for Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley, Mass.

The idea for the fundraiser came from Jodi Sufrin, Malcah's daughter, who is the cantor at Temple Beth Elohim. Jodi was the first Conservative cantor ordained in Canada.

In fact, Selma and Malcah met through Jodi, who was on the faculty at Holy Blossom Temple when Selma came here from Boston to succeed Heinz Warschauer as its education director in 1977. Selma's daughter, Lois Sage, who sings at Disneyland, in Orlando, Florida, is also a professional vocalist.

Both women bring an interesting background to their roles in the *Yiddishe Mommas* duet. Selma, a professor at York University where she lectures in biblical history, was involved in Jewish education and had her own Jewish radio show in Boston. A pianist, she was musical director of the famous Harvard University Hasty Pudding Show, the oldest College theatrical in United States. Malcah, a vocalist, taught for 27 years at Forest Hill Collegiate, and was a member of the Leslie Bell Singers.

Malcah's husband, Mel, a former vice-president of Canadian Press, is director of the Ontario Press Council, while Selma's husband, Sam Siegelman, is a pharmacist. The two Yiddishe Mommas are also bubbies — they have seven grandchildren each.

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The Israel Cancer Research Fund is the only Jewish organization to host one evening of the Toronto visit of the Barnes Collection of Art.

When Dr. Albert Barnes worked as an M.D. in Philadelphia in the 1920's, the most common disinfectant was iodine. He developed mercurochrome as the first non-painful disinfectant. Much of the money he earned from it, he spent on art; his collection includes works by Matisse, Miro, Utrillo, Cézanne, Manet, Monet and Degas. He also gave free art lessons to the workers in his mercurochrome factory.

In the late 1920's he showed his collection, which he kept in his Philadelphia mansion, to the art critic of Philadelphia's leading newspaper. The critic panned not only the art, but also the mansion. Thereafter, Dr. Barnes allowed almost no one to see the collection, except a few artists whom he invited personally. Since his death, it has been open to the public a few days a week for limited hours. His will stipulated that it was not to travel.

Recently, when the money in the trust fund for the collection began to run out, the executors had this stipulation of the will temporarily lifted. On the collection's first tour, to Washington, London, Paris and Tokyo, millions stood in line to see it. Later, the will was again temporarily lifted for a tour to Dallas and Toronto. Gluskin, Sheff are sponsors of the Toronto visit.

ICRF's evening is on Sunday, September 18, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. The Exhibit is at the Art Gallery of Ontario until December 15.

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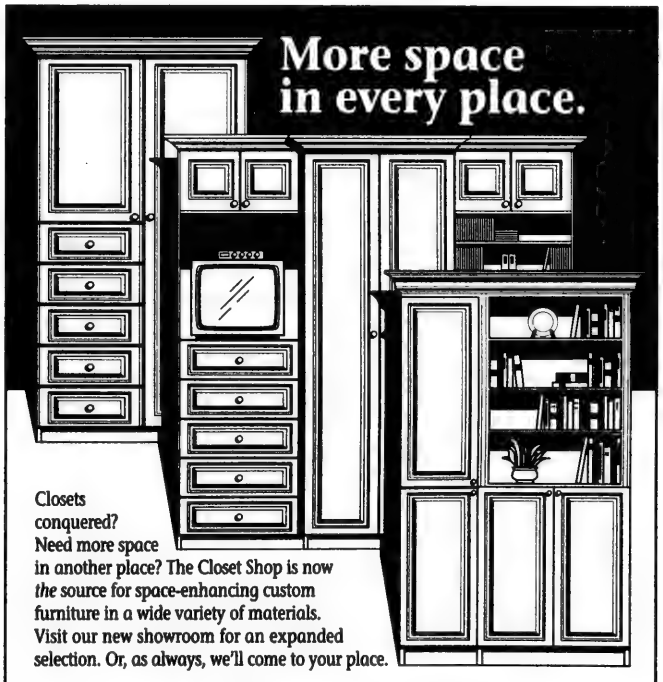

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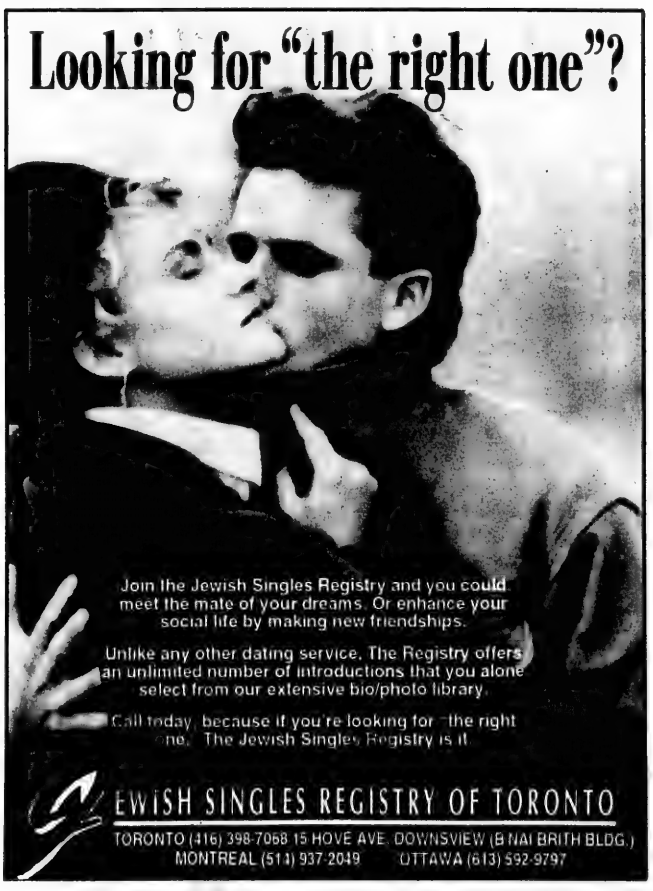
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Funtastikids offers fabulous family fun

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Relax. **Funtastikids** (the brainchild of sole owner Avi Hatuka) not only gives you the chance to participate with the "kinderlach", they **insist** on it. **Funtastikids**, you see, is not a day-care centre, but a giant indoor playground where parents share their children's fun and games. (If you're lucky, the kids will allow you an extra turn).

The centerpiece is a monster three-level play apparatus – the first of its kind in Canada – that includes a three-storey spiral slide, a ball pit, fun stairs, track glide, and other stations, all interconnected with tunnels and spheres. It's a fun way to develop motor skills and fitness; one go-round will have you ready for the army! All corners are rounded, heavily padded, and connected by flexible netting for the ultimate in safety.

Safety and security, in fact, are almost an obsession here. All activities are carefully supervised by trained staff members and monitored on closed-circuit television.

A skill game area includes two variations of mini-basketball for your budding "Raptors", as well as Skee Ball and other games. There's a well-padded toddler area for ages 1-3, and four quaintly-windowed party/meeting rooms that resemble little houses – an ideal setting for birthday parties, which can be kosher catered if desired.

Amenities include a seating area overlooking the playground, a full-service snack bar, and a shoe check.

The entire facility is awash with bright colours from floor to ceiling, with a fairy-tale look and feel that'll give it instant credibility with your kids. They'll never mistake it for a school, but they **can** learn here, from arts and crafts to friendly lectures by health professionals.

All this and more is available from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week for only $6.95 per child (parents or guardians free), and free in-house babysitting is provided for up to five children at a time. If you want to shop in the Promenade Mall directly across the parking lot, or run errands elsewhere while your children play, you can be given a pager and contacted when your children are finished. **Funtastikids** has also created the **Funtastic Value Passport**, which allows large families to realize considerable savings on the regular admission rate.

And you're greeted by a dinosaur mural that's the envy of Jurassic Park.

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Quasar Mode offerings bright and light as air

"Don't forget to smell the roses." Easier said than done. But **Quasar Mode**, Toronto's home of fabulous French fashions, has a sure-fire remedy: **wear** them. With a little help from Chacok's fabulous florals for spring '94, every glance in the mirror (and a spring shower of compliments) will remind you of the roses. And the dahlias (see the giant dahlia print below), the tulips, the daffodils and . . . business? What business?

Ah yes, business. Have no fear: these petals don't wilt in the boardroom. Rather, they gain in appeal, and may even (o miracle of miracles) help your colleagues smell the roses too.

But florals aren't all that's growing in the Quasar garden. Exclusive spring collections from Paris (Geneviève Tarka, Boa, Emmanuelle Khahn, Martine Douvier) and Milan (Mariella Burani) will carry you through the summer months with elegance and élan.

Many of Quasar's spring creations are so sheer that you can actually **layer** them and still shrug off the summer heat. Versatility is another keynote; most pieces carry effortlessly from day to evening. One example is a majestic orange sherbert ankle-length front-buttoned dress from Chacok in pure linen jersey. Is it day wear, or is it evening wear? You decide.

From Martine Douvier, there's a striking scarlet long linen jacket with loosely-knit raw silk sleeves, as well as elegant linen walking jackets with matching pants in amber, stone and olive.

From Boa, flounce print skirt with wraparound halter top

All the collections, in fact, reflect the zest for living with which Quasar Mode approaches the '90s. Rigid, structured garments are eschewed in favour of flowing shapes, and dull colour conventions are shunned with a passion unmatched on the Toronto fashion scene.

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Arts

Yiddish concert draws over 2,000

By HINDY NOSEK-ABELSON
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — They brought lawn chairs, blankets, picnics, umbrellas, families and friends.

In all, over 2,000 festive Yiddish devotees and "folk-fans" of all ages came out to the 15th annual Yiddish concert at Earl Bales Park on June 20. Mayor Mel Lastman presented the traditional greetings from North York, with a few funny asides in halting mame-loshen, and Jay Brodbar, associate director of Community Planning and Allocations, stressed Federation's continued commitment to Yiddish. Gerry Kane, chair of the Yiddish Committee, welcomed everyone, and Richard Bassett introduced the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band and Theresa Tova.

The audience was treated to close to two hours of musical pleasure.

The Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band featuring David Buchbinder, Laura Cesar, Jim Gelcer, Alex Luminsky, Paul Pacanowski, Allan Merovitz, and guest violinist Steve Greenman from Cleveland, were in top form. Admirably this group has broadened their repertoire beyond the usual "freilichs" generally associated with Klezmer music. Even the old standards were performed with unusual panache.

Merovitz gave a moving vocal rendition of *Friling* (Springtime) by the famous Yiddish songwriter and poet Shmerke Kacherginsky. A love song written during the Holocaust and scored in a defiant tango rhythm, it was first performed in the Vilna ghetto and definitely merits showcasing again. As does the old *Yam Lid* (Ocean Song), originally composed by Yehuda Halevi and subsequently translated into Yiddish by Chaim Nachman Bialik, sung by Buchbinder.

Tova, Gemini nominee from the award-winning television show ENG and famous diva around Toronto's major night spots, knows how to appeal to a crowd. Her cabaret-like renditions of Yiddish theatre songs were presented with sincerity, passion and humor. Together with her favorite pianist, the talented jazz man John Alcorn, Tova transported the audience to a time when Yiddish Theatre was at its peak. Negotiating her way through a repertoire that ran the gamut from the torchy *Oygn* to the tragic *Mazl* — and from the sexy *Leybke Kum Tantsn* to the hilarious *Ich Bin a Border bi Mayn Vayb* (I'm Just a Boarder at My Wife's), she demonstrated a rare versatility.

Her collaborative numbers with the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band went off well, notwithstanding a somewhat uneven sound system.

Because of the rain that fell on and off during the evening, the concert had to be cut short by two numbers. But this was an evening on a par with the best of Yiddish entertainment anywhere and anytime.

Toronto is fortunate that this wealth of young Yiddish talent is completely home grown and available for our enjoyment right now.

This year's program was coordinated by Aaron Fainer, Cantor Louis Danto and Sylvia Lustgarten.

Hats off to Flying Bulgars

Hats off to the Flying Bulgars for retrieving these cultural nuggets and presenting them to audiences as far away as the Shetland Islands, where the group recently performed. As an added bonus, the Flying Bulgars played host to talented young violinist Greenman, who captivated everyone with his spirited fiddling. Greenman plays with the Cleveland band, Yiddishe Cup.

BILL GLADSTONE'S

EYE ON ARTS

The audience consisted of about 50 journalists, and there was a row of six television cameras at the back of the theatre. The lights went down, a spotlight shone on a podium on the decorated stage, and an unseen announcer proclaimed: "Ladies and gentleman, Mr. Garth Drabinsky." Then out from between some potted palms stepped Canada's most famous theatrical showman, large as life and clearly ready for his close-up.

Last week's press announcement that Drabinsky's Live Entertainment of Canada, Inc. is importing the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical *Sunset Boulevard* to the North York Performing Arts Centre in November 1995, was high drama in itself. Drabinsky made the announcement personally, his presentation complemented by a clever video presentation interspersing highlights from the musical and the Billy Wilder movie of the same name. A question-and-answer session with the press followed. What other scene could have better demonstrated Toronto's emergence as one of the world's foremost cities for theatre, right after London and New York?

Drabinsky reminded his audience of the many accomplishments of director and screenwriter Billy Wilder, who ruled Hollywood during its golden era from 1944 to 1960.

Wilder's classics

Wilder was responsible for such classics as *Double Indemnity* (starring Fred MacMurray and Barbara Stanwyck); *The Lost Weekend* (Ray Milland); *The Seven Year Itch* (Marilyn Monroe); *Witness for the Prosecution* (Marlene Dietrich); *Some Like It Hot* (Marilyn Monroe, Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis); and — one of Drabinsky's favourites — *The Apartment* (Jack Lemmon, Shirley MacLaine).

Then there was *Sunset Boulevard*, a film noir classic about Norma Desmond, a dethroned movie queen trying to make a comeback to the big screen, but finding tragedy instead. The film starred Gloria Swanson, William Holden and Eric von Stroheim. Despite much pressure to can production, Wilder persisted and the film opened at New York's Radio City Music Hall in August 1950. It received rave reviews and grossed an astonishing $100,000 at the box office the first weekend, at a time when ticket prices started at 80 cents. In one week, the pic grossed $166,000, then a record high. Ticket buyers formed long line-ups both for the movie and for the theatrical production in London and Los Angeles. These details Drabinsky seemed to relish in the telling.

A dream project of Andrew Lloyd Webber for more than a decade, *Sunset Boulevard* opened at London's Adelphi Theatre in 1993, with Patti LuPone playing Norma Desmond. Last December, it opened in Los Angeles, with Glenn Close in the lead role. It is set to open on Broadway in November with Close again taking the lead. Movie actress Faye Dunaway is preparing to take over the role of the aging silent screen star in Los Angeles. Like its predecessors, the Toronto production should cost about $12 million, although Drabinsky said he may be able to stage it for less. Trevor Nunn is to direct.

As for *Show Boat*, the musical about life on the Mississippi, it will just keep rolling along in the manner of Old Man River — or more exactly, it will transfer to another theatre as yet undetermined. Still playing to sold-out houses, it is scheduled to finish its run at the North York Performing Arts Centre in October 1995.

Apotex Theatre

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What's In A Name?: That Mel Lastman can sell refrigerators to the Inuit. Who's more savvy at selling than Mel? Nooo-body. Now the Apotex Foundation, the charitable arm of Canada's largest generic drug company, has pledged a $1-million donation to rename the Main Stage of the North York Performing Arts Centre. The Main Stage, home of the smash hit *Show Boat*, is set to be officially renamed the Apotex Theatre this fall. North York Council has approved the deal, signed in cooperation with Apotex Inc. president Dr. Barry Sherman and Live Entertainment of Canada Inc., the Centre's private sector producer and operator.

Names of the other stages in the North York complex are still up for grabs, says Lastman. "Using this approach, we are ensuring that our taxpayers will not be subsidizing our Centre ... Our naming program is expected to raise a total of $10 million."

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Theatrical Reading: The last of a series of free play readings occurs July 4 at 7.30 p.m. at the Leah Posluns Studio Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St., Toronto. The play is to be selected from seven award-winning Israeli plays recently translated into English and distributed to selected theatres by the Israeli consulate in the United States. An open forum discussion with the director follows. (416) 630-6752.

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By BERNARD BASKIN

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Soviet leaders

Stalin was among history's great mass murderers. According to historian Roy Medvedev, his victims numbered 40 million. Solzhenitsyn insists that the number is far greater — perhaps 60 million. Lady Astor, a well-known British political figure, once asked Stalin, "How long will you go on killing people?" "As long as necessary," he answered. The monster of cruelty died of a stroke in March 1953.

Strangely, many Western intellectuals were all too willing to indulge Stalin in his cruelties. These included George Bernard Shaw, H. G. Wells and the American ambassador to Moscow, Joseph Davies, who wrote of him that "a child would like to sit on his lap and a dog would sidle up to him."

Following World War II a series of official anti-Jewish measures, as well as many anti-Jewish incidents, led to the eradication of almost all aspects of Jewish cultural and religious life. In 1948, the legendary actor and producer Salomon Mikhoels, was killed in what most Soviet experts believe was an arranged car crash.

Within days of Mikhoels' death the Yiddish theatre and all Jewish schools were closed, and all Hebrew linotype machines in the Soviet Union were smashed. Within a few months, more than 400 leading Jewish writers and scientists were arrested. By 1952 almost all of them had perished in labor camps.

In that same year 25 Jewish intellectuals — one of them a distinguished woman biochemist, Lina Shtern — were brought to trial. A week later all were convicted of plotting to detach the Crimea from the Soviet Union in order to turn it into a "Zionist bourgeois republic" which would serve as "an American Imperialist base for aggressive anti-Soviet designs." The 24 men were executed. Shtern was given a 25-year sentence.

In January, 1953 Stalin launched a new attack accusing a number of doctors of a widespread and sinister conspiracy against the life of the State. Fourteen doctors, the majority of them Jews, were at once arrested and charged with sabotage, terrorism and espionage. At the same time plans were made to deport hundreds of thousands of Jews to Siberia. Stalin's death two months later, before the doctors could be tried or the deportation plans carried out, led to a moment of mass relief among Soviet Jewry. The doctors were released. The deportation plans were shelved.

Arkady Vaksberg is a Moscow journalist-lawyer with a number of books on Soviet history and politics to his credit. *Stalin Against the Jews* is the first full-scale account of Stalin's relations with Jews, from his accession to power to his unlamented death. The author shows, among other things, how during the war Stalin made use of a Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee to win world Jewish support, and that members of this group would later be targeted as "Zionist conspirators."

In a final chapter the author describes anti-Semitic activity in Russia today. "As the heirs of Stalin's strategy in the Jewish question and the successors of Russia's pogrom groups, today's anti-Semitic gangs are a unique hybrid of Bolshevism, terrorism and patriotism, under the flag of superpowerhood based on racial purity." However, he is sure that although anti-Semitism exists, it has lost its support in the mass consciousness. Stalin did not finish his work and his heirs are having a very hard time of it. Stalin's time is gone and it will not return.

Lenin's Tomb is an eloquent, riveting, largely oral history by a talented American journalist that contains much information of Jewish interest. It is filled with the extraordinary events of the last days of the Soviet Empire. It is highly recommended.

Doidge wins literary award

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Although science and the arts are not mutually exclusive, few individuals have excelled in both fields.

Norman Doidge is one of those rare people, combining his profession as a psychiatrist and psychoanalyst with his talent as a poet and essayist.

Head of the assessment clinic at the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, Doidge will direct the Institute's psychotherapy centre in July. And he recently won a $10,000 CBC/Saturday Night Literary Award in the personal memoir category for his essay, *The Suit*, a reflection on his father's accidental death at the age of 33, when Doidge was 17 months old.

Doidge's prize-winning essay appeared in the June edition of *Saturday Night* magazine. It tells of the experiences of his father, Leon Greenspan, during the Holocaust, focusing on a suit that belonged to his father. The suit has remained a cherished possession of Doidge's uncle, Henry Greenspan, who was in Oscar Schindler's camp. Doidge recently read his essay on CBC Radio's *Between The Covers*.

CBC Radio has sponsored the literary competition for 15 years. This is the first year that the awards were co-sponsored by *Saturday Night*. More than 5,000 entries were received by the nation-wide competition, which has three categories — personal memoirs, poetry and short stories. It is considered the most prestigious literary competition for unpublished work in the country.

Doidge teaches a course on literature and psychiatry to psychiatrists-in-training at the Clarke Institute. He was recently invited to the White House to present his views on the scientific basis of psychotherapy and psychoanalysis.

Norman Doidge

Doidge, 40, says his first love is poetry; he has won several literary awards for his poetry. While a student of classics, philosophy and medicine at the University of Toronto, he won the E. J. Pratt Prize for poetry and was cited by Prof. Northrop Fry, who praised Doidge's writing as "really remarkable . . . haunting and memorable."

Doidge took his specialty training in psychiatry at Columbia University in New York City and was a National Institute of Mental Health Research Fellow at Columbia for two years. He teaches at the University of Toronto and Columbia University.

Doidge is currently completing a book of meditative and lyrical poems on biblical themes.

Of his essay on his father, he says, "It is very sweet to be able to fulfil the commandment to honor thy father by telling a story about virtue, his virtue, that he did not live to tell."

Despite his busy schedule, Doidge has also been involved in Jewish affairs since his student days. He was editor-in-chief of the Toronto-based *Masada Magazine*, a Jewish historical quarterly with a circulation of 50,000.

He was one of the founders of the Canadian Association of Ethiopian Jews (CAEJ) and led a group of doctors and health professionals to Ethiopia in one of the first trips to bring money, supplies and medicine to the country during the famine.

Family problems spotlighted

TORONTO — A neglected Jewish mother who turns to drink to ease her pain, a marriage about to hit the rocks, and a man who can't forgive his brother until its almost too late, are the elements in *There Comes a Time*, a full-length drama by seasoned actors Fran Biderman and Roselle Stone.

The characters in this new play leap off the page, so relevant are they to today's family problems in the Jewish community. The neglected mother lands a child-sitting job to eke out her income, with dire results; her son feels guilty and bereft in what has become a loveless marriage; the upscale daughter-in-law finds there is more to life than money and social prestige.

Though a commercial production of *There Comes a Time* is not yet in the works, the play, and the acting abilities of its authors are available to groups who want to educate their members and volunteers about family dynamics by staging parts of the play in a workshop setting. For further information, call Stone at 633-2057.

Nahariya Youth Orchestra set to perform in Toronto

TORONTO — One of the world's finest youth orchestras will be stopping in Toronto on its 1994 North American tour.

The Nahariya Youth Orchestra, with 48 11- to 17-year-old musicians, will be giving a community-wide performance at the North York Performing Arts Centre on July 6 at 8 p.m. The concert will be honoring the Golden Givers of United Jewish Appeal, who have been contributing for at least 25 years.

The orchestra, established in 1973, was awarded third place during an international competition in Valencia, Spain, four years ago.

A number of the orchestra's members are already being touted as child prodigies. A special addition to the 1994 tour is singer Shiraz Ovadiya, 13, of Romanian background, who has been performing with her father since early childhood.

Nahariya, near the Labenese border, has close ties to Canada. The Canadian Jewish community has funded several projects and programs in the area.

Orchestra members will be billeted with Jewish families during their stay. Those interested in hosting one of the young musicians should contact Dyanoosh Youssefi at (416) 636-7655.

Tickets for the performance are $10 in advance and $12 at the door. They can be purchased by calling the UJA Hotline at (416) 631-5705 or through Ticketmaster (416) 872-2222 (a service charge will apply.) Concert proceeds will go to United Jewish Appeal.

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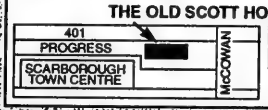

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TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

Several months ago in Philadelphia, a group of breakfasting travel writers happened to agree on something: hotel brochures should never show their lovely premises devoid of people. Hotel managers sometimes do not understand this. One lady, who explained that she had once worked at a California hotel (which she didn't identify), said that a photographer from *Architectural Digest* had come to shoot its most glamorous suite. He had wanted to put a folded newspaper or umbrella in the room to show that it was occupied. But the hotel manager's instinct was to show the room with no trace of its despoiling human occupants, and he had to be physically restrained from snatching up the subtle telltale evidence.

''Was that hotel in San Francisco?'' someone asked.

''Indeed, it was,'' said the lady.

''Was it a Nob Hill hotel?''

''Why, yes,'' said the lady, amazed.

''Was it, by any chance, the Huntington Hotel?''

''Yes it was!''

''And could it possibly have been Room 501?''

The lady gasped.

This had been more than just a lucky guess on my part. Several months earlier, I had enjoyed the distinct privilege of staying at the Huntington Hotel while researching a magazine article on The Suites of San Francisco. Somehow — don't ask me how — they had discerned my purpose and had bumped me upstairs into the grand suite of 501.

Nob Hill is an exclusive district on a high hill in the centre of the city. It boasts numerous fine hotels as well as the Grace Cathedral, an outstanding Gothic monument, which I could see from my room — I mean, my rooms. There were six of them in the suite, not including several closets of impressive dimensions.

Room 501 was, well, a spread straight out of *Architectural Digest*. Its interior designer had evidently had intense comfort and non-intrusive stylishness in mind. It wasn't a mausoleum and I wasn't afraid to leave a folded newspaper or umbrella lying around.

The Huntington offers impressive views of the bay and the city, as well as of other local hotels. It has prestigious neighbors. At one point I visited the Fairmont Hotel nearby for an inspection tour, but my timing was bad: the staff was preparing for an imminent visit by President Clinton. Other establishments in the vicinity include the stately Ritz Carlton and the Mark Hopkins, with its famous Top of the Mark cocktail lounge.

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Designing hotels

The Atlanta-based hotel architect John Portman is famous for designing hotels with large atrium lobbies and shopping centres that are cities within the city. Two examples of his work are the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero in San Francisco and the Hyatt Regency Peachtree Centre in Atlanta. Portman, who has been called ''the most American architect after Frank Lloyd Wright,'' has built up a financial empire, allowing him to build his dreams.

In interviews, Portman has explained that he approached hotel design from the guest side of the registration desk. Until the sixties, hotels often consisted of a ''slab building'' on a congested city block. ''You went in the hotel and found a low-ceilinged lobby, a registration desk, a newsstand, and possibly a bar with a few club chairs. You went upstairs in a closed-in elevator, got off on a dimly lit corridor, walked down the corridor and went into your cell-like room. Like a cell, the room had a hole in the outside wall, which was the window, and that was it.''

Visual relief

His antidote to the dull cubist mentality was a vast, open interior ''park'', providing visual and spatial relief from the busy, noisy, smog-filled city streets. Glass elevators moving through open space, he discovered, create a sense of fun and dynamism.

Built in 1973, the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero remains one of San Francisco's most distinctive hotels. It is particularly known for its stunning lobby with its huge round sculpture. Its vast scale and modernistic flourishes, however, may overwhelm travellers with simple tastes.

Provided their budgets are not also simple, such persons may prefer the Pan Pacific Hotel on Post Street, in the historic Union Square neighborhood. Also designed by John Portman, it opened as the Portman Hotel in 1987; he sold it three years later. More intimate and refined than the Hyatt Embarcadero, it's a charming luxury hotel and a subdued study in elegance.

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San Francisco's Chinatown is one of the most famous and historic in North America. Its streets and alleys reverberate with colorful history, the sizzle of Wok cooking, and the clatter of Mah Jong tiles. Shirley Fong-Torres's culinary and historical walking tours include visits to a numerous markets and shops, a herbalist, a fortune cookie factory and a Chinese brush painter.

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Royal Botanical Gardens reaches out to ethnic groups

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — An invitation to join the Royal Botanical Gardens' proposed new Peoples Advisory Council has gone out to all local cultural and ethnic groups, including the Jewish community.

The council's purpose is ''to develop and recommend guidelines which will foster an environment and a vehicle that is more inclusive of all cultures; to enlighten and promote the general public's awareness of various cultures; ensure that their communities have input into the decision making process of Royal Botanical Gardens; and to encourage and promote community involvement with RBG at all possible levels.''

The council will work in conjunction with the garden's development department on exhibitions, art shows, festivals, lectures, workshops and special gardens.

Hamilton-Wentworth and area Jewish Federation executive director Patricia Tolkin Eppel said she thinks the council is ''a wonderful idea.'' She said she will try to find someone to represent the community.

How those communities are represented differs. Multicultural coordinator Rob Diaz said the Japanese community conducts a flower arranging workshop and a flower show in the fall, and the First Nation community has proposed a garden of plants native to Canada when the first settlers arrived.

The Portuguese, Italian and East Indian communities have also expressed an interest in taking part.

As well, hopes Diaz, council members will promote the gardens in their own communities.

Located a mere 45-minute drive from Toronto and easily accessible from various other southwestern Ontario centres, the Royal Botanical Gardens are a great place for a day's outing and are open year round except Dec. 25.

The 2,700 acres include nature trails, wetlands and woodlands as well as specific gardens such as the Rock Garden; the Laking Garden, famous for its collection of perennials and irises in particular; and the Rose Garden and Hendrie Park, featuring two acres of roses as well as clematis, lilies, annual trails, medicinal and scented plants.

The world's largest collection of lilacs is in the Arboretum, which also features rhododendrons and other flowering shrubs and trees, and contains the Nature Centre with displays on Project Paradise, the current restoration project of the Cootes Paradise marsh.

In the heart of Westdale there's the Teaching Garden with fruits, vegetables and herbs, a favorite with youngsters interested in learning gardening skills.

And in the RBG Centre there's the Mediterranean Garden, best viewed between January and April, when it's a welcome respite from mid-winter blues, or on rainy days.

Year-round activities include specific flower shows, educational programs, garden tours, plant and bulb sales, workshops, concerts and various festivals and children's programs.

All outdoor gardens are open daily from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; the Mediterranean Garden: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and the Floral Art Shop at the RBG Centre daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. but closed from Christmas until mid-January and on Mondays from January through March.

Admission fees are $4.25 for adults; seniors and children 5 to 12, $3.25. Family admission, two adults and children, is $10.75, and admission to the Mediterranean Garden is $2.

Special group rates and guided tours are available. For information and a calendar of events call Visitor Services (905) 527-1158 ext. 252, or 1-800-668-9449 anywhere in Ontario and Quebec.

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Business & Finance

Casino charters hit jackpot

By LORI DENNIS
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — While Ontario has pocketed its first $3.3 million from the Windsor Casino, a new Toronto business has made its own winnings on the heels of the casino's recent grand opening.

Canadian Casino Charters, which runs buses from Scarborough, North York and Mississauga to Windsor Casino seven days a week, has already delivered more than 1,000 people to the doors of Ontario's new gambling establishment. What has steered their business onto a road paved with gold is guaranteed entrance for all passengers, without having to wait in line.

"There are about 17,000 patrons who go through the casino daily and the capacity is only 4,100 — so lineups can be very, very long," said Canadian Casino Charters president Steve Tobis, who with partner Mike Federman opened for business May 27.

"We have secured guaranteed admission passes that allow our passengers to enter immediately."

Windsor Casino, built on the former site of the Windsor Art Gallery and designed to resemble a castle, sits on the recently remodelled Detroit River waterfront. The three-storey building houses blackjack, roulette, baccarat, mini-baccarat, keno, joker poker and 1,800 slot machines.

A 200-seat restaurant on the second floor serves Chinese, delicatessen and Italian food. There are bars and lounges on each floor, the dress code is casual and smoking and drinking are allowed throughout.

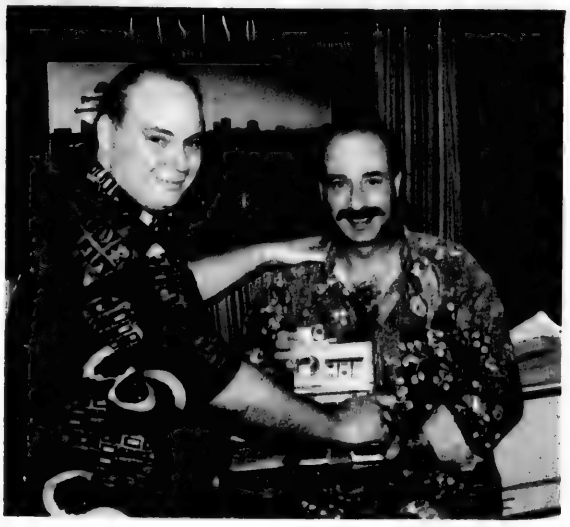
Canadian Casino Charters is one of two bus charter companies still standing after the smoke cleared from the clamor to capitalize on the casino opening. "Our ace in the hole, so to speak, is not only guaranteed admission from June to September, but great value too," Tobis said. "While the fair market price for our package — just to cover cost — is $79, the competition caused us to drop it to $49."

The price includes one-day return trip on a luxury coach and two-for-one meal coupons from selected Golden Griddle and Howard Johnson's restaurants.

The company's ad campaign, a take-off on Bad Boy's "Nooooobody," features cartoon caricatures of Richard Nixon, Marilyn Monroe and Groucho Marx saying "Evvvvcrybody goes for Windsor Casino!"

Tobis, who owned Canada's second largest distributor of ice cream, Mr. Frosty, from 1977 to 1984, was also involved with 27 Albion Flea Market for five years.

He believes he'll hit the jackpot with this new business. "We were in the right place at the right time. Windsor is getting a new lease on life — and we're going to be part of that success."



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Business Briefs

Former Bank Chairman Sentenced

JERUSALEM — Former Bank Leumi chairman Ernst Japhet, the last senior official to face trial, received a longer prison sentence than the other executives in the 1983 financial scandal.

He was sentenced to an 11-month prison term and fined some $300,000 for fraudulently manipulating his bank's shares in the country's biggest financial scandal ever.

Japhet returned here from New York four months ago after fleeing Israel more than 10 years ago.

Japhet's sentence was the severest to be handed down by the Jerusalem District Court against any of those involved in the affair.

The manipulation of bank share prices a decade ago spurred buying of shares until they dominated 70 per cent of the market. When the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE) crashed in October 1983, many small investors and private businesses were devastated and billions of shekels were lost.

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No. 1 Salesperson

TORONTO — The national standings for Homelife/Realty services were recently released and Steve Gerlock of Homelife/Partners Realty Inc. was the No. 1 salesperson in the Ontario region.

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Gerlock has been selling residential real estate for 14 years. He was the No. 1 salesperson for a national real estate company during the '80s and managed a successful office for two years.

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An Increase in Loans

OTTAWA — Industry Minister John Manley announced recently that loans to small businesses in Canada, under the Small Business Loans Act (SBLA) sharply increased in January, February and March 1994.

The total of these loans, $561 million, exceeds the value of all loans for the fiscal year 1992-93.

Over the 12 months ending March 31, 1994, the amount of loans increased more than four-fold to $2.3 billion from the previous year, Manley said. He added that this points to a promising increase in small business activity as well as a follow-through by major banks in their commitment to boost support to small businesses.

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Award Winners Announced

MISSISSAUGA — Sid Valo, a prominent city lawyer, and Canon Canada Inc., a leading name in electronic and office equipment, received the Mississauga Board of Trade's most prestigious honor — the 1994 Business Person of the Year and the Outstanding Business Achievement Award.

Two other local firms, Ericsson Communications and Crystal Maintenance Groups were also recognized for their corporate accomplishments at the presentation dinner.

An Israel Aircraft Industries worker stands in the midst of unmanned drones the company produces for the United States Air Force. [WZPS photo]

Aircraft maker nosedives

By SIMON GRIVER
World Zionist Press Service

ISRAEL — Innovative space rockets, sophisticated fighter planes and state-of-the-art missile systems once made Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI) the quintessential success story, but now the company is on the verge of bankruptcy.

Badly hurt by post-Cold War military cutbacks and government reluctance to invest in unprofitable enterprises, IAI posted a $400 million loss in 1993.

Of that, $80 million was in operating losses and $320 million in early retirement packages, said IAI's vice-president of finance, Shmuel Peretz. That follows a $148 million loss in 1992.

Last year the Israeli government proposed a controversial recovery plan.

"It is impossible to live in the past," said Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, whose plan calls for firing between 2,500 and 2,900 workers over a four-month period and cutting the remaining 16,000 employees' salaries by 15 per cent.

The government is expected to underwrite about $240 million of IAI's loss and inject $300 million into the company to cover compensation payoffs.

IAI workers got wind of the plan and blocked the Ben Gurion Airport's runway and the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway in October 1993 to demonstrate against the proposed layoffs.

"The workers are confused and demoralized," said workers committee chair Rafi Hatam. "We still believe that this company has great potential and will fight all efforts to sell it off."

Other employees agree. "In my opinion there's no need for such drastic cuts," said one longtime IAI employee who wished to remain anonymous.

" Our balance sheet is good all in all. The economists say so. We're not happy with the way things are being handled and the atmosphere among the workers is pessimistic. We don't hold out much hope."

The IAI was established in 1969 to help fill the gap left when Israel's traditional arms suppliers, France and Britain, imposed military embargoes after the 1967 Six Day War.

IAI succeeded beyond all expectations, developing and manufacturing a state-of-the-art combat aircraft, the Kfir, by the mid-'70s.

Ten years later, IAI had helped put Israel into space with the Amos satellite and was working on the Lavi, a combat jet on the cutting edge of aeronautical technology. But in 1987, the U.S. administration withdrew funding for the Lavi, which they saw as a redundant duplication of their own F-16, and the Israeli government killed the project.

The Arrow anti-tactical ballistic missle, the most sophisticated project of its kind anywhere in the world, may soon go the same route.

The government recovery plan calls for justification by profit. Salary hikes included in the public sector wage agreement will be given only to those workers from profitable divisions, as long as those raises will not endanger the profits.

Tsomet MK Alex Goldfarb feels that the government must decide IAI's fate in light of security considerations rather than profit and loss.

"The government could also help Israel Aircraft Industries financially," he said. "It could insist that El Al and other government companies use IAI's services."

IAI spokeswoman Sylvia Beit Halachmi said too much emphasis is being placed on the negative. "The glass may be half empty but it's also half full," she said, citing the fact that IAI recently became the fourth company in the world to receive McDonnell Douglas's gold preferred status.

As Israel's largest exporter with $1.19 billion worth of goods in 1992, IAI supplies parts to the American aircraft manufacturer for its F-15 Eagle fighter and produces unmanned aircraft drones for the United States Air Force.

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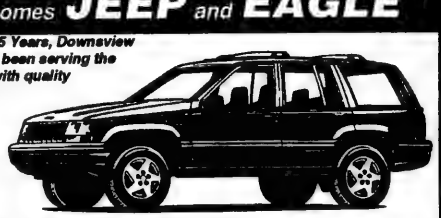
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Biotech research boosted

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV — A new $15-million venture capital fund to boost promising Israeli research has been established by two of the country's pioneers of biotechnology.

The Israel Bio Fund, backed by leading U.S. industrialists, will launch 15 to 20 bio-tech projects based on Israeli scientific research in the next two years.

One of the fund's initiators, Dr. Yoram Karmon, a former CEO and president of InterPharm, says he sees room for strategy partnerships with Canadian companies as well.

"An alliance with a Canadian company could help us penetrate the U.S. market. At the same time, we could provide a shortcut for a Canadian company trying to enter the European market," says Karmon who, during his years as president of InterPharm, turned a financially troubled operation into the largest biotechnology company in Israel.

After leaving InterPharm a year ago, Karmon joined forces with Dr. Haim Aviv, a former Weizmann Institute professor considered to be the father of biotechnology in Israel, and together they laid the groundwork for the Israel Bio Fund.

"There are over a thousand Israeli scientists working on hundreds of promising research projects in the life sciences. Many of these projects have great commercial potential that is not being exploited," explains Karmon.

"We hope to change that by supplying funding and commercial direction at the early stages of research."

To date, the fund has mobilized support from the American Baxter Healthcare Corp., one of the largest health care companies in the world; from Merril Lynch vice-chair Stephen Hammerman and a group of U.S. investors; and from the Israel-based Yozama Venture Capital Fund, headed by the former chief scientist of the Ministry of Science, Yigal Erlich.

The Israel Bio Fund will locate, manage and secure financing for innovative projects in the fields of biopharmaceuticals, therapy, immunotheraphy, medical health care devices, organ transplants and agricultural and environmental products.

"The chances of success of a new biotech product depend largely on whether it has sufficient funding for the first five years," says Karmon, who maintains that until now such critical early stage financing has been unavailable in Israel.

While the chief scientist of Israel's Ministry of Industry and Trade offers money for research and development, this funding comes with strings attached.

"One restriction of government funding is that production must be done in Israel. No multinational company will want to manufacture a product in Israel if it costs half as much to do it in Thailand," argues Karmon. "Early stage financing — with no strings attached — is the main advantage of our fund," he says.

The new fund will also provide scientists with guidance in developing products that conform to the requirements of the American Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the equivalent regulatory bodies in Europe. "This is the challenge for new biotech products," says Karmon. "Very few Israeli companies have any experience in going through the long and arduous regulatory process."

As the founders or managers of eight successful export-oriented companies in Israel, all in the field of biotechnology and pharmaceuticals, Karmon and Aviv believe their expertise will be valuable to other Israeli scientists. The international contacts of Baxter will help locate commercial opportunities for Israeli products and technologies, adds Karmon.

The next two years will be spent locating potential "winners" from among the hundreds of promising projects being conducted in Israel's 10 universities and research institutes.

Each will receive an initial injection of $1 million for organizational puposes. The rest of the funding will be used to develop these companies over a five-year period, including mobilization of additional financing through private placements and public offerings.

These companies will also begin to form strategic alliances with other firms, in order to market their products.

"Alliances with Canadian companies could be of mutual benefit," says Karmon. "We can help each other penetrate different markets."

Advertiser's Corner

Advertiser's Corner highlights the news, views and backgrounds of companies whose advertisements appear regularly in The CJN.

This week The CJN features... The Jewish Singles Registry

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

TORONTO — People who use a dating service should have their feet firmly planted on the ground, according to the owner of the Jewish Singles Registry of Toronto.

Don't expect to meet the person of your dreams the same day or the day after you join, advised Rob Singer. Although you could be dating within a week of joining a service, you will need to be patient as it will take some time to find Mr. or Ms. Right.

He pointed out that one former client registered with the Montreal office, waited four years to meet his wife. "He didn't give up and now he's the happiest person in the world."

These days there is less of a stigma attached to using dating services, mainly because people have discovered they work. The so-called "losers" who are said to frequent the services do not exist, Singer noted, adding that people who register with him are Jewish professionals who work long hours. They don't have a lot of time to socialize. They find meeting people through a service is easier than going to parties or bars and they are tired of blind dates.

Singer pointed out that many people who used to go to parties with the expectation that they would meet people have been disappointed. "Then they say they're just not going to parties anymore."

The chances of meeting at a party are slim, he pointed out. The music is too loud and people usually attend in groups. "It's hard to approach her when she's got three of her girlfriends standing beside her," said Singer.

Jews have even more of a problem meeting as the community is diverse and widespread, without a central meeting place. Another issue for Jews, he said, is that they are under pressure from their families to marry and marry Jewish. They are unlikely to find many of their counterparts at work or at nightclubs. "You're dealing with a limited number of people."

That is where a Jewish dating service can step in, making the search much easier. Hundreds of people are registered with them.

Singer advised potential dating service clients to look for a service with a proven track record. "New agencies are popping up all the time and they try it for a while. They find out it doesn't work, so they go out of business."

He suggested asking friends or relatives who have used a dating service for recommendations. Many people know someone who has been registered with one, he said, although not everyone will admit to it.

Fears people may have about meeting someone through a dating service are unfounded, he stressed. "It is not as scary or threatening as people think."

Originally from Montreal, Singer was asked by the Jewish Singles Registry of Montreal to open a Toronto branch. Intrigued by the concept, he bought the business, which includes the Montreal office and a branch in Ottawa. He founded the Jewish Singles Registry of Toronto a year and a half ago. Toronto currently has 450 members, while Montreal has over 1,500.

Everyone wishing to register fills out a questionnaire that asks for general information such as age, date of birth and whether they smoke or not. The form has questions about personality, values, goals and interests. Three wishes are requested as well, to give further insight into an applicant's personality.

Information from the questionnaire and pictures are classified into binders according to age and gender. The binders include singles from Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa. When someone finds a person they would like to date in one of the binders, the second party is invited to the Registry to read the first party's bio and look at his or her picture. If the second party is agreeable, phone numbers are exchanged.

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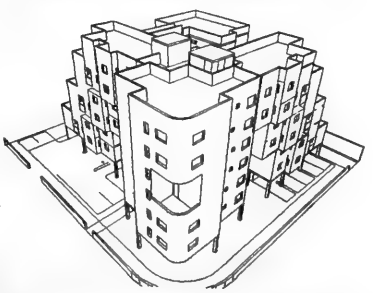

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N.Y. museum captures immigrants' lives

By GERRY MORRIS
Special to The CJN

NEW YORK — Between 1880 and 1919, more than 23 million people emigrated to America.

Over 17 million landed on Ellis Island and many crowded into the melting pot of Manhattan's Lower East Side. First came the Germans and the Irish. They were succeeded by Russian, Romanian and Sephardic Jews who shared space with Italians. The tenement was the first home in America for many.

Built for the poor, these shabby 22-unit, six-storey walk-ups originally lacked water and indoor toilets. Heat came from coal and wood-burning stoves. Outside was a noisy, crowded world of push-carts and peddlers, inside a suffocating density.

Many an immigrant's impoverished son fought his way out of the ghetto to leave his mark on the arts and every other walk of life. Actors Edward G. Robinson and Sam Jaffe grew up here. So did Al Jolson, Eddie Cantor, Fanny Brice, George and Ira Gershwin, Mario Puzo and the Marx brothers. There have been Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winners. Their determination, perseverance and eventual success remain an inspiration.

Crowded in amongst its neighbors, one such tenement has resurfaced at 97 Orchard Street, as the centrepiece of Manhattan's Lower East Side Tenement Museum. After five years of planning, fundraising, research and renovation the museum curators have opened the largely unchanged house to daily tours.

"As far as I can tell, ours is the only museum devoted to what might be called urban pioneers," said Ruth J. Abram, president and founder of the museum. "There are wonderful places like Williamsburg that evoke and study the colonial past, there are any number of farm museums and reconstructed log cabins, but until we started planning some 10 years ago, there was nothing like this. Teams of historians have traced descendants of the original occupants and studied photographs, artifacts and diaries."

Abram and her small staff estimate that about 10,000 people from 20 nations lived in this 130-year-old building, boarded up since 1935.

There are fascinating immigrant stories from well-informed guides about how the residents struggled for a new life. You will be aghast at the cramped, windowless rooms, relieved only by a sculptured cornice.

On one darkened wall a sign reads: "Pants Made to Order $1.50." This tailor has written his inventory on a check-marked list: 50 skirts, 100 dresses, 25 jackets, 43 pants — conjuring up a picture of squinting workers in darkened sweat shop rooms. These swarming tenements were more densely crowded than the slums of Bombay (40 per cent of babies born here would die).

"The close quarters did not prevent tenants from taking boarders for $1.50 or $2 a week. It was one way for a poor family to raise the extra money that would enable it to move up in the world" said Abram.

"The Lower East Side was the symbol of absorption known all over the world, probably best known for the experience of the Jews who settled there," she adds. "But there are still all kinds of multi-ethnic people passing through. It remains an ongoing community. You can still experience the vitality of the dramatically crowded streets filled with the same dreams of America that enticed our ancestors. Now the faces are black, Latin and Oriental."

At 90 Orchard Street, across from the relic tenement, the museum operates a small shop, gallery and media room for visitors to further explore the continuing saga of tenement life.

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'Evil partnership' alleged

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin launched a scathing attack last Sunday against Israel's opposition, accusing the radical right of being partners with Hamas.

"The radical right wing in Israel is dancing on the blood of the victims of the radical Islamic murderers, trying to turn these victims into a lever against the peace agreement," Rabin told a Labor Party committee meeting. "The fanatic murderers of the Islamic Jihad and Hamas are the means of the Israeli radical right wing."

Rabin charged that "there is an evil, wicked circle of partnership between the Hamas murderers and the radical right wing."

Protesters vilify Arafat, Rabin

Right-wing Israelis burned a Palestinian flag during a massive anti-Arafat protest last Saturday night in the heart of Jerusalem. The banner at rear reads: "Murderers Return to Their Borders." [Canapress Photo Service]

PLO leader visits Gaza Strip

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — "Death to Arafat" and "Rabin the traitor!" were the most strident cries heard in Israel during the visit of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat.

But outrage was just one response to an event that seemed unthinkable only a year ago.

While many Israelis expressed anger, others reacted to Arafat's visit with a kind of stoic resignation.

"It's the bitter medicine that you have to swallow in order to cure the disease," said one caller on an open line radio show. "Once we signed an agreement with the PLO, this visit was inevitable."

Others reacted with apathy.

"If he wanted to come, why did he have to do it during the world soccer match?" asked another caller.

And still others were utterly surprised. "Arafat here? I don't believe it," said Beatrice, a Tel Aviv beautician who had somehow missed the news.

At a massive rally in Jerusalem — organized by the right wing — there were as many cries against Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin as there were against Arafat; the mention of either leader's name triggered boos from the crowd.

The most striking feature of the demonstration was the homogeneous nature of the crowd: of the close to 100,000 people, nearly all were religious, many of them settlers from Judea and Samaria.

"I think it is clear from the turnout tonight that it is the religious Israelis who will safeguard the Jewish state," said Peretz, a 25-year-old yeshivah student from the settlement of Mavo Horon in Judea.

He, like many of the demonstrators, showed up "to protest the Rabin government policy."

The Likud organizers had hoped to use Arafat's visit to mobilize a wider segment of the Israeli population. Secular Israelis in particular were targeted.

"I drove through all the neighborhoods in Jerusalem for the last three days with a loudspeaker, urging people to come to the demonstration," says Likud party activist Matti Golan. "I'm disappointed with the poor showing of secular Israelis. I guess they're just apathetic."

The few secular Israelis who did show up — many happened to be at downtown cafes when the rally began — spoke, above all, of fear.

"If Arafat comes to Jerusalem, how will I let my children out of the house?" asked Victoria, a 40-year-old housewife.

"It's already frightening nowadays. If he comes to this city it'll be a disaster — a natural disaster, like an earthquake."

"We won't be able to sit in an outdoor cafe in downtown Jerusalem the way we do today," said David Sinai, a hospital technician. "We'll be too afraid to sit here with Arabs all around us. We must stop them before they turn Jerusalem into their capital.

"When I think about it, I feel a fire smouldering inside me," he added. "If this continues, I could kill someone. What Baruch Goldstein did will be nothing next to what I feel like doing."

Nearly all the demonstrators spoke of a sense of humiliation.

"It's a defeat for us," said Shuki, a Tel Aviv university student. "A humiliation."

Some, like settlement leader Uri Ariel, expressed outrage that an arch-terrorist would be treated like a VIP, instead of being tried for his crimes.

"In France, they tried the war criminal Paul Touvier 50 years after his acts. He was charged with killing seven Jews. How many more Jewish deaths are on Arafat's bloody hands?" asked Ariel.

On the other side of the cultural and political divide were Israelis who either supported Arafat's visit, or had at least come to terms with it.

With all the disgust I feel towards Arafat the man, and his terrible acts, I can't help but feel happy for the Palestinian people today," said Ravital Amitai. "It's a day for which they have waited so long."

"It's not a matter of feeling happy or not feeling happy," said Israeli writer A. B. Yehoshua. It's simply a stage in a process that we are pursuing."

A woman from Kiryat Shmona called an open line radio show to welcome the PLO leader.

"I support his visit because we have suffered enough from katyusha rockets," she said. "I want peace and quiet — at almost any price."

A few longtime left-wing activists like journalist Uri Avineri even met with the PLO leader. But most simply expressed quiet acceptance of the new reality.

"Those who feel that Arafat's visit is a humiliation to us are living in an old reality," argued Israeli writer David Grossman. "Under that reality one side's gain is another side's loss. But since September 1993, it is no longer a situation of 'them or us.' Today it is them and us."

Other commentators agreed that through his visit, Arafat has tied his fate to that of Rabin and to the accord they signed.

But even among those who support the agreement with the PLO, Arafat's visit did not evoke a fraction of the excitement and drama of Egyptian President Anwar al-Sadat's historic visit 17 years ago.

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Jerusalem 'mission' on standby

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Thomas Hecht, a Canadian Jewish community leader, has confirmed that a "mission" of Canadian Jews is being planned to fly to Jerusalem to protest, if PLO chairman Yasser Arafat visits the holy city.

Hecht said he will be coordinating the trip with Abe Foxman, executive vice-president of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) in New York.

Foxman was not available for comment, but Ken Jacobson, ADL's assistant national director, told *The CJN* that "if all Arafat is going to do is come to the holy places [to pray] — while we would prefer that he didn't — we would not engage in a protest."

"It is not a private citizen going to pray," counters Hecht. "Arafat is a political personage. Whatever he does is a political move."

Hecht denied a June 28 Israel Radio report that a Canadian jumbo jet had already been secured to fly a Canadian Jewish group to Israel.

"I'm waiting to receive the signal from [Jerusalem mayor] Ehud Olmert," Hecht told *The CJN* late last week. "The logistics are not yet in place."

But he promised that a delegation of Jews from major Canadian cities would be there "should he [Arafat] come to Jerusalem down the road."

Early last week Olmert launched a campaign to prevent Arafat from visiting Jerusalem. The former Likud health minister called together all eight of his deputy mayors in response to recent statements by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin that Arafat has the same right as any other Muslim to come to Jerusalem to pray.

An already bitter dispute exists in Israel regarding Arafat's stated intention of coming to Jerusalem to pray at the Al Aksa Mosque, Islam's third holiest shrine.

Olmert's plan to fly in protesters from the Diaspora is part of his stated goal of bringing "a million demonstrators" onto the streets of Jerusalem if Arafat attempts to visit.

Hecht said he hoped to include the participation of Canadian Jewish "leaders" in the trip and said he has

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'Insult' to veterans

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Thirteen years after setting the wheels in motion for a new 98-unit retirement home, the Royal Canadian Legion's General Wingate branch 256 is again awaiting a response from the Ontario Ministry of Housing after applying for funding for the third time.

"When it comes to funding, it seems that veterans are at the bottom of the totem pole," Sol Raibmon, first vice-president of Wingate branch, told *The CJN*. "A more worthy project or a more viable one — more needed — I am not aware of."

"We really need these premises very badly," said Syd Sears, building chair. "The average veteran is 70, and a lot of them are 80," he said, adding that the non-profit project has a waiting list of over 250 names.

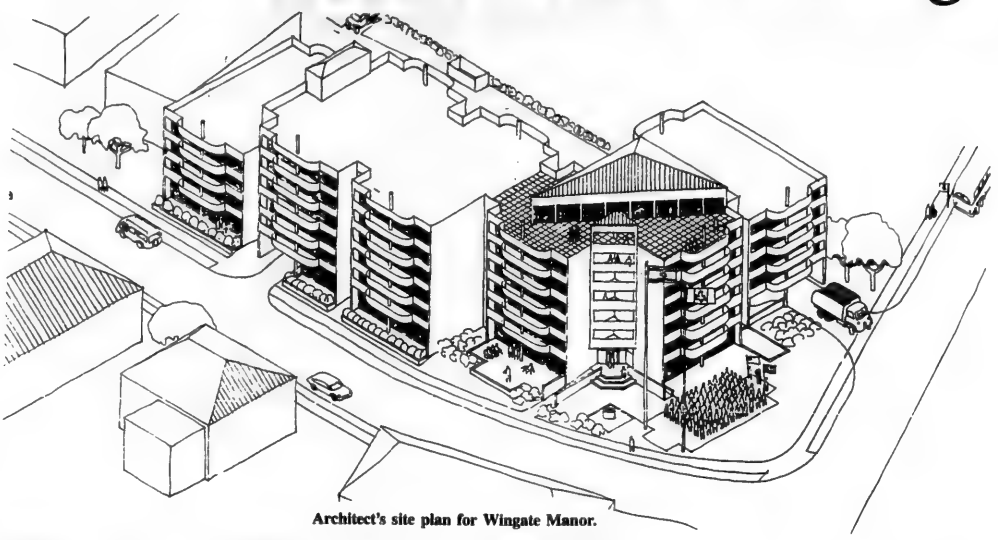
Wingate Manor is envisioned as low-rise housing for veterans and other seniors who are self-sufficient, although plans include a 24-hour-a-day attendant in case of emergency. Recreation areas and new quarters for the branch will also be included, and the building will be wheelchair accessible, said Raibmon.

The Wingate branch, with close to 300 members, is one of six Jewish or mainly Jewish branches of the Legion across Canada. Their current premises are located over a store in the Eglinton-Bathurst area.

The project meets all government requirements, said Raibmon. He considers it "an insult" that the government has seen fit to fund non-profit housing on the Toronto Islands but not the veterans' project. "There's no shopping, no facilities [on the Islands]," said Raibmon. "They have to put in special sewers.

"We already have a property which has been rezoned. It's in an area for elderly people. There's a bus stop at our front door. There's adequate sewage. It's a phenomenal location," said Raibmon.

Raibmon said the veterans' project has the support of a dozen politicians, one of whom, Monte Kwinter, MPP for Wilson Heights, stated recently in the Legislative Assembly that the government's "stalling" is "an unmitigated disgrace."



Architect's site plan for Wingate Manor.

The project dates back to 1981, when branch members formed a housing committee. After meeting with lawyers, architects and elected officials, they learned that a suitable site was necessary to successfully apply for funding. The next nine years were devoted to searching for the ideal spot.

A .9-acre site was optioned on the southwest corner of Rajah Street and Neptune Drive in 1990. The next step was application for rezoning, which was approved by the City Council of North York in 1993.

Wingate branch submitted its first formal application for funding under the federal/provincial housing program in April 1992. Both that application and a subsequent one under Wave 1 of the Jobs Ontario Homes program were unsuccessful. A third funding application, under Wave 2 of the program, is currently under consideration.

The Ministry of Housing is expected to make an announcement by late summer regarding funding allocations, said George Hough, a policy adviser for the ministry.

Hough, who was on the interview team that met with the veterans in April, told *The CJN* that the ministry's Central Region/Metro Toronto office — which encompasses a wide-ranging geographic area including Peterborough, Owen Sound and Bracebridge — has received over 300 applications similar to that from Wingate branch.

The 300 applications represent a total of over 30,000 individual housing units, and only 2,700 can be funded, said Hough. He explained that the ministry is "filling a gap" left by the federal government when its non-profit funding program was cancelled two years ago.

"Having an acceptable application does not mean you will get a project," said Hough. "If you take a driving exam and pass, you get your licence. That's not the case with the Ministry of Housing. There's no way the government of Ontario has the money."

Harmony aims to unite groups

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — During the debate in the media about the Royal Canadian Legion's recent controversial decision to ban religious headgear in legion halls, one of the comments made was "it's us versus them," according to a co-chair of the new Harmony Movement.

"That was played across the airways, and for me it was a seminal moment in this country where we have to decide 'Is it us versus them or are we all one?' I came down squarely on the side of 'we are all one,' " said Gordon Cressy. "And we are all immigrants to this place."

Cressy, a past chairman of the board of the National Council of YMCA Canada, spoke at the group's recent official launch held in Metro Hall. He was joined by co-chairs Mary Anne Chambers, a member of the governing council of the University of Toronto, and Dr. Joseph Wong, the honorary chair of the United Way of Greater Toronto.

Harmony was founded by volunteers as a direct response to what Cressy calls "the apparent deterioration of quality of life in Canada." Supported by donations, the non-partisan organization plans public education and awareness campaigns, along with special events; the goal is to increase appreciation of Canadians' common values and of contributions made by all cultural groups.

Cressy said Harmony stands for bringing people together. "If we don't want in the latter part of this decade to be driven by the sense of just fear and the need for bigger locks and bigger security systems, then we will have to do it in the sense of rebuilding community... And many organizations have been part of that for a long time, and continue to be. What I think Harmony does is add another voice to that, and in effect piggybacks on the good work that is already occurring."

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SEPHARDIC LIFECYCLE PLAY

Or Haemet Sephardic School in Toronto recently held their Sephardic Lifecycle Play, A Closer Look. Parents and families enjoyed an entertaining evening, which provided a "closer look" into the Sephardi heritage. The children of Or Haemet were exposed to and had to learn the detailed customs and songs of the entire lifecycle. Seen (from left) are Jamie Azoulay, Hadar Solomon, Nessiah Pellman, Ariel Benarroch, Melanie Azagury, Benny Leshch and Ofir Sondak of Or Haemet's senior kindergarten class acting out a Sephardi wedding.

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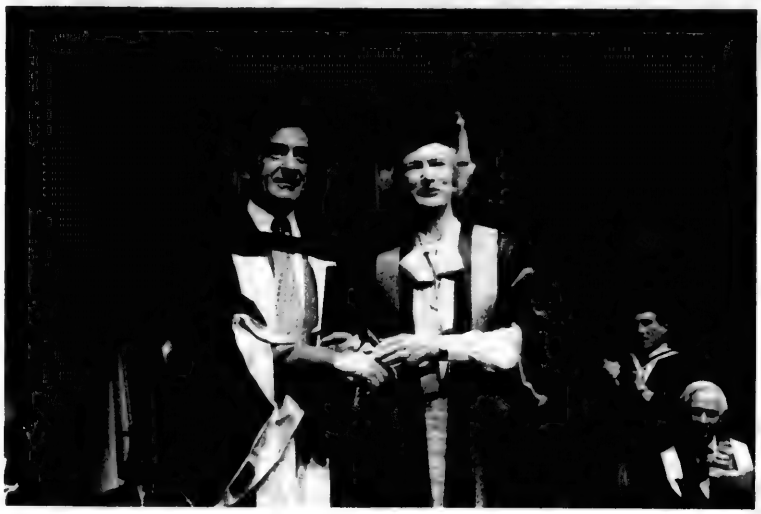

Elie Wiesel is congratulated by McGill University chancellor Gretta Chambers after receiving an honorary Doctor of Letters degree. [Stuart John Tigchelaar-Marasport Inc. photo]

Wiesel gets honorary doctorate

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Elie Wiesel accepted an honorary doctorate from McGill University recently, delivering a heartfelt appeal to graduating arts and science students to resist "indifference and complacency" by confronting the forces of fanaticism sweeping the world.

Garbed in cap and gown at Place des Arts' Salle Wilfrid Peltier, the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize laureate accepted the honorary degree — his 73rd — from Barry Levy, chair of the university's Jewish Studies program.

While the 65-year-old Wiesel adopted a characteristically sombre cadence in his commencement address, he also found room for humor. He called the students' studies "four years of hard work — I hope — and occasional fooling around."

But the main thrust of his remarks was reserved for the theme of fanaticism, which he described as the planet's "real peril," one that the students' generation will have to face.

"Fanaticism is always dangerous: when it acquires power, it is mortal," warned Wiesel, who also punctuated his speech with comments in French.

"Fanaticism — be it religious or ethnically, racially motivated — is by definition irrational," Wiesel said. "A human product, it cannot be stopped by men alone. In religion, fanaticism hides God's face; in politics, it destroys human freedom."

Wiesel warned that "no people may consider itself immune against its poison, no community is protected from its arrows.

"I belong to a generation that has witnessed the defeat of Nazism and the abdication of communism, but not the disappearance of fanaticism that is characteristic of both."

Wiesel cited the tragedies in Bosnia, Rwanda, Somalia and Kashmir, among others, as testifying to the fact that human life continues to be devalued.

But Wiesel also held out hope. While human history "is made of failings and failures," he said, "it is also a carrier of human miracles.

"Isn't South Africa a maginificent case in point," he asked rhetorically. "Isn't the Israeli-Palestinian peace process proof that one must never give up hope?

"Oh, I know: there are problems, there may be many more," he said. "Still, better peace with problems than war which remains the ultimate, most cruelly grotesque problem."

Wiesel hoped his audience will find answers to the questions he finds unanswerable. Among them: how the generation of the '30s and '40s in Europe "endowed evil with such force, and the victims with such sadness. Why wasn't Hitler stopped earlier? He could have been," Wiesel said.

"Why did no one warn Hungarian Jews already in 1944, not to let themselves be shipped to what was then called an unknown destination?

"Where did young Jewish rebels find weapons and courage, and military knowledge, to fight what was then the mightiest army in Europe?

"How did survivors manage to keep their sanity? And what about their faith? One cannot conceive [of] Auschwitz neither with nor without God: what was His role in the total collapse of moral vision and will?

Wiesel said the questions illustrate fundamental issues that challenge the humanity in the human being.

"Will you," he asked the students, "find the answers that escape me and my peers now?"

Missing Israeli Soldiers Coalition launches fundraising campaign

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — The newly-formed International Coalition for Missing Israeli Soldiers (ICMIS) has launched a Canadian fundraising campaign.

Their goal is to promote action by the Israel government to secure release of or information about three missing-in-action (MiA) soldiers believed to be held as prisoners in Syria. They have been missing since the 1982 Lebanese war.

Miriam Baumel, an American who made aliyah and lives in Jerusalem, is the mother of one of the MiAs, Zachary Baumel. The other two are Yehuda Katz and Zvi Feldman.

Miriam Baumel enlisted the aid of the Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region during a recent visit here, to help publicize her allegations that the Israel government is not making any effort to get the missing soldiers freed as part of the current negotiations. She organized the ICMIS to promote international awareness of the situation and to campaign for funds to help the organization hold protest demonstrations and rallies and to conduct advertising campaigns in the Israel media.

Baumel told *The CJN* she also plans to campaign in Winnipeg, Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal, as well as in the United States.

She said her Ottawa interview which appeared in *The CJN* in February, resulted in a demonstration in front of the Iranian embassy. But she doesn't understand why the demonstrators singled out Iran, rather than Syria. The soldiers were captured in the Bekaa Valley in Syria and, she says, under the terms of the Geneva Convention of 1949, which Syria signed, prisoners of war are the responsibility of the government of the place in which they were last seen. The fact that they may have been in the hands of a Palestinian group "in no way lessens Syrian legal and moral responsibility for the welfare of the soldiers."

Baumel told *The CJN* that as part of the Declaration of Principles signed last year in Washington by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat, the PLO leader promised to arrange the release of the men "but he hasn't delivered on the promise."

She claims the Israel government is not interested in pressing the case "over a few missing soldiers because it doesn't want to upset Arafat."

She said Israel still has 4,000 Palestinian prisoners and claims 87½ per cent of the Israeli public wants them held until Syria and Arafat reveal the whereabouts of the MiAs.

She added that the suspense of not knowing the fate of the soldiers is terrible and that Israeli soldiers have said, "We're not afraid to die in action — but we worry about being captured because we know the strain on our families would be tremendous."

Other parents have also been campaigning to get the government to find out about their sons, but the situation really exploded when Arafat's promise failed to materialize, and the government and defence officials gave them the runaround.

The first physical trace of the MiAs, said Baumel, was obtained by Israel in 1984. It was a wax impression of Zachary Baumel's identification tag. Jordan's Princess Dina, whose husband was a high ranking PLO official being held in Israel, presented the wax impression of the tag to an Israeli journalist, but this was not followed through, she said.

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Peace process seen as irreversible

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — There's no turning back in the peace process; the alternative is another war and Israelis don't want another war, according to Avner Regev.

The new executive director of the Jewish National Fund of Canada, Regev succeeds Morris Zilka who held the position for five years and is returning to Israel.

Regev is a columnist for a Hebrew daily newspaper and teaches at the Hebrew University; he is regarded as an expert on Arab-Jewish relations and has been serving as an advisor to Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Regev was in Victoria on a get-acquainted visit, following similar visits to Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver and Toronto; he was to visit Winnipeg after leaving the West Coast.

In an interview with *The CJN*, Regev said that if proper security arrangements are in place, Israel will give the Golan Heights back to Syria. In Rabin's opinion, he said, there's no way to get peace with Syria without giving back the Golan.

Regev doubted recent reports that Jordan would soon sign a peace treaty with Israel on its own — it can do so only with the approval of Syria, he declared.

But Regev was emphatic that Jerusalem will never again be a divided city, although he conceded that a borough system might be devised in due course under which Palestinians could develop their own area in the city.

He said that when the Labor government was elected two years ago, it decided the political agenda had to change. "We couldn't continue to endure the way we were living and agreed that change was urgent."

That, he explained, was why Rabin decided on dealing with "Arafat and his gang" and will continue the peace process with responsible Palestinians leaders even if Arafat doesn't turn up in Gaza or Jericho.

Regev now writes his column, mainly on Israeli-Arab affairs, twice a week and plans to continue the column at least once a week.

JNF not a charity

He thinks the settlers in the Palestinian areas will eventually be encouraged by the government to leave for Israel.

Regev agrees with the philosophy expressed by the deputy foreign minister, Yossi Beilin, that Israel doesn't want to continue receiving charity from the Diaspora. He noted that Beilin had even suggested at the recent World Zionist Organization- Jewish Agency meeting in Jerusalem that the Jewish Agency could be disbanded if the Diaspora, especially the United States, wants to use Israel as a fundraising tool but keep most of the money in the country for "Jewish continuity."

But he stressed that the Jewish National Fund (JNF) is not a charity and has always campaigned separately. The land of Israel belongs to all Jews and the JNF regards itself as a trustee for the Jewish people.

Regev reported that close to 75 per cent of the JNF budget is invested directly in the land. Land development, reclamation, management, research and development, and afforestation are all part of the program. In addition, JNF conducts a variety of educational activities for local and overseas youth, including five summer camps. The Diaspora focus is to strengthen ties with Israel.

A native of Haifa, the child of Latvian Jews, Regev was educated in Jerusalem and graduated from Hebrew University in political science. He served in the reserve, winding up as a major, and then moved on to work in the defence department, security section.

He said he is keenly interested in politics and accepted the Canadian posting with some reluctance. However he was nominated by the Labor government and has the full approval of the JNF of Canada board.

He will be returning to Israel shortly to bring back his wife and young daughter and will be living in Cote St. Luc. He has another older daughter and son who will remain in Israel.

Regev was accompanied to Victoria by Gideon Shavit, the Jerusalem emissary to British Columbia. He met with Victoria JNF leaders at the home of David and April Katz, who have been the JNF representatives for several years. They are turning over their duties to Sherry and Robbie Sheffman.

It's expected the third Negev Dinner will be held here in April next year. The honoree has not yet been selected.

Baron Byng class of '39 holds reunion

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

TREADWELL, Ont. — They broke out spontaneously into songs they sang in high school, spirited pieces like *Land of Hope and Glory*, and no one fluffed the words.

Not bad for people who graduated 55 years ago from the fabled Baron Byng High School (BBHS) on Montreal's St. Urbain Street.

But then again, not many people learned how to sing operas in the high school choir under the formidable D.M. Herbert.

The class of 1939, now in their 70s, got together last month at the country home of prominent Ottawa real estate developer Solly Goldfarb and his wife Edna.

Most of the class still lives in Montreal, but Ben Mendel made the trip from Toronto, and Lily Kligman Cohen came in from Rancho Mirage, Calif.

The 154 graduates of 1939 were all Jewish. They lived within the old Jewish quarter marked by Pine Avenue, St. Viateur Street, Park Avenue and St. Denis Street.

For the most part their Yiddish-speaking parents were of modest means, but had big hopes for their children. In those days, a Grade 11 student paid $5 a month to attend school. Keeping a child in high school was difficult for many families.

"It was a home away from home," said Max Shainblum. "I lived less than two blocks away from school, but I never went home for lunch; I just wanted to be there. We were very attached to it and each other."

The class of '39 came to maturity at a time when many doors were closed to Jews and anti-Semitic sentiment was openly expressed.

Strong bonds

These factors helped to forge bonds strong enough to endure to this day. Reunion organizer Ed Wolkove, an accountant, said he has lost track of only 17 of his 154 classmates.

They also helped produce a group successful in their professions, material comforts and in service to society.

Among them are former Steinberg executive Mel Dobrin; Michael Fainstat, former chair of the Montreal Urban Community executive; journalist Abe Arnold; and artist Sylvia Ary.

There were six physicians, a dentist, at least eight PhDs in the sciences and math, six full professors and several accountants and engineers.

A number of women went on to careers in law — Bella Lerman was appointed a judge — and science, like the late Bertha Singer. Boys and girls were segregated in those days.

The class of '39 graduated on the eve of World War II. About 70 per cent of the males enlisted in the Armed Forces, and two — Joe Gertel and Willie Berger — were killed in action.

After the war many of the ex-servicemen went to university on the veterans' bill. Before that, a college education was the privilege of the elite, they said.

"Not only was the cost [of university] formidable, but Jewish students were required to attain an average of 75 per cent (at high school graduation), in contrast to the usual entrance requirement of 65 per cent at McGill," said Sam Levy, a PhD in biochemistry still working at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Quota system

"In medicine, a quota system was openly in effect, allowing Jewish students only 10 per cent of the places in the entrance class," Levy said.

Levy gives much credit to BBHS teachers for inspiring their students to achieve, teachers like Herbert, Anne Savage (art) and the principal, Dr. J.S. Astbury. "Their influence on our lives was immeasurable," he said.

There were no Jewish teachers at the time.

The 55th reunion was the seventh in 30 years. As time passes and the ranks gets thinner and frailer, the reunions have become more frequent.

Following custom, the names of the 26 deceased classmates were read out at the Treadwell reunion. This was followed by the happy news that one teacher is still alive and living in British Columbia — 100-year-old Mr. Saunders.

"The class of '39 was perhaps the most successful one in the remarkable history of Baron Byng," Levy said. "Our sense of justice, compassion, comradeship and cultural identity with our people is perhaps stronger than in others who did not have the good fortune to attend the old school.

"Many former students of BBHS feel their heart beat faster and a tear forming as they pass by that venerable old building on St. Urbain Street.

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Palestinian expectations high as Arafat visits Gaza Strip

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

GAZA CITY — As anticipation mounted in Gaza City just hours before the arrival of PLO leader Yasser Arafat, a rumor began to circulate. "Abu Jihad is alive," people whispered. "And Arafat is going to bring him."

To most Palestinians, Abu Jihad — the PLO leader who was gunned down in Tunis in 1988 — is regarded with nearly the same sense of awe as Arafat himself.

The belief that Arafat could bring his associate back to life shows the kind of supernatural expectations that some Palestinians had of their leader on the eve of his arrival.

If there were those who conjured up such fantastic scenarios, others had much more concrete ideas of what they wanted from Arafat.

"Work," said one. "That's what we need most of all in Gaza."

"Arafat's visit is important to us psychologically. But the economy is in very bad shape. I hope he'll announce new projects and jobs," said Jamal, a 40-year-old Gazan, who is trained as an electrician, but has never found work in his field.

"I use my certificate to decorate the wall," he says wryly.

So anxious are Gazans to improve their economic situation that no idea is dismissed — not even that formerly proposed by Ariel Sharon, the Israeli commander who dealt a crushing blow to Gazan terrorists in the late sixties.

"You know Sharon had a plan to turn Gaza into an industrial area," noted Ataf, a 21-year-old student from Jabalya refugee camp. "Maybe Arafat can do that now. I believe it's possible to make a paradise out of hell."

"He is not coming with the staff of Moses," countered Abed El Hamid Kahlut. "He's just an ordinary man."

Nevertheless Kahlut had his own long list of demands for Arafat. "The streets in Gaza are rotten; the youth don't work, the people aren't educated. There are no good schools or hospitals. We are looking to Arafat to find a solution to these problems."

During morning prayers on July 1, the spiritual leader of a Hamas-affiliated mosque referred to Arafat indirectly in his sermon, hinting at his imminent arrival and welcoming the leader, recalls Kahlut, one of the worshippers.

It marked a striking change from the calls for Arafat's death commonly heard at Hamas gatherings only a few months ago.

This was perhaps one of the most surprising aspects of the PLO leader's visit: the little opposition it sparked among rival Palestinian factions. Hamas did issue a statement condemning the visit. But the brother of the jailed Hamas leader in Gaza met with Arafat.

Circus atmosphere greets PLO chief

Black flags were hoisted on a few homes as a sign of mourning. But they could hardly be seen amidst the collection of flashy banners, PLO flags and posters of Arafat that turned dusty refugee camps into circuses for a day. There were no counter demonstrations. And no assassination attempts.

"He is the symbol of our struggle," said Ataf, echoing a phrase heard again and again in Gaza.

If the meek opposition to the visit says something about Arafat's unrivalled status, it also attests to a certain erosion of support for the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas in the Gaza Strip, stronghold of the movement.

A few weeks ago, English-language Hamas slogans were scrawled across the walls in Gaza City. "It's for the media," explained a resident. "I guess Hamas doesn't want to waste its efforts on the local population."

Kahlut, a former Fatah fighter, says that his own son is active in Hamas.

"He was attracted to the group because of the Israeli occupation," says Kahlut. "But he has changed his opinion since the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza. He used to say that our religion forbids us to talk of peace. Now he talks of building a society, of all the work there is for us to do.

"My son is still in Hamas," he adds. "But I don't think he'll stay with the organization for more than another month or two. Now, for the first time in years, he goes to school regularly and he thinks of his future in a different way. It's a new situation.

"If they build a sports centre here, says Kahlut, "he'll have someplace to go after school and then Hamas will have nothing at all to offer him."

As the tens of thousands of spectators filed out of the square where Arafat had just finished speaking, the atmosphere was calm. There were no volleys of machine gun fire. No ecstatic cries. No stampedes. He didn't whip the crowd into a frenzy.

"He said something to please everyone," said one spectator.

"Yes," piped in another. "He called for the release of the prisoners. He stretched out his hand to Hamas and to Rabin. He thanked King Hussein and President [Hosni] Mubarak. He didn't forget any point — except maybe the most important one — the economy."

'Concerned Canadian Jews' ready to fly to Jerusalem

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received "signals" from several that they would be prepared to participate.

Hecht did not agree, however, that such a trip could be perceived as being in opposition to the Israeli government, even though Rabin has indicated that Arafat is free to come and pray in the city.

It will not be a trip revolving "around party lines," Hecht promised. "It will be a trip of concerned Canadian Jews.

"We do not want anybody in Jerusalem who has designs on the city."

A secondary purpose of joining such a protest, Hecht said, would be to "hold the government to its original statement that Jerusalem is the capital of the state.

"We want to make the statement that peace comes from security and not security from peace," he said

A visit to Jerusalem by Arafat, Hecht said, would constitute the "first step in conditioning the world that there is an Arab dimension to Jerusalem.

"We want to dispel that [myth] forever," he said. "Jerusalem is the City of David."

Ornan Yekutieli of Meretz, a leader of the opposition in Jerusalem city council, said that Olmert's plans lent credence to Palestinian fears that free access to Jerusalem holy sites might be denied.

Deputy Mayor Shmuel Meir, part of the stop-Arafat campaign, told Israel Radio he feared the police might close off Jerusalem some days before any projected Arafat visit and thus ensure a capital city that was free of all demonstrators.

Meir also promised that on the day of a planned Arafat visit, Jerusalem would come to a total standstill. He added that torches of protest would be lit throughout the city and in other towns supporting the struggle.

— With files from Frances Kraft and Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Israeli protesters slam Arafat and Rabin

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"Sadat's arrival was tremendous," recalled Itai Eren, a 37-year-old from Tel Aviv who supports Rabin's peace policy.

"It's difficult now to sense even an inkling of the sensation Israelis had then," he said. "When Egypt, the most powerful Arab country, was ready to sign a peace treaty with Israel it was like a dream come true. But Arafat's arrival? It's like getting rid of a pimple — something that has lingered on and on . . . something about which no one gives a damn any more."

For Palestinians, Gaza seemed an appropriate place for Arafat's historic return, since he has family there and is even rumored to have been born there himself. A true "homecoming."

For Israelis, too, Gaza (called "Aza" in Hebrew) was an appropriate place for Arafat's entrance. With its squalor and teeming refugee camps, it is a place that nearly all Israelis simply want to be rid of.

And in that spirit, the most widely-expressed wish for the PLO leader was that he "go to Aza" — a play on the Hebrew word aza-zel (which means hell).

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Israel-Jordan border undergoing change

To be handed over from military to civilian control

Administration at the Allenby Bridge will soon be handed over to civilian control.

LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

ALLENBY BRIDGE — Hundreds of travellers wait in line for hours under a scorching sun.

Eventually they make their way to the front of the line and enter the terminal where, one by one, their luggage is searched by soldiers.

The scene is always the same at the Allenby Bridge where as many as 10,000 people a day — most of them Palestinians, some of them visitors from neighboring Arab countries — cross the border between Israel and Jordan.

But in three months time, crossing the Allenby Bridge will be more like arriving at Ben-Gurion Airport. At least, that is what Transport Minister Israel Kessar said during a tour of the bridge last month.

In October, the border crossing situated a few kilometres east of Jericho will be transformed from a military outpost into a civilian one, as it is handed over from the Civil Administration to the Israeli Transport Ministry. At the same time, close to 30 million shekels ($10 million US) is being injected into this crossing and the one at Rafiah (on the Egyptian border) to turn both into modern, efficient facilities. With the introduction of automated equipment, long lines under the sun should become a thing of the past.

"We want these border crossings to meet international standards and be at least the same levels as what we have at Ben-Gurion Airport," said Kessar.

The facelift comes in the wake of the Cairo agreement. The May 4 accord calls for far-reaching changes at both border crossings, to "reflect the new reality created by the Declaration of Principles."

The withdrawal of the Israeli army from the Jericho region is part of that "new reality" and was the impetus for transferring the Allenby Bridge from military to civilian hands. The bridge will now be run, like all other border crossings in Israel, by the Ports Authority — with one difference. Representatives of the Palestinian Authority will also have a role in administering both the Allenby border crossing and the Rafiah one, which is in the Gaza Strip.

Each terminal will have two wings: an Israeli wing for residents of Israel and visitors to the country, and a Palestinian wing — complete with flag — for residents of the West Bank and Gaza Strip and visitors to those areas.

Ultimate authority for running the Allenby and Rafiah border crossings will remain in Israeli hands, with an Israeli director-general responsible for the entire terminal including the Palestinian wing. Palestinian officials will conduct searches only on Palestinians and other Arab travellers; they will have no jurisdiction over or contact with Israeli travelers. In contrast, Israeli Port Authority officials will have the right to inspect any suspicious visitors and prevent their entry. Israel will also maintain responsibility for overall security at the terminals.

But the Israeli presence will be downplayed. The agreement calls for tinted glass, "indirect and invisible Israeli checking" and other mechanisms aimed at "maintaining the dignity of persons passing through the border crossings."

"We want to limited to a minimum the amount of friction between Israeli authorities and Arab travellers," explains Kessar.

To that end, the Transport Ministry is introducing automated equipment. The installation of conveyer belts, X-ray equipment and other modern airport technology will reduce direct contact between Israeli authorities and Arab travellers. And it will of course enable officials to process visitors more quickly and efficiently. This is no small consideration for Israeli authorities who are expecting over 1.2 million people to pass through the Allenby Bridge this year (compared to 840,000 in 1993) — an all-time peak in traffic, a trend that is expected to continue.

Until now, Palestinian residents of the West Bank and Gaza Strip have comprised the vast majority of people using the bridge. They cross the border to visit relatives, conduct business or make a pilgrimage to Mecca. There are also a small number of citizens of Arab countries, particularly Jordan, who have special permits to visit the West Bank, and a few pilgrims and other tourists.

The Palestinians will be the ones most affected by the impact of the changes to the border crossings. But the new system is also being implemented in anticipation of eventual peace treaties with Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, according to Kessar.

"Until recently, Israel did not pay much attention to land borders as ports of entry. The vast majority of visitors to Israel fly here. But now the situation is changing and we must bring our land border crossings up to standard," said Kessar.

As another sign of the times, the transport minister indicated that Jordan has expressed interest in building a road from Aquaba to Egypt, and in charting Jordanian passenger flights to Europe over Israeli territory. Kessar said that Israel would consider agreeing to both these proposals if the Jordanians submitted a formal request.

Jericho police refuse to accept prisoners

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Palestinian police in the autonomous area of Jericho in the West Bank refused last week to accept 220 Palestinians released from Israeli prisons.

The prisoners, all of whom were residents of the territories still administered by Israel, had agreed to remain within the borders of Jericho until the end of their prison terms, an Israeli request justified under the terms of the agreement signed last month in Cairo for implementing Palestinian self-rule.

Israel Defence Force sources denied a claim by Palestinian security chief Jibril Rajoub that the prisoners had refused to sign a declaration that they would refrain from taking up arms against the peace process.

According to IDF sources, the prisoners had signed the declaration, but Palestinian authorities in Jericho refused to accept them, claiming the area was already overcrowded.

In Gaza, meanwhile, cries of joy and welcome greeted 389 Palestinians released from Israel's Ketziot prison in the Negev.

Most of those released were members of the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas movement and the Islamic Jihad, two groups militantly opposed to the Israeli-Palestinian peace initiative.

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Aristide meets with U.S. Jews

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — Exiled Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, speaking to an American Jewish group here late last month, compared the plight of Haitian refugees seeking haven in the United States today to that of European Jews seeking refuge during the 1930s.

He specifically recalled how in May 1939, some 900 Jews aboard the S.S. St. Louis tried desperately to escape the Holocaust, only to be turned away at every potential port of safety.

Aristide said that refugees who are returned to Haiti have faced violence and some have even been executed, adding to the over 5,000 people killed since the September 1991 coup in which he was ousted.

"The refugee crises will not end until democracy is restored to Haiti," Aristide said at the first Conscience of the Community Awards reception, sponsored by the Washington chapter of the American Jewish Congress.

"We must be just with our refugees. Given the escalating levels of violence and oppression, it would be immoral to ask people whose very lives are at risk to stay in Haiti," he said.

Although he welcomed the increased pressures and embargo put on Haiti's military government by the United Nations and United States, Aristide stressed the need for organized protests and pressure from the international community.

During World War II, he said, protests by Jewish groups helped push the world community to take action.

"This same solidarity is needed for Haiti. We are sure this will hasten the day when true democracy can be restored."

In ending his talk, Aristide, who speaks fluent Hebrew, said, "Traditionally, it is said: L'shanah haba'ah b'Yerushalayim (Next year in Jerusalem). Let us say tonight: L'shanah hazeh b'Haiti (This year in Haiti)."

Jean-Bertrand Aristide

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

OLEN

Hirsch is a common Jewish name derived from the German word for deer. In Hebrew, it is Tzvi or Ayalah. In Russian, it is Olen.

WAX — KAUFMAN — SHADLESKY

Jay Wax, of Downsview, seeks information not only about his own surname, but tosses in the names of some of his kinsmen.

Wachs pronounced Vox is the product "wax" which was adopted by a dealer in that commodity. The names Zuker (sugar), Saltz (salt) and Pfeffer (pepper) fall into the same category.

Kaufman (literally a buyer) denotes a merchant.

Shadlesky is probably an emasculation of Shidlovsky or Sedlovsky, which comes from the Polish village of Siedliscze near the storied city of Chelm.

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Rabin says peace with Syria becoming more urgent

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — If Israel and Syria do not sign a peace treaty within the next two or three years, Israel should prepare for war, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said last week.

"If within two to three years there is no agreement with the Syrians, I recommend changing the order of priorities and injecting huge sums of money into the Army so it can prepare for the possibility of war," an official quoted Rabin as telling a closed-door meeting of the Knesset foreign affairs and defence committee.

The prime minister also said he doubted whether U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher would offer proposals to bridge the gap between Israel and Syria during his Middle East shuttle trip later this month.

Rabin said he opposed such a U.S. move, at least for now.

"I don't remember a time comparable to the period since the end of 1993 when such a large quantity of weapons, including some of the most advanced, has reached Syria," he told the Knesset committee.

"[These include] hundreds of T-72S tanks, the most advanced of their kind, and a substantial number of mobile artillery pieces."

Rabin also warned that Israel "would face a grave situation in the medium and long term if the world did not deal with North Korea, Iran and Iraq."

He was responding to a question by Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu, who accused him of having "demoralized" the nation last month when he said Syria would go to war in three to seven years if the peace process failed.

"If the Syrians perceive that Israel is afraid, they will respond accordingly," said Netanyahu. "I don't recall another prime minister who threatened his own people with war."

In his public comments, Rabin seemed to play down the Syrian military build-up.

"There's nothing new about it," he told reporters after the meeting.

"There is a continuation of the arms race in the region: Saudi Arabia, Israel, Syria. It didn't start yesterday. It's a prolonged process that continues."

In the committee, however, Rabin said Russian president Boris Yeltsin had told him Russia would honor its commitment to the Syrians to sell Damascus spare parts.

If Syria began paying back its $11 billion debt to the Russians, Moscow would also supply their most advanced SA-10 surface-to-air missile, Rabin said.

ROMEO AND JULIET IN JERUSALEM
Israeli actress Orna Katz, playing Juliet, and Palestinian actor Khalifa Natour, playing Romeo, practice a love scene during a dress rehearsal of the joint Israeli-Palestinian production of Shakespeare's play. [RNS photo]

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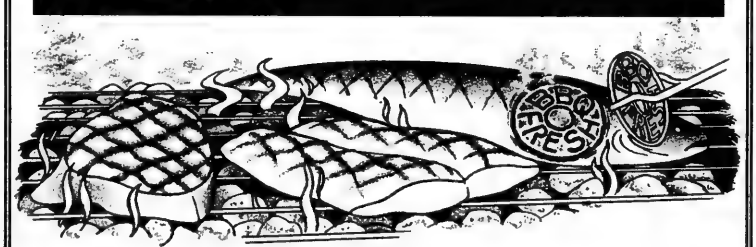

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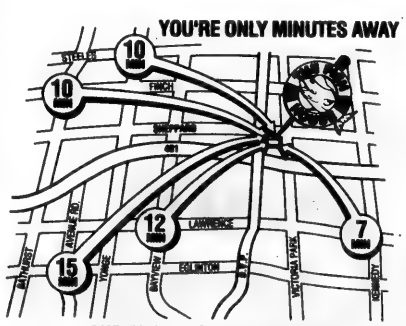

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The News in Brief

Women To Head Rabbis' Group

JERUSALEM — One year after the Conservative movement ordained its first female rabbi in Israel, the association of Conservative rabbis here has elected a woman, Gila Dror, as its chairperson.

Dror, a mother of three, was born in Petach Tikva and grew up in an Orthodox home.

Speaking on Israel Radio, she termed her election "a revolution, a step forward. This is the first time, as far as I am aware, that a woman will be heading a rabbinical body anywhere in the world."

There are 140 Conservative rabbis in Israel, she said, adding that she did not consider her election a demonstration of tokenism or a provocation.

"I have worked in Israel for four years and worked with all my heart for the association."

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Israel Lifts S.A. Embargo

JERUSALEM — Israel has lifted its seven-year embargo on the sale of arms to South Africa.

The original ban, passed in March 1987, did not impose a full arms embargo. It allowed for existing contracts with South Africa to be honored but prohibited any new agreements from being signed.

Earlier this month, that restriction was lifted by the cabinet in recognition of the changes that have taken place in South Africa and in accordance with the easing of trade restrictions by the international community.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told the Knesset that a delegation from South Africa visited Israel last November to work out an agreement with the Israel Defence Force on pre-conscript paramilitary training.

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Knesset Looks at Adoption

JERUSALEM — The Knesset last week took a first step toward passage of a bill that will bring procedures for adopting children from abroad into line with accepted international conventions.

In Israel, where the number of local children available for adoption has become smaller, many couples have been adopting children from South American countries and Romania.

While most of these adoptions posed only minimal legal problems, some have resulted in international legal battles and human tragedies.

The proposed legislation seeks to remedy this by making Israeli adoptions conform with international norms.

In a related development, the Movement for Progressive Jewry, which is affiliated with Reform Judaism, announced last week the opening of a centre for the conversion of adopted children of non-Jewish origin.

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Early Release for Spy Rejected

TEL AVIV — After 11 years in prison, an Israeli convicted of spying for the former Soviet Union has lost an appeal for early release.

Prof. Marcus Klingberg, 76, once a prominent biologist, was convicted in a closed-door trial in 1983 for passing information about germ warfare to Moscow.

Klingberg recently suffered two strokes, and his attorney has been campaigning for his release.

But at a recent hearing at the Ashkelon prison, a prison review panel upheld a request by state prosecutors to reject the appeal, stating Klingberg "still represents a threat to state security."

Klingberg immigrated to Israel in 1948, shortly after independence. After studying medicine, he was appointed a professor of epidemiology and subsequently rose to the post of deputy head of the Biological Institute in Ness Ziona, near Rehovot.

He disappeared in 1983 while on his way to a scientific convention in Europe. Rumors spread that he had defected to the Soviet Union.

Israelis only learned last August that Klingberg was in prison for espionage. He was sentenced to 18 years and has been held in solitary confinement.

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Paris Jewish Centre Closes

PARIS — Local real estate regulations have forced the Jewish Community Centre of Paris to close.

The centre, which has served its 3,500 members and an estimated 25,000 visitors annually for the past 32 years, was a well-known site among natives and tourists alike. It was scheduled to close its doors by the end of June.

The centre had long failed to comply with local safety regulations. After turning a blind eye to the matter for years, local authorities recently insisted on compliance — a move the centre's officials said would be prohibitively expensive.

As well, the centre's rent was raised to a level that was deemed too expensive.

Directors of the centre expressed their desire to move to a new location as quickly as possible.

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Cuban Shul Links With Conservative

HAVANA — Congregation Casa de la Comunidad Hebrea de Cuba has become the first Cuban synagogue to affiliate with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

The 100-member congregation, founded in 1953, has long been searching for links with fellow Jews.

The synagogue has no fulltime rabbi. For the past several years a rabbi from Guadalajara, Mexico has traveled to Cuba to perform life-cycle ceremonies. The first bar mitzvah in 35 years took place last December.

According to Rabbi David Blumenfeld of United Synagogue, the congregation is attempting to bring in a cantor in time for Rosh Hashanah.

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Anti-Semitism Via Computers

NEW YORK — Increasing quantities of anti-Semitic and racist material are being spread worldwide through computer networks, according to the World Jewish Congress's annual report on anti-Semitism.

Anti-Semitism World Report 1994 warns that the computer networks are almost inaccessible to law enforcement agencies.

"The growth area of 'anti-Semitica' in the 1990s is the dissemination of racist and anti-Semitic propaganda by electronic means," the 270-page report states.

As an example, it cited the U.S.-based National Socialist German Workers Party's Overseas Organization distribution of a neo-Nazi magazine by computer network to Austria, Germany, France and the Netherlands.

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German Rightist Sentenced

MANNHEIM — A state court in this southwestern German city has convicted Gunter Deckert, head of the extreme right-wing National Democratic Party, on charges of inciting racial hatred.

The court this month sentenced Deckert to a one-year suspended jail sentence and a fine equalling $6,250.

Charges were initially brought against Deckert after he served as translator at a 1991 rally for American Holocaust denier Fred Leuchter.

Deckert had said he supported Leuchter's theories.

Last March, the Federal Court of Justice, Germany's highest appeals court, reversed a lower court ruling that simply denying the Holocaust occurred was not in itself a punishable offence.

The high court then sent the case back to the lower court to determine whether Deckert subscribes to Nazi ideology, which is a punishable offence.

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Lubavitch Seek Rare Books

NEW YORK — Despite — and even because of the passing of the Lubavitcher rebbe — the movement's emissaries are continuing to press the Russian government to return a Lubavitch library of more than 12,000 books and 300 manuscripts held at the Russian State Library in Moscow.

The matter was raised this month during a meeting in Washington between Jewish leaders and visiting Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin.

Retrieval of the collection, which was appropriated by the Soviets in 1921 and placed at the former Lenin Library, was a priority of the late Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, who died June 12.

Seven of the rare books accompanied U.S. President Bill Clinton on his return from Europe in February and another was returned personally by Vice President Al Gore, who was given the volume during a visit to Moscow last December.

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Jews Turn Down Russian PM

WASHINGTON — American Jewish leaders turned down a request by Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin to help his country secure most-favored-nation trade status on a permanent basis.

At a meeting with the prime minister here last Tuesday, the dozen Jewish leaders told Chernomyrdin that they favor a continued waiver of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment, which for years barred the Soviet Union from special trade status because of its policy on emigration.

The Jewish leaders said they cannot support a waiver at this time.

Though there has been substantial progress on the emigration front in recent years, there is still "more progress to be made in the emigration area before we can support a presidential finding that Russia is in full compliance" on Jackson-Vanik, said Mark Levin, executive director of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

At the one-and-a-half hour meeting, the Jewish activists also discussed anti-Semitism and fascism in Russia.

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Family Matters

by

John Syrtash, B.A. (Hon.), LL.B.

O. J. Simpson, publicity, and privacy

The allegations against O.J. Simpson should be tried in a court of law, not in the media. He should be deemed by all of us to be innocent until proven guilty. Jewish law is even more stringent. The accused would not be convicted of murder unless two competent witnesses were present and specifically warned him of the consequences of his actions beforehand. Moreover, the widely released transcripts and audio recording of the 911 distress call made by Mr. Simpson's ex-wife will make it very difficult for Mr. Simpson to obtain a fair trial. They appear to be bone-chilling statements made by a woman in true fear of her safety and a man intent on hurting her. The public should therefore be cautious about concluding Simpson's guilt as a result of the publicity surrounding these terrible events.

But this same publicity has done much good by focusing attention on wife abuse and calling into question the concept that fame and fortune should be equated with success. Simpson is not the first famous celebrity with family problems or a violent disposition: from Henry VIII to Beethoven and beyond, greatness has been a public, not private, mantle. By contrast, in Jewish law, greatness is found in the pleasantness with which you treat your spouse and children, in private. Historically, in obscure and poorer segments of Jewish society, our sages measured success entirely by the degree of *shalom beis* or peace in the home. Have a tranquil summer and a good *Shabbos*.

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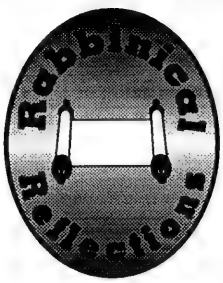

By RABBI LEIGH LERNER

Every translation changes the meaning. Every interpreter brings a different perspective to the words. Moses, God's faithful servant, interpreted God's words to the people and changed their meaning in this week's sedrah, Matot-Mas'ey.

The portion contains a curious set of verses. In Bamidbar 31:2 God speaks of nikmat b'nei Yisrael, the vengeance of the children of Israel on the Midianites. In verse 3, Moses conveys the idea to the people in a different way: "the vengeance of the Lord on Midian." Midrash Tanchuma picks up this difference and suggests a reason for Moses' change.

The Israelites said to God, "If we had been idolaters or deniers of the mitzvot, the Midianites would not have hated us. See, they hate us because of the Torah, which You gave us, so vengeance belongs to You."

Few of us, not even Moses, care to take responsibility for vengeance. Yet the Torah verse is clear. It's a command to Moshe: "Avenge the Israelite people on the Midianites."

Moses tries to squeak out of his task in midrash Bamidbar Rabbah. Instead of going himself to Midian to wreak revenge, he appoints troops to do it for him. He thinks, "It's not right for me to cause distress to a people who have been good to me, as the proverb says, 'Do not cast a stone into the cistern from which you drank.' "

Shlichato kemoto, a person's agent is the same as himself. At a brit, the father makes the mohel the agent in the circumcision of his son, and it's as if he did it himself. In revenge, for those who recruit troops to their aid or hire another to harass the object of their ire, it's as if they were doing it themselves. Moses' hands are no less bloody because he sent agents to fight Midian. So our hands are no less dirty when we instigate the harassment of others, whether via poisoning family relationships, abusing the law courts, or playing games on the telephone.

Moses tried to interpret his way out of wreaking revenge on Midian. In our day, once we have taken revenge, we seek to interpret our way out of what we have done. It wasn't vengeance, we say. We call it justice, a chance to even the account, to bring balance to a world whose scales are too often tipped in favor of the powerful. But vengeance? Not pretty; not at all. So we say with Tanchuma that vengeance belongs to God.

Sometimes we mean that it is up to God to take revenge for the suffering we have undergone. Too often we mean that God approves the infliction of suffering in return, as if we were allowed to be both judge and jury. The world is a gentler place when we wait for God to act. Lo tikom, you shall not take revenge on one another.

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Front Line

Israel's Arrow: A new way to reduce war?

By DAVID BAR-ILLAN
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

The success of the recent Arrow test launch is good news not only for Israel, but for all democracies. For the achievement of Israel Aircraft Industries is a step towards developing an effective defence against a weapon which for half a century has been in effect invincible.

That Israel is a pioneer in destroying this invincibility is a proud accomplishment. As Defense Ministry Director-General David Ivri put it, the results were particularly significant, because they were attained in a new technological field in which experience is minimal. One of Arrow's developers, Ovadia Harari, was less reserved. "We are writing the book," he said.

Ever since the last years of World War II, when the Nazis attacked Britain with a crude version of today's ballistic missiles, the only defence against such attacks was either preemptive or retaliatory. That is, either the launching pads of the missiles could be destroyed, or the attacker could be threatened with costly retaliation. In fighting totalitarian regimes, such countermeasures are woefully inadequate.

The Gulf War proved that little has changed since the days of the German V2s. American early-warning satellites and their control stations on the ground could detect a missile launch and compute and transmit data on the time and general area of the missile's arrival within seconds of the launch. But the only available interceptors, the Patriots, were ineffective in protecting the civilian population. Intended for the defense of limited strategic areas, such as ports, airports, and military installations, the Patriots could only deflect the Iraqi Scuds from their course at the last stages of their flight. They could not and did not protect cities.

The Arrow is a far more sophisticated weapon. Once it becomes operational, it should be able to destroy warheads, not just deflect them, and it should intercept incoming missiles at an earlier stage of their flight. This is particularly important against missiles carrying non-conventional warheads: the mere deflection of incoming chemical, biological, or nuclear carriers is obviously useless.

On the test day, the Arrow pursued the attack missile, locked on it through its sensors, and destroyed it. The day's goal was thus attained, but the experiment was still embryonic, made under "laboratory conditions" - the attack missile was not fired at random, but on a pre-determined course. Yet the test met all expectations, and it bodes well for the development of an effective defence against ballistic missiles within the next three to six years.

The results also enhance the prospects of continued American participation in financing the project. As American observers at the site stressed, it is not only the scientific accomplishment that merits continued American support, but the Israeli ability to reach this stage at half of what an equivalent development by the American military would cost.

Assuming that the development of the Arrow proceeds according to plan, the operational deployment of the weapon will just about coincide with the time Iran and Iraq are expected to have nuclear capabilities. Iraq is still constrained by UN inspections, but Iran, like Syria, has acquired Scud C missiles from North Korea, whose range is 355 miles.

Both countries are interested in the new North Korean missiles, whose development was made possible by the sudden availability of scores of Russian missile experts, who have brought advanced technologies to the North Korean effort. A completely redesigned Scud, known as the Nodong 1, with an estimated range of up to 770 miles, was flight-tested last year. North Korean and Russian engineers are also working on an entirely new missile, dubbed the Nodong 2, believed to have two stages and an estimated range of 1155 miles. And an even more powerful missile, reported by Jane's, may reach the range of 1,925 miles.

With such formidable weapons in the hands of totalitarian regimes, it is not only Israel that is threatened. That is why the United States, despite defence cuts, is developing the Theater High Altitude Area Defence (THAAD) program, which is expected to have a new missile interceptor ready for use even before the Arrow, probably as early as 1996. And the U.S. Navy is working on ship-based ballistic missile defences.

None of these anti-missile missiles can be effective without a foolproof early warning system. The United States is developing space-based sensors which would supplement early-warning satellites with a global space-tracking system. It would consist of a constellation of several dozen small satellites at relatively low altitudes, each with several different sensors for detecting and tracking even cold objects in space.

The Gulf War proved that the damage conventional missiles can inflict is limited. But it also showed that even the most advanced technological devices cannot find missile launchers, particularly mobile ones, and destroy them. The importance of intercepting missiles effectively, particularly if they are armed with non-conventional warheads, is therefore paramount. And the development of the Arrow and similar weapons is essential if totalitarian regimes are to be effectively deterred.

Haredim win battle of billboards in Israel

By CARL ALPERT

The battle of the billboards in Israel is over and the haredim have won.

The struggle began when ultra-Orthodox Israelis, primarily in Jerusalem, began protesting against what they considered pornographic advertising, showing women in various stages of undress.

Bus shelters containing such ads were defaced and later burned down. Then came the threat of the haredim to boycott all products which resorted to such advertising. Considering the purchasing power of Jerusalem's Orthodox is estimated at 40 per cent or more of the potential market, the threat was a real one.

Now the war is over. The advertising agencies concerned have yielded and have agreed to a new code governing their ads, according to which there will be no more ladies in bikinis presented in larger-than-life size, no more naked limbs, no more undressed women crawling on all fours, no more suggestive double entendres.

Reaction in the press has been mixed. One writer complained indignantly and wondered what will be banned next — pictures of men without head covering?

A woman columnist, Irit Linor, writing in *Haaretz*, drew approving nods from many readers when she commented that the absence of big poster pictures of women in bathing suits and shapely models in alluring poses will mean that for some of the population an element of joy will have gone out of life.

Furthermore, she went on, the threat of economic boycott constituted a serious violation of freedom of expression, and a crude intervention by the forces of reaction and darkness in the normal operations of a free market.

She continued, however, on a completely different tack. Having said the above, she admitted she was sick and tired of being confronted with pictures of slender models, tempting her to buy bathing suits and other products in the delusion that she, too, can look like the pictures.

It appears, Irit wrote, that advertising copy writers believe associating any product with pictures of semi-naked women will somehow stimulate sales.

The new ban should now prove conclusively, she said, that the absence of sex themes from the billboards will not result in diminished sales. In fact there is no evidence whatever that the kind of advertising so popular today has any effect at all on sales. These are not the themes which induce people to buy.

Want to increase sales? She has her own sage advice. Just put up a notice regarding the product, whatever it is, together with a banner announcing a 50 per cent discount is in effect — and watch the sales mount!

We ought to be grateful to the haredim for cleaning up the advertising atmosphere, she concluded — and that's a kind of freedom too.

Spokesmen for the billboard companies said morality had nothing to do with their adoption of the new policy. Their job is to serve the market, not to fight it. There is indeed a law against public pornography. The Orthodox could have made the matter a legal one by going to the courts and launching an all-out assault against the extremes to which some advertising has gone.

It could make a convincing case that showing pictures of women in sensual poses has nothing to do with the qualification of the automobile being offered, but was merely pandering to the erotic. Court battles revolving around definitions of pornography could have dragged on for years, but this would not have meant sales would go up; perhaps to the contrary.

The Orthodox chose the more direct and immediate path. If we don't like the way you advertise, we have the right and the freedom not to buy your products — and we won't.

The billboards are being cleaned up. Commercial peace has been restored, at least for the time being. But the secular elements in the country are licking their wounds, determined to renew the struggle against the new and unlikely coalition which now faces them — the Orthodox allied with feminists intent on preserving the dignity of womanhood.

Pragmatism replaces ideology in the Mideast

By ARNOLD AGES

The widely circulated photograph which appeared in early May showing an Israeli and Omani participant at a conference on water was worth far more than the proverbial 1,000 words.

The picture symbolized what may become, it is hoped, a new era of cooperation between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

In April of this year negotiations were held in the Persian Gulf state of Oman on issues related to water conservation and utilization in the Middle East. This meeting was one of a series over the past several years but it was the first at which a high profile Israeli delegation (including a contingent of Israeli journalists) participated fully.

Peter Feuilherade, writing in *The Middle East*, a London-based publication (and one that has not always been friendly towards Israel in its reporting on the Middle East), notes that only two Arab states absented themselves from the Oman conclave, Syria and Lebanon. The Damascus regime, consistent with its anti-Israel rhetorics, blasted Israel's presence at the meeting as evidence of the Jewish State's wish to dominate Arab markets while occupying Arab land.

Five years ago Saudi Arabia would undoubtedly have echoed and endorsed Syria's strident anti-Israel stance but, possibly because of the Gulf War and other mitigating circumstances, Riyadh has discovered a new pragmatism in the conduct of its foreign affairs. This is the only way to explain the position adopted by the Saudi-backed and highly influential Arabic newspaper *Al Sharq al Aswat* (The Middle East) which allowed that since water was vital to the region it was hard to see how any substantive progress could be made without Israel's input.

Arnold Ages

The Arab language newspaper put it very bluntly: "Putting the region right cannot be done by boycotting the Israelis. They are present in it, and are a powerful and potentially destructive force. If these conferences succeed in solving water problems and averting future wars, we should be pleased." Unfortunately, the newspaper did not urge an end to the Arab economic boycott of Israel but that, as they say, is another story.

It appears the pragmatic spirit symbolized in this statement animated the deliberations in Oman. According to Feuilherade, the Muscat group agreed on five different projects proposed by Oman, the United States, Germany and the European Union. In addition, the conference created a Palestinian water authority which will function in areas evacuated by Israel and it also backed an Israeli plan to rehabilitate municipal water supply systems in the region.

The readiness of the Gulf States, and Oman in particular, to welcome Israel to a conference on water policy cannot be minimized. In the 46 years since Israel's birth this is the first time that Jerusalem has been invited by an Arab state to deliberate on a non war-related subject. It is significant, moreover, that statements attributed to the Israeli delegation contained no spirit of triumphalism. The presence of the delegation in Oman was high profile enough.

Avraham Katz-Oz, the head of the Israeli team, did make some modest claims in asserting simply that Israel had been invited to join the water steering committee that would be based in Oman.

The inference is quite clear: Israel expects to be invited to future meetings. What is equally significant in Katz-Oz's statement is that the Oman-based water steering committee — which will contribute to desalinization projects using solar energy — will have a branch in Israel. It appears that an ongoing reciprocity arrangement is in the making between Israel and Oman.

Does this recent meeting in Oman mean peace is breaking out between Israel and the Arab world? It may be premature to put an exceedingly positive construction on a simple conference dealing with water issues. Seasoned observers of the Middle East suggest, moreover, that Israel's presence in Oman was merely a symbolic event that cannot lead to concrete results without direct talks involving Syria, Jordan and Lebanon.

Perhaps, but in the Middle East symbolic events contain atomic densities of great magnitude. Discussions about water, the life-line of the parched Middle East, are not symbolic but concrete in the extreme. This explains the upbeat reactions of people like Yossi Beilin (one of the architects of the Israel-PLO accords) who views with quiet optimism Israel's participation in Oman as a sign of his nation's expanding political horizons. Equally optimistic are the views of Israeli businessmen who see opportunities in the Gulf States for Israel in agriculture, medical service and high-technology electronics.

It has been said that it is the optimists in this world who get things done. There are, it appears, optimists on both sides. The leaders of Oman, Bahrain and the Gulf States in general want to place their countries on a solid footing for the future, when their oil supplies decline. They understand the expertise which Israel has developed in science, hydrology and electronics could eventually help them diversify and approach self-sufficiency in food production. They also realize that progress cannot be put on hold while every aspect of an Arab-Israeli peace agreement is concluded. Wisely Oman and her neighbors have vaulted over the thickets of ideology and rhetoric and embraced a pragmatism that can serve all the interests of the states in the region.

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The Problem of Agunot — A Call to Action

by EVELYN BROOKE

Thank you for inviting me to address you in this issue of *ASAP*. You have given me the opportunity to welcome you to the **Coalition of Jewish Women for the *Get*, and ICAR, the International Coalition for *Agunah* Rights.**

The Canadian Coalition organizations are: B'nai Brith Women of Canada, Canadian Hadassah WIZO, Emunah Women of Canada, Jewish Women's Federation-Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, Na'amat Canada, National Council of Jewish Women, Status of Women Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Women's Canadian ORT and Women's Federation-Federation Combined Jewish Appeal.

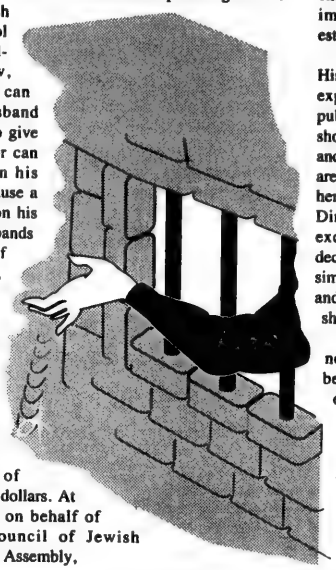
The Jewish Federation themes for the last three years have been Jewish identity, the Jewish family and Jewish continuity. It is time for the Jewish community to recognize and address the woman whose identity is *agunah*, and the uniqueness of her single parent family.

The plight of the *agunah* and her family is not a women's issue but a Jewish family issue, a Jewish continuity issue.

An *agunah* is a woman whose (ex-)husband is either unwilling or unable to give her a *Get*, a Jewish divorce. This man condemns his wife to the status of *agunah*; he condemns her to a life alone; she is denied the companionship and support of a good marriage. Without a *Get* the *agunah* cannot remarry and she is prohibited from having children. There is no Jewish continuity through her. Perhaps, as a result of their experience, she and her children will be alienated from the Jewish community. There will be no Jewish continuity through her children.

Statistics on *agunot* are hard to come by. In a recent *CJN* article a staff reporter writes that a 1987 B'nai Brith Canada study reported that 311 Canadian cases involved "conflict or disagreement in procurement of the *Get*" between 1982 and 1985. Rabbi Mordechai Ochs, chair of Toronto's Beth Din Tzedek is actively dealing with about half a dozen cases in Toronto. John Syrtash, Toronto lawyer and expert in *Gets*, says he has about 10 *agunot* as clients.

Jewish divorce can be simple. However the truth, as we have come to know it, is that the power given to husbands by Jewish law has been a tool for abuse. According to Jewish law, only the husband can give a *Get*. A husband cannot be forced to give his wife a *Get*; nor can anyone other than his designated agent cause a *Get* to be written on his behalf. Jewish husbands have for reasons of extortion, vengeance or malice withheld the *Get*. There are cases where a wife or her family have been forced to ransom her freedom. Husbands have asked from tens of thousands of dollars to a million dollars. At our demonstration on behalf of *agunot* at the Council of Jewish Federation's General Assembly, November 1993, a young woman told us that her *Get* had cost her father "two hundred thousand dollars (U.S.)." Women who have received civil divorces with fair settlements have had to give up all or part of their alimony, child support or were forced to rearrange custody of their children. To malicious, abusive husbands money is not as important as the power they can maintain over their estranged or "ex-wives' " lives.



The most effective weapon any abuser has is silence. His wife is silent because she does not know that she should expose him or she wants to defend their children from a public embarrassment. An *agunah* or a potential *agunah* should go to her rabbi or to the Bet Din (a Rabbinical Court) and ask that her husband be invited to give her a *Get*. There are halakhic (Jewish legal) means to liberate a woman from her vacant marriage. It is possible, for example, for a Bet Din to issue a *seruv* to a recalcitrant spouse. The *seruv* excommunicates him until the *Get* is given. The public declaration asks that the recalcitrant spouse not be invited to simchot (Jewish celebrations), not be given Torah honours, and not be asked to share a meal. Even business dealings should be avoided, if possible.

Some rabbis believe that our diverse community will not cooperate. We, in the Coalition, do not agree. We believe that an informed community will expend every effort to alleviate a Jewish person's pain.

***Agunot* need the entire community to participate, to indicate to men that withholding a *Get* from their wives is immoral and intolerable. It is up to the women leaders in the Jewish community to point out this blind spot in the Jewish agenda.**

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The Unending Marriage: A Scholarly Commentary

by RACHEL TURKIENICZ

...and he shall write her a writ of divorce
and give it into her hand...
— (Deut.24:1)

In the book of Deuteronomy, the Bible briefly discusses the dissolving of a marriage between a man and a woman. It is clear from the textual verse that the active agent is the man (he writes the bill of divorce) and the passive agent is the woman. There have been many laws derived from this verse and the divorce ceremony within Jewish law has resulted.

Although many expansions have taken place, the situation remains today, in traditional Judaism, that the man must divorce the woman. Should a woman decide to end her marriage, and her spouse disagrees, he can hold her hostage within the marriage by refusing to grant this divorce. **What results is that she remains married. Today, should she obtain only a civil divorce and remarry, Jewish law would view her as still married to her first husband since he granted her no Jewish divorce. Therefore, her second union would be considered an adulterous one - any resulting children would be viewed as mamzerim (illegitimate).**

A woman locked into a marriage by her husband is called an "agunah." In Judaism today this issue burns to the core of our sense of family, commitment and fairness. It occurs far too often for us to comfortably label it an anomaly. And yet we do not encounter such situations arising to any great degree in the ancient literature.

Assuming that the nature of men and women have not drastically changed through the ages, one would expect the Bible, as well as rabbinic literature, to be riddled with horrendous situations, and yet they are not. What has changed in our world that brings us to this point?

When one hears the word "agunah" today, one immediately pictures a vindictive male flexing what he views as final control upon a rejecting female. However, the issue of *agunah* is broader than this image. If a soldier is missing in battle with no verifiable proof of his demise, his wife now becomes *agunah*, since he cannot physically divorce her. If he never returns, she is doomed to never again remarry. Interestingly, this element of *agunah* does appear in the literature:

"All who went out to the wars of the house of David
writes a bill of divorce to his wife"
— (Shabbat.56a)

In debating the relationship between David and Batsheba, the rabbis discuss whether David is guilty of adultery, since Batsheba was married to Uriah, an officer in David's army. The statement shows that the rabbis claim all the soldiers of the time would divorce their wives before going to war. Thus, should they become missing in action, their wives are free to continue with their lives. It is true that this view absolves David of the sin of adultery, but it also points toward a preemptive solution of the *agunah* problem. And yet, no such preemptive suggestion appears for the woman who cannot obtain a divorce from an unwilling husband. If one assumes the latter situation was far less common than today, one must ask why are men more able to bind their wives today than they were years ago.

A possible answer may lie in viewing the divorce in the context of the marriage as a whole. The statement in Deuteronomy of delivering the document "into her hand" is interpreted quite literally. In order for a husband to divorce his wife she must physically accept this document. If she does not do so, the divorce is not complete; she has prevented her husband from divorcing her. Likewise, the marriage contract, or *ketubah*, is given from the man to the woman under the chupah (marriage canopy). This contract obligates the man to his responsibilities toward his wife during the marriage. The *ketubah* must be physically accepted by the woman. The parallel situation drawn between the two opposite contracts shows that the law cannot force a status upon anyone. One can only be a married person if one accepts that status; one can only be a divorced person if one accepts that status. Yet I believe the parallel does not end there.

It is possible that the key to our situation of "hostage marriages" today lies in the fact that we have made the *ketubah* an inactive document. If, for a moment, we step back in time to when there was no parallel civic legal procedure of marriage, the *ketubah* was the sole legal document of marriage. Within that contract the man accepts the responsibility of providing for his wife not just financially, but sexually as well. It is the man's responsibility to satisfy his wife's physical desires. By handing this document to the woman the system has empowered her enormously.

"...the key to our situation of "hostage marriages" today lies in the fact that we have made the *ketubah* an inactive document."

A *ketubah* defines the terms of the marriage, and these terms are in fact also the grounds for divorce. As long as the marriage is sound and both people are happy, the *ketubah* sits in a drawer and collects dust. Only upon considering divorce, or pursuing one, does the *ketubah* get pulled out and brought to a Jewish court. It is in this court, in a public forum, that the woman can "demand" her *ketubah*. This means she demands a divorce because the terms of the *ketubah* have not been met. In a public forum, with her husband present, the woman can openly claim that he is ineffective in satisfying her physical needs. His masculine reputation is in her hands and the courts have put it there.

With this power at her disposal, a husband may think twice before denying a woman her divorce. Would it not be simpler to grant her wish, rather than have the affair drawn out and publicized - to his detriment!

Unfortunately, the power granted to the woman in the *ketubah* has been lost today through the civil marriage license. Jewish courts are no longer public. The *ketubah* is a technicality and not the balancing document it was intended to be. The marriage document empowered the woman, while the divorce document empowered the man. Tragically today, we have neutralized the power of one - thereby creating a monopoly of power for the other.

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ASAP

We can help Agunot...

(continued from "The Problem of Agunot - A Call to Action")

...Individually

- pass on information about *Get*
- escort your friend or relative to the Bet Din
- ask your community's leaders and rabbis to speak out about *agunot*
- ask the men in your life to speak out against recalcitrance in *Get* cases
- encourage women who are *agunot* to contact the Coalition and perhaps we can, together, help them to liberation
- bring family and friends to any event sponsored by **ICAR** and/or the **Canadian Coalition**

...as a Community

- we must inform the members of our community about the laws of divorce, civil and Jewish (specifically Section 21:1 of the Divorce Act). The civil court cannot order a man to give his wife a *Get*. The civil court can only ask the plaintiff and the respondent if all barriers to the religious remarriage of the other spouse have been removed. If either party responds in the negative, the judge can apply sanctions
- we must encourage couples to pursue a *Get* prior to the decree of their civil divorce
- if a spouse refuses to participate in the *Get* process, we must use our influence to change his/her mind
- Jewish organizations and institutions, religious and secular, should make constitutional changes or pass by-laws denying membership to spouses who refuse to participate in the *Get* process
- if a spouse is adamant in his/her refusal to give or accept a *Get*, if that spouse refuses to appear at the Bet Din, if the Bet Din has issued a *seruv*, every Jew should respect the *seruv* and that spouse's company should be avoided
- recalcitrant spouses should be denied awards and recognition as exemplary leaders and community role models
- a support group for *agunot* should be established
- lists of *Get* abusers should be published in Jewish journals

What We Ask of Our Rabbis

- rabbis should inform brides and grooms about the laws of marriage and divorce
- couples should sign prenuptial agreements stating that in the event they divorce, the husband will give the *Get* and the wife will accept it
- everyone in the Jewish community should understand the purpose and functioning of their local Bet Din
- rabbis and others should influence recalcitrant spouses to do what is halakhicly correct - give or accept the *Get*
- rabbis should implement all halakhic means to release *agunot* from their vacant marriages
- rabbis should invite recalcitrant spouses to the Bet Din. If the spouses refuse to appear three times, rabbis should issue *seruvim*
- Jewish courts, Batei Din, should issue the names of recalcitrant spouses
- rabbinic authorities should find immediate solutions for outstanding *agunah* cases and should find means to prevent further cases

Women's Image: Beyond the Looking Glass

by Ariella Hyams

Is there a Jewish dimension to issues of women's appearance and body size? Absolutely, say members of a panel on **Women's Image: Beyond the Looking Glass**, held at Beth Tzedec Synagogue in May, sponsored by the Jewish Women's Federation. A standing-room-only crowd listened to the three-member panel, asked questions, discussed issues and signed a petition requesting that more attention be paid to issues affecting girls' self-esteem in the schools and eating disorders in children and adolescents.

Paula Caplan, a psychologist and author of *Don't Blame Mother: Mending the Mother-Daughter Relationship*, spoke of the dynamic between the two Jewish female stereotypes, both of them negative: the controlling Jewish mother and the self-interested Jewish princess, or "JAP." One is too Jewish, the other not Jewish enough, Caplan told the over 400 women and men in attendance. Both, she said, "scapegoat the group."

Paediatrician and *Toronto Star* columnist Diane Sacks noted in her talk that medical personnel have traditionally classified eating disorders such as anorexia and bulimia, with their perfectionistic, upper-middle-class clientele, as "Jewish disorders." She expanded on the subject of eating disorders in the young, noting that in the appearance-mad world of teenage women, 75 percent classified themselves as "overweight" in a recent Long Island Jewish Hospital survey. Three years later, the girls in the group who had been dieting had noticeable bone loss - their quest for thinness was more likely (than those who did not diet) to end with osteoporosis after they reached the age of 50. "You can't blame just the media," said Sacks. "Our children can blame us. Sixty-seven percent of the mothers in this group were on diets."

The third speaker on the panel was Carla Rice, a consultant with the **Body Image Project** at Women's College Hospital, which works to reconcile women with the social demands placed upon them by society's concept of how women should look. "As women have moved into public realms," Rice noted, showing slides of fashion models and advertisements, "we have tried to take up less and less space." She cited a study that showed that since the days of curvaceous Marilyn Monroe as a role model in the 1950's, women's average body size has grown 4 percent while the average size of women in advertising and entertainment has decreased 25 percent. The gap, noted Rice, is impossible to bridge. Women feel that in some way, no matter what their body shape, they can't measure up; and turn increasingly to cosmetic surgery as a result. The surgeons they think of as their allies may be exacerbating the problem for profit: the American cosmetic surgeons' professional association has in recent years tried to have small breasts classified as a dis-ease.

Caplan reached into history to document her theme of linking women's body image issues with Jewish issues. In centuries-old European Jewish communities, she said, Jewish women had to do everything for the household except study. Jewish women were very much involved in their societies and consequently they were the most learned members of the community about the "outside" culture. When these families came to North America, they ran headlong into a culture that prized women who appeared submissive, soft-spoken, and less socially involved. Hence the stereotypes of Jewish women, for which the culture pays a painful price. "Sociologists are beginning to document how 'JAP' bashing contributes to Jewish intermarriage," writes American feminist writer Letty Cottin Pogrebin, "by influencing more and more Jewish men to disdain and avoid Jewish women."

All members of the panel encouraged the audience to help themselves and their daughters move beyond current stereotyping with a healthy skepticism about media representations of women and encouragement of one another to feel good about themselves as they are. Ban Barbie dolls, Diane Sacks told the group. Take risks, added Paula Caplan: "If you're not failing most of the time, you're not doing it right." Rice remembered a time when she thought lovingly of the softness and acceptance of her mother's and grandmother's bodies and advocated a spiritual and creative approach to women's taking back control of their own image - to no longer, as she has stated, "collude in their own oppression."

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HOW TO: Take Action Against Negative Images of Women in the Media

Many women want to see changes in the way the media approaches women's image. Often the desired changes seem to be common sense and not at all "political" so we tend to think they will just happen. But change hardly ever just happens. **We cannot afford to let the experts make decisions on their own concerning advertising and content which is offensive and/or misleading.**

Therefore, we have outlined some steps we hope will help you become more active in combating negative images of women in the media.

Although it is essential to personally boycott magazines, television programs etc. which foster negative image ideals, keeping the offensive material out of your home is not enough. You must let the editor, producer and advertiser know what you are boycotting and why. Formulate your complaint in writing and mail it to the editor in chief of the written publication; or for images on television, write to the network president. Be sure to send copies to the advertisers of the segment.

When product advertisements or the products themselves are offensive, write to:

a) The company's head office (Chief Executive Officer) as well as the company's local branch and distributors.
b) The outlet where seen (TV station, magazine, TTC, or retail distributor).

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Remember, your individual response can make a difference when you let the responsible organizations know what you think.

A Positive Image: What You Can Do

(from the resource booklet for Body Image, created by the JWF Social and Political Action Program Committee, May '94)

- promote acceptance of women in all their diversity; one important aspect of prevention is to promote size, age, ethnic and racial acceptance and encourage people to get beyond appearance, putting their energies into more empowering alternatives
- promote and reinforce positive images of diverse women
- work hard to improve awareness
- surround yourself with positive images of diverse women
- don't support misogynist TV programs or films
- seek out stories in which women are not victims or objects of sexual desire
- pay attention to images around you and make a conscious effort to portray women in all their diversity when given the opportunity
- examine common stereotypes about fat/thin and beauty in daily life and challenge fat-prejudiced attitudes in yourself and others
- de-emphasize appearance and challenge the imperative for women to conform to beauty ideals

For copies of petitions and the resource booklet, call Glenda Gomperts at JWF (416) 635-2883 ext. 135.

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Ensuring continuity

The Task Force on Jewish Continuity, Assimilation & Intermarriage has submitted its report to the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto who commissioned it more than two years ago.

The mandate of the Task Force was threefold: "to create a sense of awareness; to encourage the expression and development of ideas, projects and programs that would contribute to maintaining and enhancing continuity; and to develop a comprehensive set of recommendations and procedures that would enable such programs to be developed and implemented."

In the course of their deliberations, Task Force members heard from scores of community groups, met with diverse focus groups and exchanged views with special "think tank" invitees. They have obviously worked hard and with devotion. Their concern is evident on every page of their report. The authors have woven a document about Jewish continuity making more than 50 recommendations, using the universal markers of the Jewish life-cycle as its central, unifying thread.

The report acknowledges that education has always been a cornerstone of Jewish identity and tradition. Yet, due to the fact that the community still awaits hearing from the Federation's Commission on Jewish Education, it does not focus directly on planning for the future of formal Jewish education in greater Toronto. This is unfortunate. The discussion on education must inform the discussion on continuity. For, as we have written before, the two reports are more than complementary. They are flip sides of the same coin.

The key structural recommendation is the establishement of a continuity action committee under the Federation's aegis with an initial annual operating allocation and grants budget of $1.2 million.

In these cash-strapped times, the question begs to be asked: where will this money come from? The report suggests either from endowment funds or from a reallocation of funds previously allocated to local community needs or from those earmarked for the Jewish Agency.

The possibility of funding the continuity committee from present level domestic allocations raises a poignant irony. To stem the tide of diminishing Jewish affiliation and identity, we may inadvertently contribute to it. This is merely one of the many issues raised in the report that must be carefully considered.

The importance of the Task Force's mandate appears early in the report. Indeed, the authors express the distillate of the dilemma: "As Jews, we must continue to hold fast, in these changing and challenging times to the values we have passed on from generation to generation until the present, so that we may perpetuate our people and benefit humanity." Let the public discussion and debate begin.

Addressing war crimes

The American Chief Justice Robert H. Jackson, who headed the Nuremberg war crimes tribunal in 1946, was right when he said of the purpose of the trials against Nazi war criminals: "The wrongs which we seek to condemn and punish have been so calculated, so malignant, and so devastating, that civilization cannot survive their being ignored, because it cannot survive their being repeated."

Justice Jackson was also wrong.

Five decades after Nuremberg, war crimes committed by Nazis have been ignored or shunted off to the periphery of jurisprudence. Western governments no longer seem interested in pursuing Nazi perpetrators of war crimes, although their victims fifty years after the event, still re-live unspeakable traumas.

Jackson, it appears, was also somewhat too categorical in suggesting that civilization cannot bear a repetition of such war crimes. Events in the former Yugoslavia and in Rwanda show that the legacy of the Nuremberg tribunal is pitifully anemic. While scores of thousands of innocent civilians have died in these two areas, world governments transact their daily business with only the occasional, pro forma nod, to the devastation. In this context France's recent decision to unilaterally send troops to Rwanda is an admirable one.

Lamentably, there is a link between the failure of the democracies to vigorously prosecute Nazi war criminals and the current savagery that has exploded in the Serb-Croat-Muslim conflict and the Rwandan outrages. In the last decade, the disinclination of democracies to identify, let alone charge, Nazi war criminals, has had the unfortunate effect of sending out a message to current or potential war criminals.

The message is that governments have been notoriously lethargic in bringing war criminals to justice and that others may depend on a combination of lack of will, bureaucratic paralysis and institutional forgetfulness in the furtherance of their aims and policies.

The message from Nuremberg was very strong; however, the message from governments today is that the perpetrators have merely to lie low until the passage of time grants them re-entry into the body politic.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

AGUNAH RIGHTS

On behalf of the Canadian Coalition of Jewish Women for the Get and the International Coalition for Agunah Rights (ICAR), I would like to thank you and the staff of *The Canadian Jewish News* for your excellent coverage of our vigil on Ta'anit Esther. The reporting both before and after the event was of the high calibre that this issue commands.

We appreciate the great effort on the part of your correspondents to cover the events and accurately report on this complicated topic. We are also grateful for the editorial decisions that went into featuring the events.

Over the years we have come to rely on *The CJN* in our efforts to publicize this problem and educate the community about it. In fact, you and your staff have consistently supported our cause and given this matter the care and attention it deserves. For this consideration and concern, we are expressly grateful.

I hope that our combined efforts will yield a solution to the agunah problem. Perhaps we will find a way to free those chained by the bonds of a non-existent marriage.

Norma Baumel Joseph
President, ICAR
Montreal

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TAX RULING ON PROPERTY

The return of properties located in former East Germany to their rightful owners is still in progress three and a half years after reunification of Germany, but Canadian tax authorities have already dealt with one aspect of the tax liability of the new owners.

Frequently rent income is accruing before the Canadian taxpayer attains title and control of the property. Revenue Canada is of the view that any income or gains attributable for the period prior to such date would not be taxable in Canada since such amounts would be considered a windfall, and that the adjusted cost base would be the fair market value on that date.

This ruling was obtained by *Window on Canadian Tax Newsletter*, a monthly publication issued by CCH Canadian Limited, summarizing memos and other documents from Revenue Canada for the information of the accounting and legal professions.

W. M. Rappoport
Toronto

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WITNESS TO THE HOLOCAUST

I feel the Jewish community should express its appreciation and gratitude to Pope John Paul II for his empathy and acts of kindness towards Jews. He has ushered in a potential era of harmonious relations between our faiths. He has recognized the State of Israel, and has been an indefatigable spokesman against anti-Semitism.

It is against that background that I view the proliferation of hate literature and Holocaust denials. For survivors to constantly hear that the Holocaust is a myth concocted by Zionists in order to extract money from Germany, must be galling and excruciating, as well as being a blot upon the memory of the six million who perished.

It is regrettable that the hate literature is finding a receptive audience. A recent study showed that 30 per cent of young Canadians had reservations about the Holocaust.

What is desperately needed is for some eminent and highly respected figure to undertake to establish the truth. Such a personality is none other than Pope John Paul II, who lived in Poland and witnessed the Nazi atrocities.

If he could be prevailed upon to lend his moral authority to the cause, and publicly testify about this horrible Jewish tragedy, he would be balancing the Scales of Justice, and help to preserve Elie Wiesel's commandment "We shall not forget."

Alex Bellan
Toronto

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MISLEADING IMPRESSION

Re: *Crossing Lines* by Judith Goldstein, reviewed in "The Jewish experience in the U.S." (*CJN* June 23)

Our family left Bangor, Maine in 1968 to move to Toronto. At that time Bangor and the surrounding communities numbered some 400 [Jewish] families. There were 2 shuls (one Orthodox and one Conservative) plus one small Orthodox shtiebel; a Jewish Community Centre, a Talmud Torah, a Hebrew Day School, 2 kosher butchers, a Jewish bakery, and a mikvah.

There was no Jewish undertaker but all burial procedures were carried out by the members of the respective shuls.

Not only was there a vibrant Jewish community, but Bangor was one of the highest rated in the United States in per capita purchases of Israeli Bonds.

There were Jewish faculty members at the University of Maine . . . I was one from 1946-1955.

The impression left by the aforementioned article is so misleading — and sad.

Herb Freedman
Toronto

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HELP NEEDED

I am looking for Holocaust survivors from Poland, as well as Jews who returned to Poland following their release from Soviet Gulags after World War II, to come forward and bear witness both to the persecution and/or killings that they and their friends, relatives and fellow Jews suffered at the hands of a segment of the Polish people after World War II.

This information will be included in a book I am writing on the subject.

I can be contacted at 9 Craig Rd., Springfield, N.J., 07081, or by telephone at (201) 376-7572.

Norman Salsitz
Sringfield, N.J.

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Germany remembers the murdered Gypsies

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Just before D-Day, the German Parliament had special commemorative exercises — but not about the Allied invasion of Normandy. They were remembering the half-million people generally known as Gypsies, who were exterminated by the Nazis. The occasion for the special commemoration was the 50th anniversary of an uprising which the condemned staged in the so-called "Gypsy Camp," located in Auschwitz.

In early 1944 untold thousands of this strange and sometimes mysterious tribe had been sent there and had gone to their deaths. But on May 14, 1944, 6,000 of them fought the exterminators with spades, sticks and stones — alas, without success. For their people, the commemoration was a parallel to the Warsaw uprising of Jews in the spring of 1942.

The crimes against the much maligned and misunderstood tribes, said the president of the Bundestag, should be a warning against the injustices being committed against minority groups today, and a reminder to all democrats of their duty to fight every form of discrimination.

Rabbi Plaut

Just who are the Gypsies — or better, the Roma and Sinti, as they prefer to be known? They came, probably many centuries ago, from India and have remained a loosely organized group of nomadic tribes. They generally refer to each other as Rom, meaning "man." Others have many names for them. The English "Gypsy" is derived from Egyptian; the French call them Bohemians, the Swedes refer to them as Tatars, and in Hebrew they are known as tso'anim which is related to the German Zigeuner and the Russian tsigan.

Their occupations have varied from circus entertainers to smiths, musicians and fortune tellers. Even when they were occasionally semi-settled they never became farmers, but continued to earn their livelihood as artisans. Their language, called Romany, is probably of Indian origin and, I have heard it said, is related to Hindi.

Their fate has forced them to develop strong inter-tribal ties, characterized by fidelity, cohesiveness and mutual help.

Like Jews, they have been made into convenient scapegoats throughout their journeys. This prejudice has recently surfaced once again in Germany — hence the special observance by the German Parliament, which was timed to coincide with a Pan-European congress of Roma and Sinti.

Even the English language reveals the prejudice which has dogged the Gypsies, for it appears that "to gyp" is derived from their name, in a way similar to the formerly popular but now abandoned expression "to jew."

I remember this prejudice from my childhood. Whenever I visited my grandparents in western Germany, I was warned that if I did not behave, the Zigeuner would come and steal me. Stealing children was one of the crimes laid at their door in popular perception, but I do not remember that any case of child stealing was proved against them.

The prejudice I remember was not my family's alone; it was common as I grew up. It conjured up all manner of evil pictures about people I had never seen. Only much later did I understand how similar in many ways this was to anti-Jewish prejudice.

Both peoples have appeared to others as the quintessential strangers: little understood and therefore feared. It is the kind of sentiment of which we Jews, of all people, should be wary.

Hebrew classes a weekly bore for these kids

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN

It's a typical Thursday morning. I'm lying in bed, half awake, trying to catch a few last winks. But there's no dozing off. Not with my 4- and 6-year-old sons hovering around my pillow.

I keep my eyes closed and brace myself as one of my sons leans over. "Mom do we have to go to Hebrew Heritage today?," he shouts in my ear.

Every week it's the same question, followed by a very compelling "pleasssssse don't make us go." I never make a decision until I've had my coffee. The caffeine fix doesn't make it easier. It just buys me time.

It's hard to make my kids attend a program they claim to hate. Week after week they beg me not to send them. The Hebrew Heritage program, run in conjuction with the local school board, is supposed to make them feel good about being Jewish.

But it's having the reverse effect. At least in the eyes of Leigh, my 6-year-old. "The Christmas people are luckier than the Hebrew people," he says. "They get Christmas presents, Easter eggs and they don't have to go to Hebrew Heritage."

He tells me this on the days I make him go to the program, which is not that often. The boys have developed a repertoire of tactics to get out of classes — tears, tantrums, feigned illnesses. Tears work pretty well on me. They end up missing quite a bit.

But that upsets my husband. "What do you mean they didn't go to Hebrew?" he'll ask when he finds out they've skipped yet another week.

I'm sympathetic. I realize Hebrew Heritage classes are not as much fun as other after-school activities like swimming and tennis. What kid wants to go to afternoon classes after spending a whole day in school? I remember when I was growing up, kids in my neighborhood went to after-school Hebrew classes. None of them liked going.

It's particularly hard for my kids because we don't live in a Jewish area. We're the only Jewish family on our street and Leigh is the only Jewish child in his class. He resents going to Hebrew Heritage when all his friends get to play.

But motivation is really the underlying problem. It's difficult to get my sons to attend heritage classes when there is so little connection between what they are learning and what goes on at home.

And my husband and I are to blame. We haven't done much — other than light Chanukah candles and make seders — to instill our children with Jewish values. We've been counting on Hebrew Heritage to do it for us.

Our Jewishness is peripheral to our lives. I'm ambivalent about being Jewish. I'm uncomfortable with ethnocentricity of any kind because it is tribal and exclusionary. But at the same time I still feel a connection to my Jewish roots. For most of my life this ambivalence was not an issue. I didn't have to think about my Jewishness, but I do as a parent.

The annual year-end Hebrew Heritage party took place recently. It was held on the last day of classes so I was in a particularly festive mood. I had reason to celebrate. There would be no Thursday theatrics, no arguments about Hebrew Heritage for three months.

At the party the parent who had been running the program appealed for a volunteer to take over her job. My hand went up automatically. I didn't know how it happened or why, it just went up by itself.

"How can you run the Hebrew Heritage program when you can't even get your own kids to go," my husband muttered under his breath. But it was too late to reconsider. All the parents were applauding my decision. And for good reason.

Running the program is a thankless job. Few parents are really committed to sending their kids. So now I'm not only going to have to worry about getting my own kids to Hebrew Heritage, I'm going to have to worry about all the other kids as well.

"Are you the boss of Hebrew Heritage?" Leigh asked me in the car on the way home from the party. I nodded.

"Does that mean we're going to have to go to Hebrew all the time?"

"Probably," I answered.

"What did you do that for?" he yelled.

I'm still asking myself that question.

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Israel's right-wing off course

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

If the Rabin Government is brought down over the peace process, it will be because of misgivings within the Labor Party that are reinforced by provocative statements from Yasser Arafat — not because of anything done by right-wing elements.

This is because the right-wing, in accordance with its time-honored custom, is busy tearing itself apart instead of uniting in opposition to the peaceniks. If it had been united in the last elections, it might well have won a majority of Knesset seats, and now, two years later, it is in even greater disarray. Indeed, it often seems as if Ariel Sharon, David Levy and Rafael Eitan are more interested in replacing Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu than in toppling Yitzhak Rabin.

Thus the main burden of demonstrating against the present government falls upon the religious right, which is reflected in the fact that most of the male protestors one sees on Israeli streets are wearing skullcaps, while a majority of their female counterparts are clad in the ankle-length skirts favored by Orthodox women and girls.

Even the leaders of the Likud are failing to fulfil their responsibilities, says Prof. Eli Pollak of the Association of Professors for a Strong Israel. Pollak is particularly caustic about the behavior of Knesset members like Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert (who has been absent from 11 non-confidence votes) and superhawk Ariel Sharon (who has been absent from eight).

Their absence, however, doesn't change anything so long as the Government has an assured majority. And that in turn depends not on Olmert and Sharon but on the Labor Knesset Members who recently banded together into a group called the "Third Way." This group insists on a continued Israeli presence in the Jordan Valley, the northern section of the Dead Sea, the Golan Heights and the Etzion Bloc on the outskirts of Jerusalem.

Rabin and Peres cannot afford to ignore supporters of the Third Way, who are more likely to influence the course of events than any number of right-wing speeches and demonstrations.

Tisha b'Av: Beyond Schindler's List

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

What kind of religion sets aside a day for the express purpose of being unhappy?

One with a memory, that's what kind. Tisha b'Av, which falls this year on July 17, marks the destruction of the first and second Temples in Jerusalem. We are to ponder these tragedies and the resulting global dispersion of the Jewish people.

This Hebrew date — the ninth of Av — evokes other tragedies. It is said to be the date of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain, a date linked to the start of World War I in Sarajevo, and the date of other sad events in our history.

To me, it is impossible to consider tragic turning points in Jewish history without discussing the Holocaust. Perhaps Tisha b'Av can also help us confront, commemorate, honor, mourn and remember this relatively recent tragedy which continues to touch so many of us every day. The wonder is not that we mourn on Yom Hashoah, the modern day set aside to mark the Holocaust, or on Tisha b'Av, the ancient day of commemoration of destruction, but that we ever leave off mourning.

I am amazed to read commentators, particularly as we travel in the wake of Steven Spielberg's seminal *Schindler's List*, who complain that Jews have spoken too much of the Holocaust, that we dwell on our losses. How can a community which has built so much on this continent and in Israel be accused of any such thing? We have both mourned and moved forward. But, as was the case in the days of the destruction of the Temples, ignorance about our people is a terrible enemy and provides potent fuel for hatred.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

Author Thomas Keneally and Spielberg did us a favor, in the way that Margaret Mitchell and David O. Selznik did U.S. history a favor. People who will never learn anything else about the U.S. Civil War know something, no matter how limited, because of *Gone With the Wind*. By the same measure, those who will never read a book of Holocaust memoirs, who will never hear Elie Wiesel speak, who will never meet a survivor, who will never wonder what evil befell Raoul Wallenberg, who do not know Anne Frank, those people will see *Schindler's List*, and thus they will know something instead of nothing. Ignorance has been dealt a tremendous blow by Keneally and Spielberg.

My teacher about Holocaust is my mother, who escaped Germany as an adolescent. She lost her grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins, her school friends, her home, her financial security, her country, her youth, and — because of the lack of medical care for Jewish children in Germany in the late 1930s — the hearing in her left ear.

If I fail to evoke in myself a spirit of loss on Tisha b'Av for the sake of the lost Temples, I can think of the great-grandparents I never knew, of the family demolished, of my grandfather, whose name I carry. He was changed from a vigorous department store owner to a stricken, ailing clerk. He died of a heart attack at age 55, an immigrant in South Carolina. My mother says he never recovered from the news that his mother had perished in Theresienstadt.

My mother's experiences are not unusual; would that they were. She is unusual only in that she survived, and her parents and sister survived.

Because of her, Oscar and Emilie Schindler were not the first righteous gentiles I ever heard of; because of her, I knew about Frau Duhng. Frau Duhng was the Christian cleaning lady who worked for my grandparents. One day shortly after Kristallnacht, the Gestapo came to my grandparents' home seeking Jews to haul away. Frau Duhng was the only adult present. My blond blue-eyed mother and her brunette, brown-eyed sister, then adolescent girls, were also home. Frau Duhng calmly introduced them as her own daughters in so matter-of-fact a way that the Nazis believed her and left. I am here to mark Tisha b'Av, and to live a full life, and to raise Jewish children, only because of her, as Schindler's Jews are here because of him.

On Tisha b'Av, we are charged to reach deep, to feel the loss of the Temple, to be moved by ancient history and to grieve. But perhaps we can also try to use this cathartic, healing, thoughtful day of study and fasting to fulfil a parallel duty; to learn about the Holocaust and to teach our children. Instead of wishing each other an "easy fast," perhaps we need to taste the bitterness afresh and not evade it. This is hard with kids, even older ones, because the subject is so frightening and horrific, but the older your children are, the more crucial it is to teach them.

Schindler's List is a welcome step along the way to knowledge, but it is not enough. We cannot just send our children to the movies to learn their own history. While Rwanda and Bosnia and Haiti challenge us to act because they prove to us that genocide is not only a scourge of the past, while deniers and haters flourish, we cannot grieve enough. We can only fail to turn grief into action. We cannot help enough. We cannot learn enough. We cannot teach enough. But we can start.

Features

Jews and professional sports

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

At the turn of the 19th century, an American sociologist, Edward Ross, compared Jewish immigrants to white Protestant Americans. "On the physical side," he observed, "the Hebrews are the polar opposites of our pioneer breed. Not only are they undersized and weak-muscled, but they shun bodily activity..."

Two decades later, Henry Ford, the automobile magnate-cum-anti-Semitic propagandist, blithely proclaimed that "Jews are not sportsmen."

Balderdash!

Jews may be the people of the book, but who's to say the Jewish people, especially in the United States, haven't produced their fair share of middling to great amateur and professional athletes?

As historian Peter Levine suggests in *Ellis Island to Ebbets Field* (Oxford University Press, $35), sport was one of the avenues of integration into the mainstream for the sons of Jewish immigrants. "The vast majority of these people eagerly embraced American opportunity and experience. For many, this included a love of sport." And, he might have added, a direct involvement in sport. This was particularly true in the first four decades of this century, when Jewish Americans were struggling for acceptance.

Jewish boys made their mark in a number of sports, notably basketball, baseball and boxing.

Basketball seemed exceedingly appealing. Writing in the 1930s, when racial stereotypes were prevalent, Paul Gallico, sports editor of the *New York Daily News*, noted that Jews identified with basketball because it placed "a premium on an alert, scheming mind... flashy trickiness, artful dodging and general smart aleckness."

The two figures who stand head and shoulders above all others in basketball were Nat Holman and Red Auerbach.

Born in New York City's Lower East Side, Holman was head coach of City College of New York for 36 years and a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame.

Auerbach, whose father Hymie was born in Minsk, led the Boston Celtics to nine National Basketball Association championships between 1956 and 1966 before becoming the club's general manager and then president.

By Levine's estimate, 115 Jews played major league baseball from 1871 to 1980. From 1930 to 1955, the peak years of Jewish participation, an average of eight players competed each year. Twelve players, the most in any single season, played in 1936.

The game produced journeymen like Buddy Meyer, Harry Danning, Sid Gordon and Phil Weintraub, as well as that oddity, Moe Berg, who received far more attention in the press for his mind than his baseball talent.

Berg, a Princeton graduate, could read the Torah in Hebrew at the age of 10, and was fluent in seven languages. A catcher, he batted .288 in his best year for the Chicago White Sox in 1929. When his 15-year career ended, he studied law at Columbia and languages at the Sorbonne.

In terms of sheer athletic ability, the greatest Jewish baseball players were Hank Greenberg and Sandy Koufax.

In 1935, Greenberg won the American League's most valuable player award. Three years later, he hit 58 home runs, two short of Babe Ruth's record. He led the Detroit Tigers into the World Series four times. He had a lifetime batting average of .313 in a 13-year career interrupted by four years of military service.

Koufax pitched the Los Angeles Dodgers to three National League pennants and two World Series victories. He won 129 games and lost only 47. In 1963, his best year, he compiled a 25-5 record, throwing 11 shutouts. At 37, he was the youngest player ever to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Levine claims that players born between 1900 and 1925 came from predominantly lower middle-class or working-class families, while those who made it to the majors in more recent times grew up in suburban middle-class homes.

Before 1916, most title contenders in boxing were Irish, German or Italian. But within 12 years, Levine writes, Jewish fighters comprised the largest total.

Jewish boxers, running the gamut from Maxie "Slapsy" Rosenbloom to Barney Ross, engendered ethnic pride. And boxing matches, he adds, became community events.

Benny Leonard, the lightweight champion for eight years, inspired fierce pride. As Budd Schulberg, the novelist, put it: "To see him climb into the ring sporting the six-pointed Jewish star on his fighting trunks was to anticipate sweet revenge for all the bloody noses, split lips and mocking laughter at pale little Jewish boys who had run the neighborhood gauntlet."

Arthur Brisbane, the Hearst columnist, noted that Leonard's reputation as a tough boxer, and his participation in exhibition bouts to raise money for Catholic charities, did "more to conquer anti-Semitism than 1,000 textbooks."

Levine focuses on three football stars — Benny Friedman, Marshall Goldberg and Sid Luckman.

Friedman, an All-American, quarterbacked the University of Michigan to consecutive Big Ten championships in 1925 and 1926. The legendary sportswriter, Grantland Rice, compared him favorably with his immortal contemporary, Red Grange.

Goldberg, also an All-American, helped the University of Pittsburg win the national title in 1937. Luckman, the Columbia quarterback, went on to lead the Chicago Bears to four National Football League championships between 1940 and 1946.

In tennis, Levine chronicles the exploits of Dick Savitt, the first Jew to win the men's singles title at Wimbledon. In golf, he showcases the talents of Amy Alcott, who has captured many tournaments. And in swimming, he features Mark Spitz, the swimmer who won seven gold medals at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich, marred by the murder of 11 Israeli athletes.

Clearly, Jews have had a significant impact on sport in the United States (not to mention other countries). Nevertheless, there is an enduring myth that Jews and sport are incompatible. Shortly before his death in 1988, Dick Shawn, the Jewish comedian, cracked that he had recently finished a book on great Jews in American sport. Not surprisingly, he claimed, it was very short.

It would have been interesting to know which book he had read. Had he lived to peruse *Ellis Island to Ebbets Field*, he would have realized that Jews have played a stellar role in American sport.

Hank Greenberg (right) with Lou Gehrig, 1934.

Marshall Goldberg, All-American.

Mideast Analysis

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Is race important in the Arab world? It's a complex question. Miscegenation, the result of slavery, has been a fairly common phenomenon in the Islamic fold. But is it correct to conclude that Arab society has been a racial utopia? Arab spokesmen are fond of making this claim, while denouncing Zionism as intrinsically racist.

Bernard Lewis, a pre-eminent historian, examines this little-discussed aspect of Islam in *Race and Slavery in the Middle East* (Oxford University Press, $15.50). In an erudite survey from late antiquity to the 20th century, he demonstrates that while theological Islam rejected discrimination based on race, prejudice often prevailed in day-to-day practice.

In the Koran, the sacred text of Islam, "race is obviously not a burning issue." Indeed, Lewis writes, the Koran expresses no racial or color prejudice. But more often than not, Muslims disregarded the strictures of Islam.

Islam did not oppose racial intermarriages. But evidence suggests that marriages between black men and white women were frowned upon. In early Islam times, for example, the Arabs looked down on the offspring of black slave mothers, regarding them as inferior to the offspring of free-born Arab women. Yet the stigma was attached to the status, not the race, of the mother, and it affected the sons of white as well as black concubines.

Before long, however, a distinctive color prejudice appeared in Arab societies, as the association of blackness with slavery and whiteness with freedom and nobility became common. Even today, Lewis observes, a North African man with Negroid features, even of the highest social status, is sometimes described as "the son of a slave woman."

Miscegenation was socially tolerated, but it was a one-way road. It was unthinkable for an Arab, Berber, Turk or Persian to consent to his daughter marrying a black African, slave or freeman. But marriages between a black servant woman and an Arab man could and did take place. There was one glaring exception. Among Bedouin tribes, marriages with blacks were considered shameful. Even the use of black concubines was not acceptable.

Arabs and race

Arab slave traders made no distinction between white and black slaves. The slave trade was a business, pure and simple. But the owners of slaves viewed their chattal through different eyes. Whereas white slaves could become generals, provincial governors and even founders of dynasties, this hardly happened with black slaves. Blacks were imported for domestic service, with African women often kept as concubines.

But as the source of white slaves dried up, black slaves were increasingly given tasks and positions to which they could previously not aspire. After the 19th century, Lewis notes, black slaves — and more frequently black free men — occupied important positions and often exercised great power, particularly in the Arabian peninsula.

Nevertheless, Lewis points out, the literature and folklore of the Islamic world are replete with racial stereotypes.

The black's physical appearance is described as ugly, distorted and monstrous. He is considered frivolous. On a positive note, the black is portrayed as brave, generous and musical, with a strong feeling for rhythm.

Sexual stereotypes abound. A common theme is the black's immense potency and unbridled sexuality. Examples of this are found in *The Thousand and One Nights*. According to Lewis, a great deal of Arab poetry displays a prurient interest in black females, as one finds in anti-Semitic European tracts about Jewish women.

Lewis argues, quite convincingly, that "the myth of Islamic racial innocence" was a Western creation, the product of Enlightenment philosophers who mythologized and idealized Islam as a way of attacking dogmatic Christianity.

Western Jews, newly and still imperfectly emancipated in the 19th century, played on this myth — hoping to usher in an age of complete tolerance and acceptance.

The human drama in Israeli courts

By CARL ALPERT

There is no greater source of human interest stories than the courts of justice. Israel's courts are no exception.

The Bride had a Bellyful. A 23-year-old Herzlia bride sued for divorce on the grounds that on her wedding night her husband fell madly in love with the belly dancer who had been brought in to entertain, and had been pursuing her ever since.

Shul Business. Judge Menahem Neeman of the Haifa court heard the evidence from the angry litigants, all worshippers at the Bat Galim Sephardi synagogue, and ruled: "No, Avraham Biton had no right to interrupt the chazan with frequent corrections and criticism during the prayer service, and he was ordered to desist. At the same time, the synagogue committee was told it had no right to ban Biton from the services if he remained quiet hereafter. A sign has been posted in the synagogue: "It is forbidden to disturb the cantor during services."

Were These the Still Waters? Sam Ezra, a resident of Petach Tikvah, was arrested, and 22,000 bottles of water in his possession were impounded. They were labelled "Holy Water," and Judge Teeman instructed that the contents be given laboratory checks to ascertain if they came from the Jordan River or from the local spigot.

A Discriminating Burglar. The judge in the Haifa court heard the evidence: Shmuel Hamu threw a stone through a plate glass window of a local bank, entered, and helped himself to 40 packs of his favorite cigarettes which he found in one of the cupboards, and then left. No, he was not a bank robber. He just had an uncontrollable impulse. The judge gave him a four-month suspended sentence and urged that he control himself hereafter.

Marriage up in smoke

Their Marriage Went up in Smoke. A 40-year-old husband from Ness Ziona asked the rabbinical court in Rehovot to grant a divorce because, in violation of a written promise his wife had given him to refrain from smoking, she had returned to the noxious weed.

Getting to the Heart of the Matter. Six judges of the Tel Aviv Municipal Court filed suit in the Jerusalem Labor Court against Israel's National Insurance, Bituach Leumi, demanding that the heart attacks which they had all suffered be recognized as ailments incurred as a result of their work, and hence qualifying them for appropriate compensation.

"Keep Him Out, and Them Too." The District Court in Tel Aviv heard a request from a woman that her husband be barred from entering her home, at least for a few months, on the grounds that he was resorting to unusual tactics to compel her to agree to a divorce. Lately he had begun bringing mice into the house, knowing how much this would disturb her.

A matter of Penmanship. A three-judge bench in the Beersheba District Court voided a judgment against Chaim Rachamim, who had been found guilty of traffic violations. The grounds: the minutes of the trial, as recorded by hand by the judge, were written in an almost illegible handwriting. However, the case was returned to the lower court for a rehearing.

A Minor Difference. The newspaper Haaretz published a correction of its previous report of a libel case. The passage in the press report should have read, "the fundamental rulings of Judge Maltz, and not "the criminal demands of the judge."

Citing Authority. When the Israel Labor party brought suit for libel against Prof. Amnon Rubenstein, the court refused to hear the case on the grounds that it was a political matter. The Labor party attorney cited from a learned book of law to show that the court did have competence in the matter. The book: *Constitutional Law in Israel*, by Prof. Amnon Rubenstein.

Farkas-Himsley recalled at memorial service

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — It was a time for sadness and a time for celebration as more than 150 family members, friends and colleagues gathered recently at Hart House on the University of Toronto campus for a memorial service honoring the memory of Prof. Hannah Farkas-Himsley, whose life was dedicated to combatting cancer. She herself succumbed to the disease in January at the age of 76.

Her daughters, Leorah Kroyanker and Ruth Geva, who live in Jerusalem where Farkas-Himsley had a home, hosted the memorial service. They noted that a memorial service was also held in Jerusalem.

Kroyanker and Geva shared their warm and loving memories of their mother in a slide presentation which depicted the various roles she filled from her birth in Moscow during the Russian Revolution, through her eventful and heroic life in Israel, to her many accomplishments over the last three and a half decades in Toronto.

Among her many talents, Farkas-Himsley was an accomplished photographer. An avid sculptor, artist, swimmer and tennis player, she captured many precious events in her life with her camera.

Farkas-Himsley's family, the Aharonovitches, made aliyah in 1926 when she was 8. She participated in the Haganah, studied biology and bacteriology and received her PhD in 1946 at the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus.

Her husband, Prof. Ladislas Farkas, a Hungarian physical chemist, was killed in a plane crash in 1948, while on route to Europe to buy equipment for Israel.

The widow with two young daughters joined the Medical School in Jerusalem and was a lecturer and researcher at the Hebrew University.

She met her second husband, Alexander Himsley, an English engineering consultant, through her scientific work. The family came to Canada in 1957 where Alex Himsley worked on uranium mine projects.

In Canada, Farkas-Himsley took a position at the University of Toronto where she began researching the effect of bacteriocins on infected cells. She worked with researchers at the Princess Margaret Hospital, the Hospital for Sick Children, the Mount Sinai Hospital and Women's College Hospital in Toronto, and with the Weizmann Institute and the Hadassah Medical Centre in Israel.

At the memorial service, Prof. Eva Dessen spoke of the "morality and divine spark" of Farkas-Himsley. "We remember with sadness, but we are celebrating her remarkable life, her unique and outstanding character," said Dessen. She recited *A Woman of Valor* in Hebrew and Rose Wolfson read the Proverb in English.

Marva Amour, a friend who had nursed Farkas-Himsley's second husband, who also died of cancer, sang Psalm 23.

Dr. Ricky Kanee Schachter, a friend and former head of the Dermatology Centre at Women's College Hospital, who worked closely with Farkas-Himsley, told of the scientist's "combination of intelligence and curiosity, drive and persistence." These qualities, she said, made Farkas-Himsley a perfect role model for all who seek to be a woman of science.

Schachter spoke of the partially purified protein from bacteria that kills cancer cells yet does not damage normal cells that Farkas-Himsley isolated and synthesized.

Dr. Richard Hill of the Ontario Cancer Institute, who worked with Farkas-Himsley for many years and with whom she published numerous research papers, spoke of their work together.

He described her "imagination to dream up great schemes and her drive and determination to see them through to fruition," noting that she was never satisfied with her difficult quest — she was continually searching for other activities with this material.

Carol Gordon, co-chair of Weizmann Women for Science, commended Farkas-Himsley for her outstanding work as both a scientist and a volunteer for science with the Weizmann organization.

REENA ANNUAL MEETING

Reena clients Paul Cantlie and Phil Lepofsky (2nd and 4th from left) received the organization's Employee of the Year awards at last week's annual meeting. Joining them were incoming Reena chair Rob Berkovitz (left) and outgoing chair Hy Elley. Employer of the Year was the women's apparel manufacturer, Mr. Leonard, which has been Lepofsky's employer for the past six years. [Ron Csillag photo]

Winnipeg JCC lauded for special needs services

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prarie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The YMHA Jewish Community Centre has been recognized by its peers with an award for excellence in programs and services for individuals with special needs.

YMHA board president Larry Hecht, and the centre's executive director, Les Marks, were in New York recently to accept the award from the Jewish Community Centres Association at its biennial convention. Marks says that the credit for the Y's successful integration efforts goes to Linda Waldman, director of youth services, and her staff who operate and put the programs together.

The Y's special needs programs are in their third year. University students who are volunteer leaders at the centre act as buddies for special needs children at arts and crafts programs, floor hockey games and celebrations of Jewish holidays.

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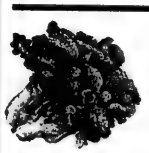

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New Jewish Sports Hall of Fame inaugurated

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — A new Ontario Jewish Sports Hall of Fame was inaugurated at the Jewish Community Centre's Sports Celebrity Dinner.

Steve Stavro, Cliff Fletcher and the Toronto Maple Leaf Hockey Club were honored as Sportsmen of the Year at the event which drew over 700 people at the Four Seasons Inn on the Park.

Stavro is chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Maple Leafs, and Fletcher is president and general manager. In its 10 years of existence, the annual dinner has become one of the most prestigious on this city's sports calendar.

Head table guests included Premier Bob Rae and Mayor June Rowlands, both of whom made welcoming remarks. Entertainment was provided by singers Michael Burgess and the Good Brothers, and comedian Mike MacDonald.

Hockey Hall of Famers seated at the head table included Darryl Sittler, Johnny Bower, George Armstrong and Steve Shutt. Other NHL players at the head table included Kent Manderville, Drake Berehowsky, Rene Robert and Rick Martin.

Also present were Sue Scherer, captain of two Canadian women's hockey teams, and Uzi Lee, captain of the Israeli national ice hockey team.

Football Hall of Famers at the head table included Sam Etcheverry and Russ Jackson. Former Olympic gymnast Elfi Schlegel, cantor Martin Steinhouse and Israeli vice-consul Haim Waxman were other head table guests.

"I remember our first dinner," said JCC president David Perlmutter. "We were worried about how much money we would lose."

Instead, he said, the annual dinners have raised about $1.5 million for the JCC in the past 10 years.

Jewish Sports Hall of Fame inductees (from left) Richard Levinsky, Allan Wexler, Sammy Luftspring, Irving Ungerman, Gary Berman (accepting for Bobby Rosenfeld), and Jules Goldstein (accepting for Goody Rosen).

At the Sports Celebrity Dinner (from left) Steven Wise, dinner chair; and dinner honoree Steve Stavro, chairman and CEO of Toronto Maple Leafs.

Tickets for last night's event went for $200 apiece, or $3,000 per corporate table. An after-dinner auction of four items of hockey memorabilia raised $6,900. The highest bid of $3,000 was received for the signed hockey jersey of Maple Leaf Doug Gilmour.

In all, the event netted about $120,000 for the JCC, which has experienced financial troubles in recent years.

"One day at Knob Hill Farms, the butcher told Steve Stavro that if he was looking for a bunch of weiners he should buy Maple Leaf, and the rest is history."

That was co-emcee Ken Daniels' way of summing up Stavro's accomplishments since acquiring the Maple Leafs, whose fortunes have reversed themselves dramatically in the last two years.

"I'd like to thank the JCC for honoring the people who have brought the Leafs back to us," said Toronto Mayor June Rowlands.

Stavro and Fletcher received engraved silver bowls that had been designed by Tiffany & Co., a major corporate sponsor of the dinner. Tiffany vice-president Philip Taylor was among head table guests.

Five Jewish athletes were inducted into the new Ontario Jewish Sports Hall of Fame: the late Bobby Rosenfeld, who was designated the top female athlete of the first half of the century; the late Alex Levinsky, a Toronto Maple Leaf from the 1940s; the late Goody Rosen, who played major league baseball with the Brooklyn Dodgers; Sammy Luftspring, former boxer and boxing referee; and Irving Ungerman, former boxer, boxing promoter and former manager of George Chuvalo. Luftspring, Ungerman and relatives of the other three inductees were on hand to accept engraved silver trays.

Previous JCC sports celebrity dinners have honored Harold Ballard, Charles Bronfman, William G. Davis, Pat Gillick, Alan Eagleson, Irving Ungerman, Johnny Esaw, Wayne Gretzky, John Candy, Bruce McNall and the Toronto Blue Jays.

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B'nai Brith lodge launches scholarships

TORONTO — Metro Toronto Lodge, the oldest B'nai Brith lodge in Ontario, has announced the formation of three new scholarships in honor of its 75th anniversary this year.

Two of the scholarships will be awarded annually to the undergraduate student who writes the best essay on a Canadian Jewish Studies theme in any course at each of the University of Toronto and York University. The third scholarship will be administered directly by Metro Toronto Lodge and will be awarded to a Toronto-area student who has shown commitment to building a strong Jewish community.

Formed in 1919, by the 1940s Toronto Lodge had grown so large that groups broke off to form new lodges. Over the past ten years, four of those lodges, Empire, Forest Hill, Eglinton and Sportsmen's, again merged with Toronto to form Metro Toronto lodge, with over 500 members.

Over the years, the membership ranks of the lodge have included prominent community members — senators, judges and rabbis. Five national presidents of B'nai Brith Canada have come from the Lodge, as does a current international vice-president.

According to lodge president, Allen Felg, "Our lodge has shown a long-standing commitment to the youth of our community. We endowed the original Hillel House and helped start the B'nai Brith summer camp."

"Today we continue to support youth and education," added lodge treasurer Jack Rowan. "We regularly support the Jewish Students' Union and BBYO, and this year we are committed to supporting Shearim and Zarenu schools."

"Over the years we have endowed scholarships at Israeli universities, but because this is our 75th anniversary, we wanted to do something special in our community. That is why we have formed these three local scholarships which not only help local kids but also help to promote the study of Canadian Jewry," said Charles Chaplin, lodge vice-president.

Metro Toronto Lodge celebrates its 75th anniversary on August 18 with a gala dinner featuring Mitchel Sharpe, special aide to Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

Letters of Application for the scholarship awarded for community service should be sent to 7 Towngate Drive, suite No. 803, Thornhill, Ontario L4J 7Z9 before August 7.

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A meeting is to be held to welcome past and prospective members who are interested in helping establish the first HOD Lodge in Canada.

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Canadian Briefs

CDA Honors Glatt

TORONTO — The Ontario chapter of the Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA) recently presented an appreciation award to Shirley Glatt for "significant voluntary support in the fight against diabetes."

Esther Schwartz, the founder of the Jewish chapter of CDA told *The CJN* that "Shirley is the backbone of our chapter and puts in many, many volunteer hours cheerfully and always with a smile. She certainly deserves an appreciation award."

The presentation was made to Glatt by Paul McCarten, CDA regional director, at the annual general meeting of the Metro branch of CDA, held recently at the YMCA on Grosvenor Street.

Glatt, whose diabetes was diagnosed 12 years ago and is insulin dependent, was born in Montreal and attended Baron Byng High School. She and her husband Henry moved to Toronto in 1978. They have three children and five grandchildren.

After the sudden onset of diabetes, Shirley says her life changed. She became "more cautious and introspective about what was going on with my body. I had to follow the diabetes diet very carefully and was always prepared with my medication." She explains that the three elements in diabetes control are medication, diet and exercise.

She recalls that she first read about the Jewish chapter of CDA in *The CJN*. "I attended a meeting, offered my help and I have been active ever since." This has also led Shirley to assist with many events sponsored by the CDA. She served as president of the Jewish chapter from 1989 to 1991 and is presently the corresponding secretary.

She is a volunteer at the Diabetes Education Centre at North York Branson Hospital. She says that Anna Brundage, the nurse/educator and her staff at the Diabetes Education Centre help hundreds of people with diabetes, many directed to the Centre by their physician. At the Centre, people with diabetes learn to live a relatively normal life.

Shirley noted that there are more than 100,000 people with diabetes in Toronto — and the number is increasing.

The Jewish chapter meets every second month. It was established to educate the community about diabetes, provide a service beyond the doctor's office, provide a support network and help with the Jewish dietary laws.

She told *The CJN* that the next meeting of the Jewish chapter will take place on Monday evening, Oct. 13 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. People with diabetes and interested family and friends are invited to attend meetings.

— Cynthia Gasner

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Togo Gets New Vice-Consul

TORONTO — Toronto lawyer John H. Pollock is the new vice-consul of the Republic of Togo, one of the first African countries to establish diplomatic relations with the State of Israel.

Pollock's jurisdiction as vice-consul extends to Ontario and Manitoba. His responsibilities include the areas of communications and culture.

Pollock was appointed to the post by Kossivi Osseyi, Togo's ambassador to Canada. Pollock was introduced to Osseyi by his client and fellow vice-consul Paul Tuz, president of the Better Business Bureau of Metropolitan Toronto.

Togo, which gained its independence from France in 1960, has more than 3.5 million people. It has some 40 ethnic groups, 250,000 Christians and 50,000 Muslims. More than two-thirds of Togolese are under the age of 30.

"I believe that Africa is re-awakening from many years of slumber and is undoubtedly today the most exciting continent for economic and social development," Pollock said. "It would be in the best interest of all peoples to assist and encourage the evolutionary changes which are now underway."

Pollock was born in Toronto and attended Harbord Collegiate. He received his law degree at Osgoode Hall Law School and was called to the bar in 1955. He established a private practice encompassing corporate, commercial, business publishing and entertainment law. He was appointed Queen's Council in 1981.

Fluent in French, Spanish and Yiddish, Pollock said he will get by in Togo, where French is the official language. The West African country, roughly the size of Nova Scotia, is renowned for its coffee, cotton and other agricultural products. Pollock said he is "optimistic" about the economic development of Togo and neighbouring states like Ghana and Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta).

"The needs of the African nations are very real and must be realized," he said. "This affords the opportunity of building a bridge of understanding between Africa and Israel with its technological expertise. Since Israel and Togo have diplomatic relations, it is hopeful that their trade and economic ties will become strong."

As a member of the consular corps, Pollock believes he is in a unique position to forge alliances with Israel and many underdeveloped African states. He plans to visit Togo, Ghana, Benin and Niger in November.

Pollock is a member of the Ontario Hospital Appeal Board, served as president of the Beth Tzedec Congregation, and is on the board of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. Pollock is looking to send used hospital equipment to Togo.

— Cynthia Gasner

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York Centre Receives $250,000

TORONTO — Liberal MP Art Eggleton is taking care of business back home by sending $250,000 in summer job creation funds to his riding of York Centre.

The money, allocated under the Summer Employment Experience Development (SEED) program, will be used to create 96 summer jobs for students.

Thirteen of those jobs have been created in local Jewish organizations.

B'nai Brith Canada has hired eight students to help with research and fundraising, confirmed summer program coordinator Paul Marcus, up from three students the previous summer. Each student will be paid the minimum hourly wage of $6.70. SEED funding given to B'nai Brith was $29,148.

Also on the receiving end was Camp Moshava, a religious Zionist summer camp run by B'nei Akivah. Director Joyce Levine said the five SEED positions have been filled by university students working as nature specialists. Camp Moshava's SEED grant was $10,340.

York Centre is a suburban Toronto riding. SEED funds across the country totalled $135 million in 1994, and created close to 60,000 summer jobs for students.

— Amy Sattin

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HAMILTON — A group of enterprising, energetic and "very young at heart" seniors called The Saturday Niters celebrated its 10th anniversary with a cocktail party, birthday cake, guest speaker Paul Hanover and the installation of Dorothy Adler as the new president.

Outgoing president Lee Cohen is enthusiastic about a club to which "everyone feels they must belong." It provides seniors with social contacts and a multitude of stimulating activities and its growing membership now numbers 196, Cohen notes.

The Saturday Niters, founding member and first president Sophie Berenbaum recalls, grew out of a meeting originally called by Shalom Village administrator, Sheila Berman, for the purpose of involving seniors as volunteers to "fill in the gaps in programming for the newly retired residents at Shalom Village."

Instead, however, participants at that meeting felt that there was a need for programs for "retired or soon-to-retire seniors in the Jewish community," in which Shalom Village residents could participate.

Although primarily a social club, which has theatre trips, dinner parties, outings and trips, The Saturday Niters contribute to the community by fundraising and by collecting Miracle Ultramart cash tapes.

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Stroke Recovery Group helps patients on road to recovery

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — "Unbelievable" was the only word Irene Lastman could find to describe the Stroke Recovery Group's recent dinner/dance.

Dinner organizer and a longtime member of the group, Lastman says that she was amazed to see some people who were in a wheelchair last year, up and dancing at the party held at Adath Sholom Synagogue. "You cannot imagine how difficult it was for some of these people to get to their first meeting, so to see them here, dancing and enjoying themselves is really a miracle."

Lastman, who spent seven months in hospital after suffering a stroke about 12 years ago, says that the first place she went after being released was the Jewish Community Centre's Stroke Recovery Group, which meets three times a week. "I wanted to swim, so a volunteer put a tube around my leg and swam with me. One day, I was in the water and swimming before I realized that I was not wearing the tube. That is how far my recovery had come."

Veronica Rambas, group coordinator, says that the group plays a large role in helping stroke patients recover. "It is a tremendous effort for some people to get to a meeting, but thanks to a loyal, hard-working group of volunteers who do such things as teach exercise classes and help swim, these people start on the road to recovery."

She says that group members also look out for each other, and get on the phone as soon as they notice someone has missed some meetings. A Sunshine Fund, coordinated by member Leon Rochman, is used to send get-well or any type of greeting cards to other members. "It is not just an exercise group, it is also a social club. Members look forward to coming out to see their friends. They make a commitment when they join."

Lastman says that to see people such as Henry and Bebi Finkelstein, both 92 years old, attend the dinner, was to her, "overwhelming. We are talking about a lot of people who do not leave their homes except to come to the group. To call Wheel Trans, get dressed up and come out to a dance is just unbelievable."

Spirits throughout the evening were high. The dinner began with everyone holding hands and singing *Its a Wonderful World*, went on to see the group enjoy a rousing rendition of *Hokey-Pokey*, and continued with member Al Zigelstein singing accompanied by musician Boris Neiman.

Lastman says that the dinner was made possible in part by generous donations from Steeles College Memorial Chapel and Wingate branch, Royal Canadian Legion."

Historic Victoria synagogue to hold tours this summer

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — The historic Congregation Emanu-El synagogue will open its doors this summer for public tours. The first synagogue built in Western Canada, Emanu-El is the oldest one in continuous use in Canada.

Tours will be held Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at 11 a.m. The history and customs will be explained to visitors by knowledgeable guides from the Jewish community.

Special tours will be held at 2 p.m. on August 14, 21 and 28, to accommodate visitors to the Commonwealth Games.

"The tours are as extensive as people want them to be," said Michael Goldberg, a synagogue officer. "They will be conducted by lay people who are completely familiar with the practices and history."

Although the Victoria Jewish community was once second in size only to Montreal's, there are only about 2,200 Jews on Vancouver Island now, mainly in Victoria, said Goldberg. He added that the Jewish population "has always been small, but steady."

The Jewish Community Centre's snack bar, usually closed during the summer, will be open during the Commonwealth Games, August 18-28. The centre is near the University of Victoria, site of many of the Games activities.

Vic and Sharon Moncarz (seen in forefront) are seen with other participants of the Mission With A Difference as they finish their ascent to the Mount Scopus campus of Hebrew University.

Bike ride aids Hebrew University

TORONTO — Thirty-eight people participated in Mission With A Difference, a nine-day bicycle ride through Israel which raised more than $100,000 for the Hebrew University's Faculty of Dental Medicine.

"Everyone had a great time even though it was a lot of hard work. It seemed as though we were always going uphill with the wind in our faces but it was well worth it," says oral and maxillofacial surgeon Vic Moncarz of Toronto, who initiated Mission With A Difference.

"The Mission exceeded our expectations from many perspectives," he adds. "As well as raising money for the Hebrew University, we also raised awareness of the University and Israel. The small number of participants developed a special closeness right away. Although most of us had visited Israel before, this trip was extra special because the riding allowed us to become one with the land. We saw parts of Israel we would never see from a tour bus."

Riders came from Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Philadelphia and Vail. They ranged in age from late 20s to one extremely fit 75-year-old Philadelphian, Stan Tuttleman. "The ride was tougher than I thought," he said.

The bikers visited a number of scenic and historic sites in Israel, such as the ruins of Beit She'an, a Roman and Byzantine city destroyed by an earthquake in 749 AD, and Neot Kedumim, the only biblical landscape reserve in the world.

Thirteen Canadian students studying at the Hebrew University joined the riders for part of the mission.

The bike ride culminated on the Mount Scopus campus of the Hebrew University. Bikers were received by Moshe Arad, vice-president of the University and Prof. Adam Stabholz, dean of the Faculty of Dental Medicine. Certificates of achievement were presented to all the participants at a festive closing dinner which was attended by Canada's ambassador to Israel Norman Spector.

MATH AND TZEDEKAH

The Leo Baeck Day School grade 2 and 3 classes have been collecting "pop tops" to help buy a wheelchair for a child in need. Grade 2A and their teacher Gail Broudie used this tzedekah project to enrich their math program. They first estimated the total number of tops, then made groups of ten, then hundreds. They learned how many tens in a hundred and how many hundreds in a thousand. They were excited when they counted the total to be 6,763.

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Organizations and People

What's New

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, July 7, is deadline for July 21 issue and Thursday, July 14, is deadline for July 28 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Thursday, July 7

PROUD VOICES '94

Proud Voices '94, Kolot Gayim, an evening in celebration of Jewish lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered culture, with performances, readings, music, dancing and surprise guests, goes on stage 8 p.m. at the Opera House, 735 Queen St. E., sponsored by the Jewish Queer Culture Committee. Admission $10 (more if you can, less if you can't). Event is made possible by funding from the Toronto Arts Council.

Friday, July 8

ROSH CHODESH AV ONEG SHABBAT

Congregation Keshet Shalom, meeting the needs of the greater Toronto lesbian and Jewish community, is holding a Kabalat Shabbat service and kiddush, 8 p.m., Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. For information, 925-1408.

Saturday, July 9

WOMEN'S ROSH CHODESH

All women in the community are invited to join in the Shabbat Rosh Chodesh Menachem Av at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. Mincha for and by women starts at 5:30 p.m. followed by seudah shlishit. A shiur follows at 7:30 p.m. There is no charge for this event.

Sunday, July 10

GENERAL WINGATE BRANCH PICNIC

General Wingate branch of the Royal Canadian Legion is holding a picnic in G. Ross Lord Park (Dufferin north of Finch). Come around 10 a.m. and bring grandchildren. This is the last chance to get together until September.

GARAGE SALE

Jordana-Yamit chapter of Hadassah-WIZO's garage sale offers a wide range of everything from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 39 Lansbury Ct. (Clark and Hilda).

KRAKOWSKY LEAVES SCHOOL

Dr. Harry Krakowsky (centre) was honored at the recent annual meeting of Associated Hebrew Schools upon his completion of four years as president of Associated. The plaque, presented by George Weinberger (left), was in recognition of his dedication, hard work and success during his tenure. With them is incoming president Sheldon Goodman.

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JEWISH RECOVERY NETWORK

The Jewish Recovery Network, an organization designed to provide emotional, spiritual and communal support for Jews in a 12-step recovery program, as well as serving as a resource centre and information exchange, will be meeting 4-6 p.m., Seniors Building, Earl Bales Park. For information, call (905) 669-0904.

Friday, July 15

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

A happy musical hour of semi-classical, popular and Hebrew music will be presented by concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns**, 2-3 p.m., Lincoln Place, 429 Walmer Rd.

Sunday, July 17

OF ASHES AND TEARS

Ohr Somayach/JEP:Thornhill presents Of Ashes and Tears: Understanding Tisha b'Av, the Jewish Day of National Mourning. Program begins 2:15 p.m. with early Mincha service and continues with As the Flame Consumes: Comprehending the Destruction, 3 p.m. with **Rabbi Baruch Taub**; The Streets of Jerusalem: An Historical View of Tisha b'Av, 4 p.m., **Rabbi Mordechai Becher**; Family Secrets: The Talmud's Understanding of the Destruction, 5 p.m., **Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz**; A Generation destroyed: Personal Recollections of the Holocaust, 6:15 p.m., **Rabbi Avram Rothman**; Gathering the Sparks: The Individual's Role, 7:15 p.m., **Rabbi Mordechai Becher**. Late Mincha service follows at 8:30 p.m. Open to the community.

Monday, July 18

FAMILIES OF GAYS & LESBIANS

The Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians meets 7:30 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple library, 1950 Bathurst St. For more information, call, in confidence, 763-9111.

Wednesday, July 20

OVERBROOK CULTURAL CLUB

Overbrook Cultural Club is presenting **Nathan Garnick** in a reading of **Shalom Aleichem** and **I.L. Peretz**, 2 p.m. Lodzer Centre, 12 Heaton St. (Bathurst-Sheppard). Refreshments following. Members no charge, non-members $2. For information, **Millie Herzog**, (905) 882-5442.

ANOREXIA SUPPORT GROUP

The Anorexia Bulimia Family Support Group meeting begins 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, Nathan Phillips Square. For information, 766-8134.

Thursday, July 21

ORT HONORS LILY SILVER

Toronto Women's ORT is honoring **Lily Silver** at the annual Golden Circle luncheon to be held at the home of **Florence** and **Sidney Cooper**. All monies raised at this event will go towards the establishment of the Lily Silver Perpetual Scholarship Fund at the Joseph Harnatz School of Engineering on the campus of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. For more information, call the ORT office, 787-0297.

And What Else Is New...

SHABBAT SERVICES IN THE CITY

The Downtown Reform Minyan will be holding Shabbat services in the meeting room of Family Realty, 902 Bay St. (just north of subway station), Friday, July 8, 7:15 p.m.; Saturday, July 16, 10 a.m.; Friday, July 22, 7:15 p.m. Everyone welcome. For information, 633-2912 or 422-1266.

NCSY SUMMER PROGRAM

Stuck in the city for the summer? NCSY (National Conference of Synagogue Youth) has got your ticket! Join NCSY Summer Program offering weekly activities right here in the heart of Toronto. Program runs to August 15. For registration and information, 782-4426.

JIS UPDATED DIRECTORIES

Need information? Jewish Information Service (JIS) recently released newly updated directories on Clubs, Media, and Special Interest Organizations; on Day Care; about Artists; a Jewish Singles Directory; and a volume on Modest Temporary Accommodation in Greater Toronto.

The JIS Accommodation Registry of more permanent basement apartments, rooms, flats and apartments to share continues as an ongoing, free community service. Inquirers can also get information about cultural events, holiday celebrations, customs, social services or other newcomer/tourist information.

Directories are available either by dropping into the office, 4600 Bathurst St., third floor, or by mail. Nominal charges apply in some cases. Call 635-5600. JIS is a service of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

AISH HATORAH AWARD

Emilie Schindler, wife of the late Oskar Schindler receives the Aish HaTorah Award from Michael Minikes, treasurer of Bear, Stearns New York. The presentation appeared live by satellite at Aish HaTorah Toronto's Tikkun Olam international broadcast.

ART FAIR

Bialik Hebrew Day School recently held its annual Art Fair. Pictured above with her entry is Leora Wise, a Grade 8 student.

PARENT & PRECHOOLER PROGRAM

The Continuing Education Department of North York Board of Education is offering a summer session of the Parent and Preschooler Program, where you and your child/children will meet with other parents and caregivers and their children. You will enjoy informal discussions, prizes, toys, arts and crafts, physical activities and music circles. Learn more about child development and child management skills. Program runs the month of July. For registration and other information, call Mallow Educational Resource Centre, 395-5042.

JEWISH DEAF CONVENTION

For the first time, the National Congress of Jewish Deaf (NCJD) convention is being held in Canada. Hosted by Toronto Jewish Association of the Deaf, this 20th biennial convention takes place August 7-14 at Toronto's Sheraton Centre Hotel, 123 Queen St. W. For information, contact **Martyn Wayne**, chair, (905) 669-2525 (TTY), fax (905) 882-1634; or **Beverly Anker**, registration coordinator, 496-0372 (TTY), fax (905) 940-7691; or **Karyn Goldstein**, program coordinator, (905) 607-2945 (TTY), fax (905) 607-2995; or **Bonnie Rittersporn**, interpreter coordinator, 789-5667 (TTY), fax 314-8189.

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WASHINGTON HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

Family, friends and relatives are invited to join B'nai Brith Women of Canada members on a memorable trip to the Washington D.C. Holocaust Memorial Museum Oct. 14-16. The package includes two nights accommodation at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza complete with buffet breakfasts, tickets to the museum and a private visit to the home of an ambassador. There will be plenty of free time as well to take in the sights and sounds of Washington in the fall. The cost for this three-day package is currently $610 and subject to change pending an airfare increase. To reserve your space, call BBW/C national office, 630-9313 now!

HOLOCAUST DOCUMENTATION

Holocaust survivors who wish to record their stories have been participating in the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto Documentation Project since 1987. If you are a survivor who spent the war in Nazi-occupied Europe, whether in the camps, in hiding, passing as a non-Jew, or in the resistance, the committee would like to record your story on videotape for the archives. You will receive a copy of your testimony. For further information and an application form, 635-2883, ext. 153.

AISH HATORAH

Aish HaTorah is presenting the following programs in observance of Tisha b'Av —

Love and Tears: Understanding the Tragedy and Hope of Tisha b'Av, Monday, July 11, 8 p.m. at both Aish HaTorah Thornhill, the Promenade, Suite 303, and at the Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W., 8 p.m. featuring **Michael Kirzner** and **Rabbi Yaakov Palatnik**. $5 fee.

Observe Tisha b'Av with Aish HaTorah at both locations on Saturday, July 16, 10 p.m. for the evening service and the reading of Lamentations, continuing Sunday, July 17, starting at 8:45 a.m. with Shacharit, reading of Kinot and at 10:15 an alternative class. Highlighted will be the Holocaust Remembered through a survivor's eyes.

For information on all programs, 636-7530.

NATIONAL STUDY KALLAH

Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, the community adult education program of the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism, presents the third annual National Study Kallah July 27-31 at Geneva Park Conference Centre in Orillia. Faculty includes **Rabbi Jeffrey Ableser**, Congregation Beth-El, Windsor; **Rabbi Michael Dolgin**, Temple Sinai; **Rabbi Lawrence Englander**, Solel Congregation, Mississauga; **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein**, director, Kolel; **Rabbi Sharon Sobel**, Holy Blossom Temple; **Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut** and **Rabbi Daniel Komito-Gottlieb**, Shabbat guest faculty; **Judy** and **David Gershon** Kallah music specialists. Kallah committee chair is **Brenda Saunders**. For information, (905) 660-3154.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Study Summer Programs '94 presents —

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Pirkei Avot — Voices of Wisdom with **Chana Weisberg**, Tuesdays 11 a.m. to noon, July 26, August 2 and 9.

The Call of the Shofar with **Chana Weisberg**, Wednesdays 8:30-9:30 p.m. July 27, August 3 and 10.

All classes take place at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. Cost $15 per course. For registration and information, (905) 889-6066.

TINY TOTS PRESCHOOL

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YIDDISH AT U OF T

Three Yiddish courses will be taught at the University of Toronto this year —

Beginners Yiddish by **Ellen Kelman**, Ray D. Wolfe Fellow and well-known language educator who has taught at Columbia University and YIVO.

Intermediate Yiddish by **Eleanor Moldel**, popular and experienced Yiddish teacher.

Survey of Yiddish literature in translation and the original will continue to be taught by **Sharon Green**, doctoral candidate at Brandeis University.

For further information, call the Department of Germanic Languages and Literature at U of T, 978-3186 or the Committee for Yiddish, 635-2883, ext. 155 or 265.

BETH ISRAEL HEBREW ACADEMY

Beth Israel Hebrew Academy offers a Sunday and/or two evening program in Thornhill and Richmond Hill. Energetic teachers and assistants encourage students to learn Hebrew language, prayers, reading, writing, Jewish history and Bible through self-expression and creativity. Theatre, music, dance and poetry are integrated with the child's studies to provide a joyous and lasting learning experience. Registration for 1994/95 accepted now. **Lillian Beniolo**, (905) 770-1782.

for seniors

LZA Seniors Club next luncheon meeting is Wednesday, July 13, 11:30 a.m. in the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Registration is now being taken for a day cruise on Lake Simcoe, Wednesday, August 24, and for Stratford to see the *Pirates of Penzance*, Wednesday, Oct. 12. For information, phone **Libby** at 782-2059 or **Belle** 633-5841. Discussion Group continues to meet Tuesdays 10 a.m. and Ladies Dance Group Tuesdays 1 p.m.

Association of Jewish Seniors annual picnic takes place Sunday, July 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Earl Bales Park Area 1 (Sheppard and Bathurst). Everyone welcome. Please bring your own lunch and chairs. Refreshments, bingo and entertainment will be provided. For information, **Goldie Liebman**, 635-2860.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club holds weekly Saturday dances in the clubhouse, 7-10 p.m. The movie *Oklahoma* will be screened Wednesday, July 13, 2 p.m. There's ballroom dancing Thursdays 2-3:30 p.m., mah jong and bingo Tuesdays 1-3 p.m. The next dance with a live band is Sunday, July 31, 7:30-10:30 p.m. An overnight trip to Windsor and the casino is planned for August 9 and 10. For information on all programs, **Espy**, 395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). On July 7 there will be an exhibition of art and crafts by club members. On July 14 there's bingo and on July 21 an Israeli movie *Flaming Sand*. A trip for a day along the Grand River is planned for Sunday, July 24 (members $20, non-members $22). For information, 661-4689 or 783-9453.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is having an orientation meeting for the November Israel trip which includes a three-day London show tour on Tuesday, July 12, 1 p.m. Reservations are being taken for the two Stratford trips — *Twelfth Night* Sept. 29, and *Cyrano de Bergerac* Oct. 18. For information on all activities, **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Young at Heart Seniors is starting the second bus for the 10-day Catskills trip to the Pines Hotel August 5-14. Cost $975 same as last year except for medical. Also, anyone wishing a ride to the Catskills only is welcome, including children. **Doreen** or **Helen**, 635-6343.

North York Community House Health Matters series with North York Public Health nurse **Lorraine Ruthven** continues Thursday, July 7, with Wellness After Sixty: Keeping Active, and Thursday, July 21, with Memory Games. Time is 1-2 p.m. at 3101 Bathurst St. For information, 784-0920.

Funtime Seniors invites you to enjoy *The Music Man* and a cruise Tuesday, July 19, and a tour to Clarenceville (near Montreal) Sept. 16-17. **Sylvia**, 730-0503.

Sunrise Group has lined up several trips — Pines Hotel in the Catskills, Oct. 31-Nov. 4, $495; Las Vegas, Nov. 6-10, $675; Florida super saver, Nov. 5-18, $795. **Esther**, 223-9165 or **Sonia**, (905) 889-9436.

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The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre health lecture series presents Environmental Information Day when conservation in our personal lives will be explored by environmental activist **Ruth Johnson**, Thursday, July 7, 1:30 p.m. There will also be exhibits on display. Admission free. Everyone welcome.

Another Wellness Centre health series lecture, The Aging Eye, takes place Thursday, July 21, 1:30 p.m. **Dr. Michael Henry**, ophthalmologist, North York Branson Hospital, will discuss the normal aging process of the eyes and preventative measures to maintain your vision. Admission free. Everyone welcome.

The Friendship Circle for people 55 plus and on their own meets every other Thursday at 2:30 p.m. On July 7 **Osi Sladek** will sing in many languages. Refreshments. Fee is $2. Everyone welcome.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band Sunday, July 10, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. For information, **Anna**, 225-2112.

About People

ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

Yitzchok Wagner, 14, the son of **Satya** and **Menachem Wagner** of Toronto, was a prize-winning finalist in an essay contest for Jewish students across North America sponsored by the Morris J. and Betty Kaplun Foundation Inc. of New York. Yitzchok, a student at the Yeshiva Gedolah of Toronto, was presented with a citation and a cash prize of $750 at an awards luncheon at Temple Israel in New York.

The essay contest, which attracted more than 500 submissions, was conducted on two age levels, each with a different topic. Yitzchok's winning essay in the 12-14 age group was on Growing Up Jewish: Is it Different? What Makes it Special?

JIAS SCHOLARSHIPS

At its recent annual meeting, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada (JIAS) announced the winners of its National Scholarships for 1994.

Winners of Performing Arts Scholarships funded by a bequest by the late **John Hirsch**, former artistic director of Stratford Festival, are Torontonians **Igor Gefter**, cellist who is pursuing a bachelor of music at Juilliard School in New York; **Marina Zelter**, violinist and bachelor of music in performance student at University of Toronto; and Hamiltonians **Ilona Karsa**, bachelor of music in vocal studies; and **Galina Zisk**, pianist, bachelor of music in performance, U of T.

Among the winners of JIAS National General Scholarships are Torontonians **Anna Rozenberg**, a high school graduate planning to study physical therapy at university in the fall; **Natalia Skomorovskaia**, a nursing student at Centennial College; and **Alicja Grudner** of Ottawa, who will be pursuing a bachelor of biotechnology and would like to go on to medical school.

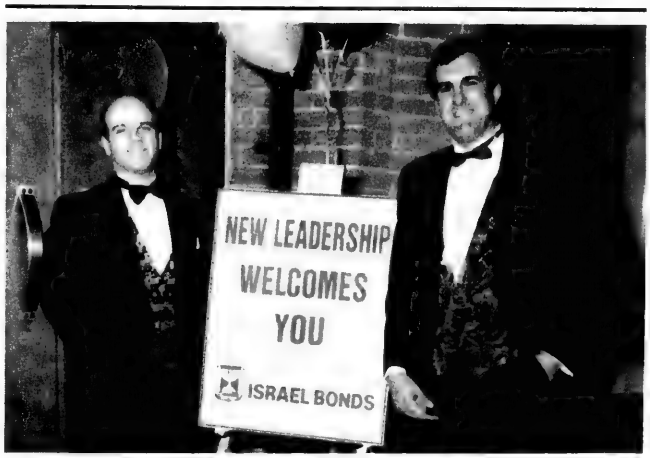
CANADA VOLUNTEER AWARD

Norman Schipper, long-standing volunteer and board member of Baycrest Centre and senior partner in the law firm Goodman and Goodman, has received the Canada Volunteer Award. Established by Health and Welfare Canada, the award recognizes and encourages Canadians who make outstanding voluntary contributions towards improving the health and social well-being of their fellow citizens.

Norman Schipper

During his 40-year association with Baycrest Centre, Schipper has held numerous positions including six consecutive years as president and then chair of the board of directors, and five years as chair of the Baycrest Centre Foundation. He continues to actively volunteer as vice-chair of the board of directors, member of the Foundation board; chair of the by-laws committee; and co-chair of the Rotman research advisory committee.

The award presentation took place last month at the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa.



HOT BONDS ... COOL JAZZ

The New Leadership Division of State of Israel Bonds recently hosted Hot Bonds...Cool Jazz featuring jazz artists Wendy Lands and Rick Lazar and Montuno Police. Pictured above are Howard Friedman (left), event vice-chair, and Gary Morris, event chair.

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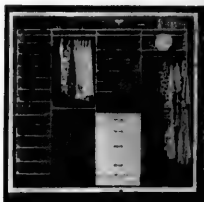

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OJC elections held

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

KELOWNA, B.C. — Anita Nadler was elected president of the Okanagan Jewish Community for a second term at the annual meeting held June 15.

In her presidential report, Nadler said the organization had a very successful year, culminating in the first-ever Negev Dinner in May. "I look forward," she said, "to another productive year of continued cooperation and growth in our community."

The annual picnic was a farewell to Alvin and Lily Lander, who leave for Israel in July. They were presented with a book signed by all the members and a cake depicting a family holding an Israeli flag, embroidered with "Go in Peace."

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m. , 10 days preceding issue date. For rates or to place an ad,please call Joe at 422-2528.

The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

At the Valley Tennis & Swim Club Sunday July 17th 1994 Select Singles (25+) 7015 Leslie St. Thornhill (N. of Steeles) is having another great Tennis Party and Dance. Tennis starts at 7 p.m. $15. Reservations a must. Dance starts at 9 p.m. $10. Please call for more information and reservations. 905-889-0813.

***GAMES JEWISH SINGLES PLAY** Sunday July 24th, 7:30 p.m. Beth Torah. 47 Glenbrook. Ages 26-40, 41-69. ***Bridge**, Chutzpah, Trivial Pursuit, Scrabble, Rummicube, etc. **Early Bird Bingo.** 7:30-8p.m. Prizes. Refreshments. **$5. 39 couples have already met!** Mollie. 733-3634

A.Y.J.A invites youto experience virtual reality. Saturday July 16th 9:30 p.m. at Cybermind 301 Front St. W. (Base of C.N. Tower) Cover $12 includes free game. Infoline 416-760-4149 Geared to ages 22-35.

Cassino Place Dance. Sat. 8-1 Sandw, coffee & tea. $10-$7 before 8. DJ + live band. Ballroom dance Fri. & Sun. $11. First hour free dance lesson. Free hot meal, coffee & tea. 72 Steeles Ave. W. at Yonge (905) 886-2810.

Floating Jewish Singles (40-65) Oneg Shabbat 8p.m. July 8th. Refreshments follwing services.

Jewish Community Centre Toronto New Leadership Program presents its **6th annual Tu B'av Festival Party** Thursday July 28th, 7:30p.m. outdoor field North Y Branch, 4588 Bathurst St. featuring **Rick Levine Band and Times Square Entertainment Group** . COR BBQ, vendor booths, **Allan Nackan magician, Yuk-Yuk's Comedians: Michael Gelbart and Greg Eckler,Sylman Photographers, video by Video Affairs** and fabulous door prizes including Danier Leather outfit, 2 tickets to a Showboat, etc. $18 in advance, $25 at gate. For info./ tickets call 636-1880 ext. 358. This is the largest singles fund raising party in Toronto attracting over 1,100 people.

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New Image 50+ Singles is having a Mix and Mingle Sunday July 10 at Earl Bales Community Centre 7:30 p.m. Tapes by Murray Jacobs, Refreshments. Members $2 Guests $3. Catskill Trip to the Granit July 29-Aug.7 (10 days) Call H. Pearson 633-0397

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VIEWPOINTS meets Thurs. July 7 Beth Tzedec. Round table discussion. Topics: (1) Hurry to Wed; (2) Sexual Harassment. Refresh. 7:30. Discuss. 8:00. $5.00 . Call 781-9245

UCS student wins Fogel scholarship

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Shira Freedman, 12, was recently awarded the Mayer Fogel Scholarship of Merit by United Congregational Schools (UCS). Shira was the youngest of the graduating Grade 7 students, because she had skipped a grade at UCS, after transferring from Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto following Grade 2.

The scholarship is administered by Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, where Shira attends classes. It was established last year by the family of the late Mayer Fogel to recognize a graduating student for academic excellence, good citizenship and a commitment to continue the study of Jewish education.

"Shira is a very serious and cooperative student," said Samuel Kapustin, her teacher for the past two years. "She seems interested in her Jewish identity."

"I love tefillah and studying about Israel and holidays," Shira told *The CJN*. A challah cover which Shira embroidered this year as a school project is now being used by her family.

Last year, as top student in her Grade 6 class, Shira received Israeli candlesticks from the school. She is saving them to use when she is older, she said.

Shira and her family attend services regularly at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation, where Shira is a former member of the children's choir. Her mother, Karen, sings in the adult choir.

Shira Freedman

Shira is a student at Dublin Heights Elementary & Middle School. She enjoys baseball and rollerblading, and thinks she would like to be a singer, an actress or a kindergarten teacher when she grows up.

"I love kids," said Shira, who will spend part of the summer working as a counsellor-in-training at a local day camp.

Shira is the daughter of Karen and Stephen Freedman of North York.

Schwartz helps diabetics keep kosher at holidays

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — It is easy for someone with diabetes to maintain a kosher diet for most of the year, but some holiday dishes, those with high fat and sugar content, are problematic, according to the coordinator of the Jewish chapter of the Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA).

"The hardest part is the holidays because we're used to certain foods," said Esther Schwartz, who is also a kosher cooking consultant with the Canadian Jewish Congress, Orthodox division.

She recently spoke on the topic Kosher Food for Diabetics at the retirement community Forest Hill Place.

When Schwartz, 69, learned she had diabetes 12 years ago, she decided she wanted to "help others with diabetes to cope with some of the concerns that troubled me regarding the Jewish lifestyles and observances."

She remembered getting a telephone call years before from a woman looking for Passover recipes for someone with diabetes. "I had absolutely no idea who to turn to for help for her," she said.

Schwartz became a founder of the Jewish chapter of the CDA, which is now 10 years old. She has adapted Chanukah, Purim, Passover, Shavuot and Sabbath recipes and created new ones.

Her low-fat, low-sugar Passover recipes include matzah balls made without oil, a low-fat Passover pizza and an almond cookie recipe that requires very little sugar.

Diabetes results when the pancreas does not produce enough of the hormone insulin, Schwartz said. "Insulin is vital to the body, to assist us in using the food that we eat."

Some of the causes of diabetes, she mentioned, are obesity, stress and aging. "Diabetes is more likely to occur as one gets older and it seems that is what is happening with our population." She added that diet is a factor as it has been shown that North American Natives became susceptible to the condition only after they gave up their diet of grains and natural foods for western-style food.

Early symptoms of diabetes include high blood sugar, blurred vision and rapid weight loss in spite of an increased appetite. Low blood sugar occurs at a later stage.

"With diabetes, it's very important, with your food, what you eat, when you eat and how much you eat," Schwartz stressed. A person with diabetes should eat five or six small meals a day at regular times. For breakfast she recommended a carbohydrate, a protein, a fruit and a fat, although she emphasized fat intake must be watched.

Esther Schwartz

Schwartz has a snack at her usual suppertime before she goes to a bar mitzvah or a wedding, "where your dinner is generally late," and then she eats lightly at the simchah.

Emphasizing the importance of reading food labels for sugar content, Schwartz said any ingredient such as glucose, that ends in the letters "ose," is a form of sugar. "When you see a label that appears sugar free, these are your best products. They contain little or no sugar."

Sugar reduced or carbohydrate reduced products, which have a 50 per cent reduction in carbohydrate content, may not be good food choices for people with diabetes, she pointed out. "The energy value may actually be higher than foods they replace because of an increase in fat content."

Schwartz said that those with diabetes must learn to take care of themselves as "no one else will do it."

Her talk was part of a health and fitness day at Forest Hill Place, which included lectures on acupuncture, sex and relationships, and sleep disorders, along with yoga and line dancing demonstrations. Toronto mayor June Rowlands made a short speech.

Club Savoy looks back on younger days

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — They're in their early to mid 70s now, but when former members of Club Savoy and their wives recently got together for a reunion in the old College Street district where many of them grew up, for one night they were 18, 19, 20 again. They could fly up a hockey rink, slam dunk a basketball, catch a pretty girl's eye.

Club Savoy (they thought the name sounded smooth), which was disbanded 50 years ago, evolved from the Jewish Boys Club (JBC), whose headquarters were in a house on Simcoe Street with meeting rooms, a pool table, a small social hall and a library. Here they organized their own sports teams — no structured super camps — learned debating from student volunteers, presented concerts featuring home-grown talent, and forged friendships.

There were JBC branches at Clinton and Grace Street Public Schools and at Cabbagetown's Park School.

When the house on Simcoe St. was sold, a group of the boys, then 14 and 15, continued to gather casually and began to meet in their homes. But most houses were cramped and they started to look for a clubhouse. They couldn't afford to pay rent but about 1938, when they were in their late teens, an enterprising member, Murray Rumack, persuaded the board of the YMHA, which was on the second floor of the Brunswick Avenue Talmud Torah, to let them have free use of a room once a month. This, he pointed out, would encourage the boys to join the Y when they could pay the fees.

Club Savoy flourished. Monthly meetings were increased to alternating weeks and, at its peak, the club had more than 30 members. Dances were planned, hockey and baseball games scheduled, public speaking arranged. The *Savoy Savior*, a mimeographed paper, offered book reviews, sports commentary, "cheerful chatter," even poetry and Mother's Day tributes.

An article on the invasion of Poland became a last hurrah for the carefree Savoyans and hinted at the slaughter to come.

Club members gradually left to join the Armed Forces. They accepted commemorative gold rings from their buddies who remained behind. Eventually few were left and Club Savoy closed down.

Sam Nichols (Nicholofsky), Jack Spiegel and Sammy Kwinter were killed overseas.

At the reunion organized by Bill Stern in a private room of the Palmerston Restaurant (originally Frum's Modern Grocery), the evening began with quiet reflection as onetime Savoyans, now husbands, fathers and grandfathers, thought about the young men who never came back but helped make it possible for them to sit together in freedom around a long table half a century later.

Throughout the evening, funny stories, poignant stories, good and bad jokes filled the air.

Rumack recalled the time he approached the director of the Jewish Girls Club on St. George Street, hoping to get a few dates for the boys. He was ordered by the wily woman to bring the total Savoy membership for a "third" seder with the girls. However, because it was chol ha-mo'ed, not a holy day, the director provided a record player and music for dancing.

Another anecdote was about two members who bravely undertook a trip by streetcar to the far western reaches of the city, the Junction, to meet some blind dates. Upon arrival, they discovered that the young ladies were not to their liking, decided to stay briefly out of politeness then make a quick exit, which they did — into a closet! The girls told them to wait for the next streetcar which would be leaving in half an hour. Standing on a deserted corner until well after midnight, they found out that the last car had already left and the next one was due at six in the morning. It was a very long walk home.

Club Savoy members (from left) Sam Simon, Saul Cantor, Ben Sand, Jack Spiegel, Phil Goldberg, Bill Stern, Al Karasik in Bickford Park, October 1942.

There was talk too, about the tradition of ambling along College Street in one direction, covertly looking over the girls who walked in circumspect clusters in the other direction.

Old pictures, newspaper clippings, copies of the *Savoy Savior*, were passed around.

At last it was time to go. As they stepped out to a quiet, darkened College Street, they were haunted by the ghosts of other years: Becker's Delicatessen, Carlan Radio, Grafstein's Silks and Woollens, the Garden Theatre and the Romanian Grill where bountiful dinners were served for 75 cents with seltzer on tap instead of bottled Perrier.

ORT to honor Lily Silver

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Lily Silver, formerly of Toronto, now living in Jerusalem, will be the honoree at Toronto ORT's Golden Circle Luncheon, which will be held at the home of Florence and Sydney Cooper on July 21.

A Lily Silver perpetual scholarship will be established at the Joseph Harmatz School of Engineering on the campus of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Kathleen Crook, the recently elected president of Toronto Women's ORT told *The CJN* that "Toronto Women's ORT is delighted to honor such a gracious lady and to thank her for all the wonderful and important support she has given ORT over the past 25 years."

David Hermelin, the president of World ORT Union will be the keynote speaker at the luncheon. Ruth Druxerman, immediate past president of Toronto Women's ORT and a co-chair of the Golden Circle Luncheon with Helen Friedman notes that "Toronto Women's ORT, celebrating 20 years of successful Golden Circles, is pleased to honor Lily Silver, past president of Toronto Women's ORT [for] her dedication and love of Eretz Israel."

The late communal leader Sophie Bennett first brought Silver into ORT in 1969. In addition to her work there, Silver was also involved in the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal.

The daughter of Joseph Baruch and Alta Miriam Cooper, who came from Opatow, Poland, Silver was the youngest of nine children. She says she learned about charity and kind deeds in her home when she was a child, recalling that one of her volunteer jobs was to drive her father and the late Rabbi David Ochs of the Torath Emeth Synagogue, to check on the eruv her father had been instrumental in having installed in the city so that observant Jews could carry on Shabbat.

After graduating from the Central High School of Commerce, Silver worked as a legal stenographer and also did voluntary work for the Revisionist Organization (now Herut), working for Nathan Silver, who was the secretary of the organization.

Three years later, she says with a smile, "I married the boss." Although Silver was busy raising four children, in the 1950s she was one of the founders of the Jordania chapter of Revisionist Women and became their representative to the Women's Division of the State of Israel Bonds and received the Bonds' Woman of Valor Pin for outstanding service.

The Silver family made their first trip to Israel in 1952 and formed a lifetime friendship with the late Menachem Begin and his family, as a result of Nathan Silver's tie with Begin during their childhood in Poland.

After frequent visits to Israel, the Silvers moved to Jerusalem in 1973, where Silver again became active in charitable work. Through former Torontonian, Mildred Davor, she became involved in the Sara Herzog (Ezrath Nashim) Hospital and is still a member of the board of the hospital.

Her involvement with ORT also continued in Israel and she is a member of the executive of Jerusalem Women's ORT. The Silvers established a Chair in Physics at the ORT Braude School in Karmiel.

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Organizations and People

Heat fails to dampen recital

By PAULA CITRON
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The audience enjoyed Toronto-based pianist Judith Kenedi Peleg's recital in the unairconditioned Heliconian Hall, even though the weather was sweltering hot.

Peleg performed a challenging series of works solidly rooted in the Romantic repertoire, works with a heavy rather than a lyrical edge.

A musician who opts for a firm and bold attack rather than grace or gentleness, Peleg seems willing to put interpretation above musicality. For her, the meaning behind the notes is apparently more important than the flow; she introduced long pauses or slowed down her playing to make a musical or thematic point. She also played at break-neck speed, even though it might mean losing some notes.

The emphasis on interpretation results in work that at first seems disjointed, but Peleg's idiomatic approach is also a key that unlocks the subtext and makes one listen with fresh ears. This pianist is not for concert goers who prefer their music smooth and polished.

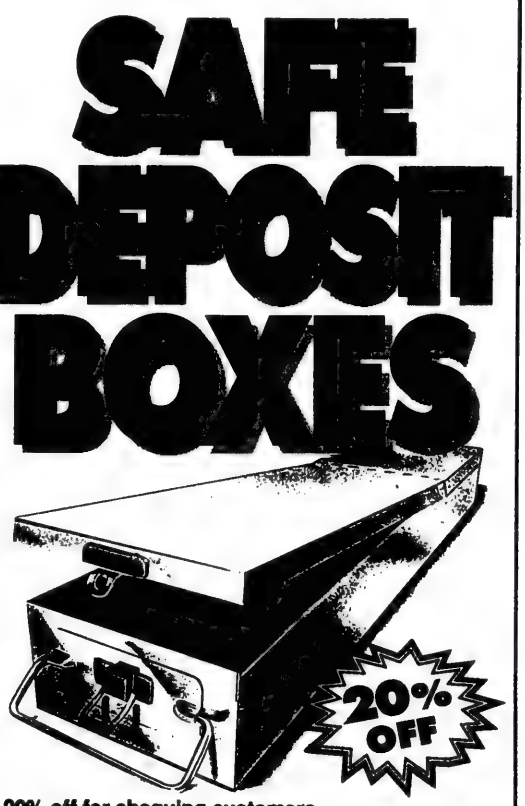
Two major pieces on the program were largely narrative. Schumann's *Kreisleriana* is a musical recreation of the many moods and complex personality of Kappellmeister Kreisler, a beloved fictitious figure from the popular supernatural stories of early 19th century writer E. T .A. Hoffmann.

Kreisleriana is filled with passages that reflect the dark side of the imagination, from naughty trickery to dangerous power. In Peleg's hands, the piece shifted dramatically between harsh, agitated harmonies and light, mercurial ones. To some, the work may have seemed disjointed as a result of Peleg's deliberate choice of emphasis, but it did tell a story.

Liszt's *Après une lecture du Dante* takes its theme from the great writer's *Divine Comedy*, with its cosmic collision of the forces of good and evil and heaven and hell. The work is filled with the wails of tortured souls set against passages that thunder and crash with threats of doom interspersed with the trumpets of the forces of good. Peleg made the images unfold in dramatic fashion with playing that was never timid or tentative.

Perhaps Peleg is weakest in the lyrical mode. Both the Schumann and the Liszt contain ravishing lyrical themes, the former denoting the sensitive and melancholy side of the Kappellmeister, the latter evoking the doomed Francesca di Rimini and her lover. The pianist did not play either section with any conviction.

In Beethoven's *Sonata in F major* and the three selections from Brahms' *Sechs Klavierstucke* which rounded out the program, Peleg was also much stronger in the passages that called for a more vociferous attack.



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BBQ favorites

By EILEEN GOLTZ
Special to The CJN

Barbecues have a unique place in Canadian history as a traditional place for family and friends. We all have a favorite story about a special time that stands out among all our memories and is shared often. My favorite anecdote is of the time my father set the garage on fire because he thought that one more squirt of lighter fluid would, in his words, "really get this baby going." Funny, I don't remember my mother ever letting him barbecue again. Of course this is the man who thinks cooking is putting milk on cereal.

Everyone seems to have their own special techniques and sauces for cooking out. Some rise at dawn to marinate slabs of meat, while others season as they go. There is, of course, the tried and true method of buying a bottle of ready-made sauce from the store and pouring it on the meat as it's turning a lovely shade of charcoal. What ever method you prefer, you can be guaranteed that someone else will think that their way tastes better. Every summer there are cook-offs and contests throughout the country to find the best and hottest sauces.

MUSHROOM AND TUNA TERRIYAKI APPETIZERS

½ cup soy sauce
¼ cup sugar
2 tbsp peanut oil
1 tbsp cooking sherry (kosher)
½ tsp ginger
1 clove garlic, crushed
Combine all above ingredients and mix well.
2 to 3 tuna steaks, cut into chunks
Mushroom caps, 1 for each tuna piece

Wash and dry the mushroom caps and tuna. Place 1 tuna piece in each cap. Skewer through the mushroom side first, holding the tuna in place. Leave a small space between each appetizer. Brush generously with sauce and grill on a medium to medium high heat. Baste and turn often for about 8 to 10 minutes (ingredients can be doubled).

BARBECUE GARLIC CHICKEN

2 sticks of pareve margarine
18 green onions, chopped
12 cloves of garlic, minced
3 cups kosher white wine
½ cup lemon juice (fresh is best)
6 to 7 large chicken breasts
¼ tsp pepper
1 cup chopped parsley
French Bread

Melt margarine in a large skillet. add green onions and garlic and cook over low heat approx. 3 to 4 minutes, stirring constantly. Add wine and simmer for 12 to 15 minutes. Stir occasionally.

Remove from heat and stir in lemon juice. Let cool to room temp., then stir in parsley.

Place chicken breasts in a self seal food storage bag. Pour marinade over chicken and refrigerate at least 4 hours, turning occasionally. Remove chicken from the bag and pour remaining marinade into sauce pan and heat until it starts to thicken (10 minutes), stir frequently. Strain marinade and season with pepper.

Grill chicken on medium heat. Grill for about 20 minutes or until the flesh is firm. Turn once or twice and baste occasionally. Serve chicken with the remaining sauce and the french bread to soak it up. (It's out of this world!)

Correction

TORONTO — In the article entitled Moroccan Prince Visits Toronto (*CJN June 23*), the synagogues of Rabbi Yehiel Benayon and Rabbi Amram Assayag were reversed.

Rabbi Benayon is the spiritual leader of Magen David Synagogue; and Rabbi Assayag is spiritual leader of Petach Tikva-Anshei Castilla Synagogue.

It was Rabbi Benayon who spoke to *The CJN* on the evening of the prince's visit.

The CJN deeply regrets the error.

Documentary explores ethnic tension between generations

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — *Mah Jong Orphan*, a 45-minute documentary that recently aired on the CBC's Newsworld channel, focuses on the relationship between an immigrant Chinese mother mindful of Chinese traditions, and her grown daughter, who has rebelled somewhat from those traditions in making her life choices.

Besides earning numerous awards, the film won positive reviews in the *Globe and Mail* and other places.

Astonished by its success, first-time film-maker Honey Fisher says the women in the film articulate feelings that are shared by mothers and daughters in other cultures, including Jewish.

"The mother wants her daughter to go to university, become a doctor, and marry Chinese. The daughter, on the other hand, wants to be very Canadian, conform with all her friends, date non-Chinese guys, and basically deny her Chineseness. There's tension between them."

Growing up Jewish in Toronto, Fisher says she, like most of her Jewish girl friends, was subjected to similar pressures.

"There was an expectation put upon us that we would do well in school, have a profession, go out with only Jewish men. The themes in the film are very relevant to most of us."

The daughter in the film eventually marries a Jewish man, which her mother has difficulty accepting. In retrospect, the mother remarks: "If I had known what nice guys Jewish men are, I would have married one myself."

In their attempt to confront each other's idea of one other, mother and daughter articulate their thoughts as they have apparently never done before. The audience has the rare privilege of simultaneously sharing in their poignant and sometimes humorous discoveries about themselves. What is extraordinary in the end are not their differences but their similarities.

"I'm getting lots of phone calls and lots of letters from people who say, 'You have touched my life,' " says Fisher. "That's really gratifying, when that happens."

Fisher, who worked in the psychology field for years after studying dance and psychology at York University, made a career switch into media about five years ago. Since then, she has worked as a researcher and producer for CTV's acclaimed *Shirley Show*, *Canada AM* and for several independent filmmakers. About a year ago, she founded her own film company, Fishtales Productions. "I went off on my own because I was tired of being pegged as a researcher."

Using equipment from Maclean-Hunter and Rogers cable companies, Fisher made an early version of *Mah Jong Orphan*, then showed it to the CBC, which gave her money to shoot more scenes and have it edited professionally. As for future projects, Fisher says she has a lot of ideas for documentaries, and is now writing the script for a feature-length comedy. In the meantime, *Mah Jong Orphan* is due to be shown again on CBC Newsworld in the fall.

Harmony launched

[Cont'd. from page 2]

Harmony plans a specific day for people to share a meal with someone they have never met, a contest in which schoolchildren design a poster and logo for Canada, and a public education campaign about the histories of various immigrant groups in Canada, including the Black, Italian and South Asian communities.

Chambers stressed that disharmony among cultural groups stems from stereotyping. If there is a problem, she said, there is sometimes a tendency to paint a negative picture of the community from which individuals originate. "Perhaps our tendency to generalize or to be influenced by preconceived notions sometimes makes it difficult to objectively evaluate the circumstances of specific situations," she said.

Some of Harmony's critics, according to Wong, are skeptical and others say they "are crazy even to try" to attain their vision of Canada — a "land of harmonious interaction and cooperation amongst all people, reflecting mutual respect for and goodwill towards all races and cultures."

Harmony's launch was attended by Elyse Graff, the national executive director of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

Everyone, including children, can join Harmony Movement free of charge. For information call Pauline Tong (905) 940-2823.

Visit to Holocaust Centre leads to family reunion

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — A tile in the Hall of Memories at the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre recently brought together two cousins for the first time in 50 years.

Elisa Bederman, 68, and Tamar Berman, 66, were two of thousands of Hungarian Jews deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau in 1944. After the war they lost touch.

Then last month, while waiting for her husband Sam at the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre (HEMC), Bederman glanced over the tiles inscribed with names of people who perished in the Holocaust.

Her uncle's name, Henrik Schwartz, suddenly leaped out at her.

"I got terribly excited," Bederman recalled. "As I was reading the names of [his] children, I recognized one of them was missing."

Elisa Bederman (left) and her sister Magda Klein.

Tamar Berman

Bederman (nee Schwartz) assumed the missing name belonged to the cousin she knew as Marta. She got her telephone number and called. The two first cousins spoke for an hour and arranged to meet. They had lived around the corner from each other in North York for years without knowing it. Now, they talk over the phone every other day.

"We talk about before the war, about our families," Bederman said. "We didn't live in the same town in Hungary, "but we still were a very close family."

Berman's parents, three sisters and a brother perished in the Holocaust. Their tile has been in the Hall of Memories for five years. Bederman, who came to the HEMC each month to meet her volunteer husband, said she always looked at the tiles. "I don't know why I didn't see [Berman's tile] before."

However, it is not surprising. There are 1,000 tiles lining the Hall. "I don't look at others," Berman said. "I find it too depressing."

Berman thought all her relatives died in the war, but said she always hoped someone besides herself had survived. "You never give up hope, even if you don't admit it."

She remembers the brutality of the Hungarian military police, kicking her grandmother for taking family pictures on the cattle cars. At Auschwitz-Birkenau she remembers Dr. Josef Mengele, in white riding gloves, "with a whip pointing to the right and left, left for my family, right for me."

At that moment, her mother called out to her. "I just walked away. I could go back, but I didn't," said Berman. "This is a burden I carried all my life, that I didn't go back."

After four months in Auschwitz-Birkenau, she was moved to a camp in Allendorf, Germany, where she worked in a munitions factory. In March of 1945, on the way to Buchenwald, Berman escaped with two other women. Followed by an SS man, they fled to a barn where they hid in the hayloft. The Nazi searched for them with a pitchfork. "I was scared, but I didn't say boo," Berman said.

The women left the barn, finding it odd that the farmer just ignored them. Then they saw the tanks, and they were American.

After the war Berman went to Israel, where she changed her first name from Marta to Tamar to forget her Hungarian background. She later moved to Montreal, then Toronto.

It took her years to come to terms with her war-time experiences. "I blocked out my feelings to survive," Berman said. "I had to block out pain and love. I did not feel anything for 30 years."

Her cousin Bederman credits her older sister Magda (Klein) with helping her survive Auschwitz-Birkenau and a second camp at Libau, Germany, where they worked making snow chains for army trucks.

"She was the strong one. If not for her, I wouldn't be here talking to you," Bederman told *The CJN*.

She remembers the revulsion she felt when she got a bowl of cabbage soup with a large, green worm in it. "I couldn't swallow it, [but] my sister said 'You have to.' "

At Libau, Bederman and her sister got a great deal of satisfaction from sabotaging some of the snow chains, which were shipped before being tested. The two young women, unaware their parents had been murdered, hoped their parents would live. "This is a thing that helped us to survive," Bederman said.

Bederman believes they survived by sheer luck and thinks of it as a miracle.

"She says it's a miracle, I say it's a coincidence," Berman countered. "I don't believe in miracles."

Bederman, grateful to have found her cousin, pointed out that other people might meet relatives through the tiles. "I feel if it happened to us, it can happen to other people."

Pnina Zilberman, director of the Holocaust Education Committee, said this is the second time people have been brought together by a tile.

She urges people to put the names of Holocaust victims on tiles in the Hall of Memories. "You should never give up hope," she said. "One does not know what will happen after giving a name."

Anita Ekstein, chair of the HEMC, said the tiles give reality to the lives of the victims of the Holocaust for future generations. Speaking of the many schoolchildren who tour the Centre, Ekstein said "it's very important for them to see names. When I point out the two tiles for my parents, it makes more of an impression."

New tiles are unveiled each year before Rosh Hashanah and Yom Hashoah.

HANDS ACROSS THE GENERATIONS

United Jewish Appeal recently honored Toronto's Societies at a tea for Golden Givers, who have contributed to UJA for at least 25 years. Seen (from left) Philip Skovronek, president of the Chenstchover Society, high school student Brian Laski, a March of the Living participant, and Esther Skovronek. [Stephen Epstein photo]

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Arts

David Dukes as Harry Hyman and Amy Irving as Sylvia Gelburg in Arthur Miller's new play Broken Glass. [Magnum photos]

Arthur Miller's back with a new play

By GERRY MORRIS
Special to The CJN

NEW YORK — Arthur Miller's first, short-lived play, *The Man Who Had All The Luck* opened in New York in November 1944. Fifty years later the still productive 79-year-old Miller is back with a new Broadway play, *Broken Glass*, the story of a deeply troubled marriage. Miller ranks with the world's truly great dramatists of the 20th century, alongside Eugene O'Neill and Tennessee Williams. His achievements include *All My Sons, The Crucible, A View From The Bridge, After The Fall, The Price* and of course the modern classic, *Death Of A Salesman.*

The title of his 13th Broadway play, *Broken Glass*, recalls Kristallnacht (The Night of Broken Glass). The play, set in Brooklyn in 1938, concerns the paralysis suffered by Sylvia Gellburg (Amy Irving), the long-married, long-suffering wife, and her husband, mortgage banker Phillip Gellburg (Ron Rifkin), an American Jew tormented by his Judaism.

As reports of increasing Nazi atrocities against Jews reach America, Sylvia becomes hysterical, sustaining a paralysis that renders her unable to walk. Aside from lacking emotional and physical closeness, she is healthy (the couple have not slept together in 20 years).

General practitioner Dr. Harry Hyman (David Dukes) is brought in to treat Sylvia's mysterious, crippling disability, leading to conflict between husband and doctor. Hyman suspects that Sylvia's illness has a more psychological than physiological basis, and probes both partners' psyches, attempting to uncover the roots of her illness. Sexual attraction between doctor and patient further complicates matters. In a moving speech, Sylvia acknowledges her wasted life. "I gave it away like a couple of pennies," she confesses.

Although Sylvia's baffling paralysis is the obvious theme, Phillip and his driving self-destruction are the underlying focus. From the outset, Phillip is obviously a man with many problems. He is proud to be the only Jewish employee at the "prestigious" Brooklyn Guarantee & Trust Company. His conflict becomes more manifest when he self-loathingly states his name is not Goldberg but Gellburg, a Finnish name. He cannot leave his self-destructive treadmill and important aspects of his life wilt and die.

The play is impeccably constructed of 10 scenes. Amy Irving movingly portrays the unhappy Jewish middle-aged wife and mother. Ron Rifkin, one of America's finest, most intelligent actors, delivers an intense and powerful performance as the tragic Phillip. David Dukes is excellent as the doctor, as are Frances Conway as the doctor's wife, and George N. Martin as the bigoted boss. John Tillinger directs with depth and insight. This is one of Miller's best written plays in years.

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Mort Sahl retains his shock value

By GERRY MORRIS
Special to The CJN

NEW YORK — Mort Sahl has been in the business of stand up comedy since the Eisenhower days. His extra-curricular talents have included speech writing for two presidents (John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan) and Hollywood screenwriting since the late '70s. Bill Clinton describes him as "the Will Rogers of his generation."

The 67-year-old Jewish humorist describes himself as a political and social satirist, which won't come as news to anybody laughing his or her way through a new one-man Broadway show, *Mort Sahl's America*. It's intelligentsia comedy at its best.

Here he is as we remember him, in V-neck sweater, buttoned-down shirt and slacks, sauntering onstage carrying a rolled-up copy of today's newspaper. Many of the things he says in his act are torn from today's headlines.

Sahl retains the acute sense of intellectual outrage that is the well spring of his humor. Here are some of his cynically-tinged observations:

- The Rev. Jesse Jackson is the successor to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King because of his philosophy, "I have a scheme."
- "An intellectual in show business is like the smartest bear in the zoo."
- "A Liberal is somebody who will do the right thing for the wrong reasons so he can feel good for eight minutes."
- "I'm all for capital punishment. You've got to execute people — how else are they going to learn?"
- "Norman Mailer said that in America we kill our heroes and decorate their graves."
- On actors: "They're all liberals, with the exception of Clint Eastwood and Charlton Heston, who is busy dreaming up a military government in America some day. If he looked around him he might be happy now."

Over the years Sahl has become as adept at flaying the left as he always was at tackling the right. "Liberals tend to believe they don't deserve what they have," he says. "I tend to agree. Conservatives believe they're entitled to what they've stolen."

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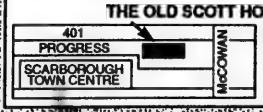

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EYE ON ARTS

Russian Dance Company: Remember the show *Russians on Broadway?* After playing at Massey Hall in April 1992, company members were reportedly stranded in Toronto by their promoter. Many returned to Russia, some went to Montreal, but 14 dancers, actors, singers and musicians stayed in Toronto. They received landed immigrant status last October through the generous legal assistance of Mendel Green.

Eight members of the original *Russians on Broadway* cast have formed the Kalinka Contemporary Russian Dance Company, which has performed at Harbourfront, First Night, the Bayview Country Club and the Granite Club. Honorary patrons of the not-for-profit dance company include Green and Ed Mirvish.

Kalinka performed around Toronto during the July 1 holiday weekend. See them at the Dragon Boat Race Festival at Toronto Island, Tuesday, July 26 at 4:50 and 6:20 p.m.

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Kayla Gets 'Em Dancin': That was the headline of a *Toronto Sun* article on children's entertainer Kayla this spring. "I've seen fans rush the stage at concerts before," wrote reporter Vena Eaton, "but I've never seen a crush of toddlers and pint-sized groupies not only make a mad dash for the stage, but actually climb it. Just so they could dance with children's performer Kayla during her performance last Saturday afternoon ..."

What is it about Kayla that prompts any youngster over 18 months to start boogying? To find out, see her at the Belleville Waterfront Festival July 9 and 10; TVOntario's Kid Summer on July 11; Kids World, Canadian National Exhibition (with Polkaroo) from August 19 to Sept. 5; and the Ronald McDonald House at the Metro Zoo, Sept. 10.

Kayla's recent audio tape and CD, *The Purple Birthday Cake*, is available through mail order from Children's Hour Productions Ltd., 430 Signet Dr., Suite C, North York M9L 2T6. Phone: 416-740-5105.

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Barry Zukerman Amphitheatre: This outdoor venue in Earl Bales Park, North York, is the site of free entertainment all summer long, much of it supplied through the Skylight Theatre of Toronto. The musical drama *Strider* previews July 12 and 13, and runs through August 7. From a story by Leo Tolstoy, it's a compelling tale of a man and a horse. Admission is free with an entrance ticket. Box office, (416) 392-3846.

On Monday, August 1 at 7 p.m., catch *The Eva Fishman Show*, a perennial favorite. This year, Eva presents a loving tribute to Moishe Turk featuring Cantor Wiangort, Sarah Hertzburg, Annie Wiskin and the Showstoppers. On Thursday, August 11 at 4 and 7 p.m., hear Nathan Garnick and *The Yiddish Gypsy Violin.* This new musical review in Yiddish and English also features Alexei Fateyev and the Kalinka Dancers (see above), accompanied by Michael Ziskin (violin) and the Campfire Music Ensemble.

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Beth Tikvah Summer Music: Lyric soprano Rosemarie Danziger, clarinetist Avrahm Galper and pianist Brahm Goldhammer are featured in a program of music set for Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., Willowdale (North York), Wednesday, July 27, 8 p.m. The program includes selections of Yiddish and Israeli song to the operatic music of Gounod and Mozart.

Danziger, who has been a resident of Toronto since 1990, has sung with the Israeli National Opera in Tel Aviv and at numerous concert halls throughout Europe. Galper has been principal clarinet with the Toronto Symphony, CBC Symphony, Israel Philharmonic and other orchestras. Goldhammer, a highly respected vocal coach, is also a conductor and pianist of exceptional sensitivity.

A second concert at Beth Tikvah, set for Wednesday, August 17, 8 p.m., features clarinetist Peter Stoll and pianist Tania Lee Osmond. Tickets for each concert are $5 and are available at the door.

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Canadian TV Show Goes to Middle East: *Kids Can Rock and Roll*, a Global CanWest television series starring the children's pop group Kideo has been purchased by Israeli Educational TV and the Arab Orbit Satellite Network. Through these two systems, the children's show may be broadcast to 23 Middle East and North African territories, reaching children and their families with nonviolent, socially responsible messages.

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Kolot Gayim: Proud Voices '94, described as "an evening in celebration of Jewish lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered culture with performances, readings, music, dancing and surprise guests," takes place at the Opera House, 735 Queen St. E. (east of Broadview), Toronto, Thursday, July 7, 8 p.m. Admission $10 (or less if you can't afford it). The event is funded by the Toronto Arts Council.

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Photos of Ethiopian Jewry: Photographer Bruce Bennett was at the Tel Aviv airport in May 1991 as 14,000 Ethiopian Jews arrived during the historic Operation Solomon. Sixteen of his photographs, on view at Yeshiva University Museum through July, capture the new immigrants with the African dust still on their clothing and the ordeal they endured still in their eyes. They're part of the larger exhibition, Beta Israel: Jews of Ethiopia. Yeshiva University Museum, 2520 Amsterdam Ave., New York.

Hard work pays off for ballet dancer

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — As the song goes, "Everything is beautiful" at the Ballet, but 17-year-old Anne Hochman, who has just graduated from the National Ballet School in Toronto, knows that there's a tremendous amount of hard work behind the scenes to make the ballet so beautiful.

"Dancing is not what people think," she says. "Backstage, it's hard work, mentally and physically. In order to get us prepared, the directors have to be really tough on us.

"It's a lot of hard work and a lot of disappointments. All the students have to support each other to get through because the pressures are really tough."

Hochman should know. Eight years ago, after studying with a private dance instructor for two years, she applied to the National Ballet School, along with more than 800 others. About 240 were taken into a summer program, and about 18 were finally accepted as students at the school. Hochman has spent eight years at the school.

In her last year, she studied scholastic subjects from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., then turned to ballet from 2:30 to 6:45 p.m. "We danced six days a week. We really had only Sunday to relax."

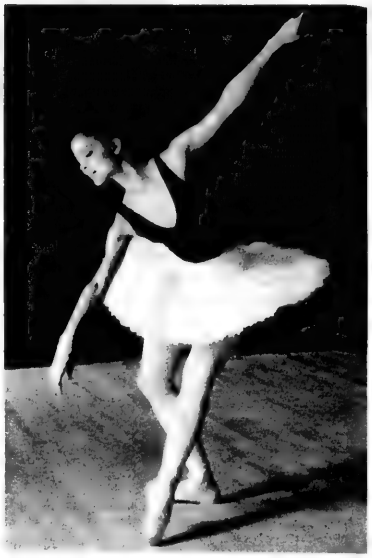
The process of attaining perfection as a dancer involves constant criticism. "She has tremendous dedication," says Hochman's mother, Elaine, who lives with her husband and their son, Michael, in Thornhill. "You have to feel secure with yourself to accept the criticism. Every day, she would call home and tell us how her day was. She's very focused. Ballet is her life."

Hochman's father, David, is a biochemist with Intermune, a medical research company. He says he is especially proud of his daughter because his parents were survivors of World War II death camps.

"It's been a long road and it has not always been smooth," he reports. "Aside from paying $10,000 a year in tuition and board, my wife and I have paid a high emotional price. This means flying high one week and hitting a low the next. Watching Anne in *The Nutcracker* was one of those highs, and having her almost leave the school in Grade 10 was one of the lows."

The Canadian public has invested heavily in Hochman through the Canadian Council Arts Awards. As in previous years, she recently won a large grant — $18,000 — which she is using to finance a year's travel and study in Europe.

In August, she arrives in Holland to spend three months with the Netherlands Dance Theatre in The Hague. Then she plans to visit dance companies in Germany, Switzerland, France, England and Spain.



Anne Hochman

BOOKS

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Jew In The Lotus, by Rodger Kamenetz (Harper Collins, $26.75)

Several years ago the author of this surprising book, a poet and professor of English at Louisiana State University, attached himself to a delegation of eight rabbis and Jewish scholars that travelled to a remote retreat in North India to meet with the Dalai Lama.

The Dalai Lama, spiritual and temporal ruler of Tibet, was forced to leave his country in 1959. He was filled with despair and a sense of helplessness as Chinese invaders killed over one million Tibetans, banned the teachings of his faith and pillaged thousands of Buddhist monasteries. He and most of his ministers fled to India. In 1989 he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of his appeals for the non-violent liberation of his homeland.

The Dalai Lama had summoned the eight spiritual leaders for a week of discussion, in order to learn from them what Jews had discovered over the centuries about the techniques of self-preservation — how to live, persevere and even flourish in exile.

The Jew in the Lotus is largely a description of the extraordinary summit between the 58-year-old Buddhist leader and a group of Jews from a different religious tradition. But it is also the story of the author's discovery of the unanticipated similarities between the two faiths, the reasons why many disaffected Jews find Buddhism attractive and his own journey into Jewish self awareness and renewal.

Kamenetz was impressed with the Dalai Lama. "I mean, here's a guy from a completely different culture, who says to the Jews, 'Tell me your secret for spiritual survival in exile. . .' Think about how that reflects on him, what that says about his approach. No one's ever asked us that before — it's truly impressive. The guy's a mentsh."

A fascinating section of the book deals with an exchange between Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, a student of Chassidism and the Kabbalah, and the Dalai Lama about the nature of angels and reincarnation. What emerges from this rather esoteric and rarefied discussion are the close mystical parallels between the two traditions.

Extraordinary summit

Another area of similarity includes the Buddhist notion of striving for complete loss of the ego and for becoming totally absorbed in the world spirit. This notion is akin to the chassidic idea known as bittul ha-yesh (annihilation of the self). As Rabbi Louis Jacobs writes, "In chassidic thought man's ego is a barrier between him and God. By forgetting himself in the worship of the Creator man can achieve self-annihilation, a state in which his desire for material things, his pride, and even his yearnings for spiritual fulfilment are all tanscended and the soul becomes attached to its source in God."

The author is convinced that many JUBUs (Jewish Buddhists), including the renowned Allen Ginsberg, sought meaning in an outside religion because they were unaware of what Judaism had to offer. "It's not really that these people were alienated from Judaism; Judaism itself was not presenting its best face or tradition to us."

Some converts to Buddhism are convinced of its claims to be the true path to peace, and adopt its precept of abstaining from injury to any form of life. This has its roots in the doctrine of karma, the retribution in later incarnations for sins committed in earlier ones. Therefore life, even in in its lowest form, is to be respected and preserved; no sin is greater than the taking of life, even though it be only the gnat or the worm that perishes. This philosophy is not unlike the Jewish concept of Tzaar Baale Chayim (not doing harm or injury to any living thing).

This unusual book, written in a popular manner, is entertaining as well as instructive. The author concludes, "I have to admit that going into this project, my attitude was something like, 'These people [Jewish Buddhists] are flakes.' But my attitude now is that maybe we can learn something from the Buddhist experience, something to help us strengthen contemporary Judaism and make it a little bit more complete . . . I am hoping Judaism will survive and renew itself, because it has something vital to offer the world."

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Travel

The sky's (almost) the limit when visiting Las Vegas

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

LAS VEGAS — You gotta have a gimmick. Maybe it's a pirate hotel, a drive-through obelisk or a sphinx with laser beam eyes. Perhaps it's a drive-through wedding chapel, a man-made volcano that erupts on cue, or Siegfried and Roy making animals disappear.

Whatever the gimmick or vice, Las Vegas has it in spades.

You can bet the mortgage that in the glitter capital of the world, there is nothing too ridiculous, too extreme, too far beyond the bounds of good taste to be on offer somewhere, for some price.

Whatever the entrepreneurs in Vegas are doing, they must be doing it right, as tourists from all over the wagering world flock to the city of lost wages to get a piece of the action.

Slot machines are everywhere, even in the airport's departure lounge. On my arrival at a casino-hotel on the strip, I entered what I thought was the reception area only to be confronted with hundreds of slot machines manned by zombie-like creatures pumping quarters into them relentlessly. Lights were flashing, bells were clanging, but each person stared intently at the machine in front of them, oblivious to everything else.

Thinking I had gone in the wrong door, I went back outside into the 92 degree May heat only to be told that I hadn't made a mistake, that the check-in counter was 40 yards past the slots and to the right. Welcome to Las Vegas.

Welcome to middle America. In addition to all its other qualities, Vegas brings together the motliest collection of American citizens you'd ever want to meet.

If you don't care to gamble — no problem. There are about a million other things to do. My friend and I brought our sticks along and played golf at a couple of fine courses in the area. At one of the city's municipal courses, twilight mid-week fees peaked at $11. Only in America.

At night, there are shows galore. Siegfried and Roy's animal act was one of the most elaborate and expensive at about $80. Comedian George Carlin headlined another venue, as did the ever-popular Steve Lawrence and Edie Gorme. Spanish heart-throb Julio Eglesias was another headliner of note and comedian Jerry Seinfeld (sold out weeks in advance) was scheduled to perform later in the spring.

In addition, casino-hotels offer free lounge acts of varying quality. We saw two performers put on an excellent blues/rock show, aided by computer-generated background drumming.

Word is that Vegas is hoping to broaden its appeal to families on vacation. Those already visiting the Grand Canyon (about 500 kilometres away) or Hoover Dam (50 kms away) might consider bringing the kids, but Vegas remains a fantasyland for adults. Leave the kids at home.

TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

After serving overseas in the army, an American corporal came home in 1957 and hammered out a travel guide — *Europe On $5 A Day* — that caused an explosion in my life and changed the travel habits of a generation of North Americans. The grandson of a rabbi, Arthur Frommer gave up a law career because travel writing held more promise. Today, 184 travel guides of diverse authorship bear his name, and he is probably among the most widely-travelled persons in America, if not on the planet. "I travel constantly. I may have the world's record. I'm somewhere different almost every week of my life."

Last week, he was in Toronto, promoting the latest edition of the excellent *Frommer's Comprehensive Travel Guide to Canada*. A dapper, raconteurish gentleman, Frommer has a relaxed demeanor and an assured manner of speaking. He seems to genuinely enjoy discussing the intricate nuances of the travel industry, of which he is a foremost authority. And he has a seemingly boundless energy. After conducting press interviews all day, he addressed an audience of about 130 people that evening; each had paid the Learning Annex $29 for the privilege. For three and a half hours, he described various innovative methods of seeing the vast wide world on a shoestring, gave insider tips for vagabonding on the cheap, and spun colorful tales of the South Seas and other exotic locales. Some hot tips from the celebrated guru of modern travel:

• Budget travel begins with packing your bags. "Pack light. I've seen more trips destroyed by overpacking than by anything else. Don't be the hostage of porters and taxi cab drivers. Without too much to carry, you can make a casual, relaxed search of several hotels, without feeling compelled to stay in the first one you see."

• Consider alternative accommodations such as pensiones, guesthouses, bed and breakfast houses, and small second and third-class hotels. "They provide a very valued experience. They introduce you to the realities of the country in which you're travelling. At some point in your life, you should take your courage in hand and try one. Afterwards, you'll never return to the other variety."

• Avoid — at all costs — the introductory motorcoach sightseeing tours, which are "worse than useless," he says.

• Devote a few evenings to the library before leaving on a trip — and study the history and culture of a destination, not its hotels and restaurants. "So many Americans think nothing of flinging themselves at a foreign destination, arriving like an ignoramus, thinking that someone will tell them what is there. By that time, they're too late. Those who do not acquire this important background miss out on 95 per cent of what they see."

• The cheapest destinations around include the interior of Mexico, Honduras and countries of Southeast Asia. However, don't go there only to make the mistakes of ordinary tourists. The worst type of travelling involves seeing "dead physical sights" that can best be viewed in the pages of an encyclopedia or a TV documentary.

Instead, fraternize with the natives, explore, and participate in unique opportunities for learning and spiritual growth. Frommer's list of alternative travel experiences involves ashrams, yoga retreats, health farms, feminist adventures, family hostels, Elderhostels, national language academies and volunteer vacations like Volunteers for Israel.

• Learn how to bargain. Many hotels would rather fill a room at a substantial discount than let it go unoccupied. "To many North Americans, bargaining is degrading. It's something we don't do, it's something you do in Syria." And only "chumps" pay full price for cruises these days: 30 per cent or more off the catalogue price is a typical discount.

"With our guidebooks, we've been telling people to travel unpretentiously, and not to squander their money unnecessarily. The difference between categories of hotels and restaurants is mostly psychological, and all you have to do is make that psychological adjustment. For 37 years, I've been preaching, the less you spend, the more you enjoy."

• Many "consolidators" offer deeply discounted air fares, such as Network in Toronto, Unitravel in St. Louis, and Euram Inc. in Washington D.C. Air Hitch, based in New York, sells seats to Europe for as low as $100. However, you do not get to choose where you land. If you want to go to Athens, you may end up in Madrid — which may be fine, if you've got a EurailPass.

After 37 years, Frommer is a fount of wisdom regarding travel. More about his famous travel guides in a future column.

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Antony Karabus has the recession to thank for his success.

The 34-year-old chartered accountant left Arthur Anderson Co. to hang out his shingle as an efficiency consultant in 1989, two years after immigrating from Cape Town, South Africa. "It was the beginning of the recession, and everybody needed help," he says.

Since then, Karabus and his staff of seven have helped close to 40 clients, including an 800-store fast food chain and a lumber and building supplier with $250 million in annual sales, to trim the fat and boost profits.

Personable and low-key, Karabus also credits his involvement with the Young Business Network of the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) for easing his move to Canada.

Karabus talked to CJN *reporter Amy Sattin in his midtown Toronto office about the factors that have contributed to his success.*

CJN: *When you came from South Africa in 1987, did you feel at a disadvantage in business here?*

Karabus: The disadvantage I felt was that I didn't really know anybody.

I was starting from scratch in the business community. All the contacts I'd made in South Africa were basically worth nothing. Essentially all I had was the CA and the years of experience with a good company like Arthur Anderson.

CJN: *Did you notice that business styles and approaches, or even business etiquette, differed between South Africa and Canada?*

Karabus: It was a little more formal here and it was much more based on relationships than in South Africa.

CJN: *So it must have been hard, then, if you didn't have those relationships.*

Karabus: Oh, it was severe. When I started [on my own], the phone didn't ring. I didn't make the phone ring for a long, long time. I must have been completely meshugah, insane, crazy — you name it.

[But] I knew long before I moved to Canada that I was going to be self-employed. It was a question of what I was going to do, when I was going to do it, and how I was going to do it.

CJN: *So how did you fall into this field?*

Karabus: I enjoyed having an impact in making companies change. That was probably the number one [motivation].

CJN: *Efficiency consulting was a new field back then. How did you present yourself to potential clients?*

Karabus: It was very difficult. Today I can mention "business process re-engineering" to anybody, and they'll know exactly what you mean.

When I started out, I would say to people, "What I do is white-collar productivity." It took awhile. You had to sell the concept of white-collar productivity, which took a lot of doing.

It was [also] a matter of convincing people to buy from A.K. — Antony Karabus — as opposed to A.A. — Arthur Anderson. When you're selling in a large firm, you're selling the firm. When you're selling in a firm like mine, you're selling yourself.

CJN: *You said the recession was a perfect time to start your business. What will you do now that the recession is ending?*

Karabus: I don't believe it's over. I don't believe companies are ever going back to the fat days they used to enjoy. I think the thing is to help companies streamline. There are always going to be opportunities.

I did think at one point, "Come the end of the recession, what are we going to do?" But that doesn't seem to be happening. We've been busier now than ever before. I've just hired two people this month. We have plans to expand into the United States in 1995-96.

CJN: *Do you think smaller companies need to invest in technology to compete with the larger companies?*

Karabus: Absolutely. Today I was in a meeting with a client. There was a lot of frustration with the reports we printed up. They wanted copies. Now we're going onto their E-mail [via a telephone-computer link-up]. So even though they're sitting in Mississauga and we're sitting in Toronto, whenever they want to send us something, they just [dial us up].

Think about the alternative. I've got to call a courier and pray it's going to get there on time. I've got to spend the time printing [the documents], faxing them, making copies of the disk. Maybe it gets there, maybe it gets lost. You'd be spending hours producing documents. This way you send it through the modem and it's there three minutes later.

CJN: *So you're following your own advice.*

Karabus: Slowly but surely. I have to admit that six months ago we didn't have shoes on — like the shoemaker's sons, but we are getting much better now.

[I recommend clients] do whatever it takes to get more efficient and to do whatever they do more efficiently; to get rid of the paper and work more with computers.

CJN: *When you were chair of the Young Business Network in 1993, you lined up speakers and organized seminars. How did you choose your speakers?*

Karabus: In my year we had Michael Bregman from Second Cup, Brent Belzberg, formerly of First City Development, and Gerald Schwartz from Onex. Bregman and Belzberg are no more than 40. It was good for young people . . . to be exposed to guys that were young and very successful so they could say 'Maybe I could also be like this.'

CJN: *Would you consider yourself a successful young businessman?*

Karabus: I'm certainly nowhere near the league of those guys, but from your mouth to God's ears.

CJN: *But you came here, you started your own business within two years, you've watched it grow, you're taking on new employees and new clients every couple of weeks. This isn't a definition of success?*

Karabus: I am very motivated and very aggressive when I sell — extremely so — because I love what I do and I know I'll do well for the people I'm selling to.

The strength of our business is the relationships. Take last summer. Instead of taking my clients out to a fancy place for drinks to thank them for their business, we had all the senior people and their spouses and partners to my house for a Saturday night barbecue.

[Success] is about building relationships. If you don't do good work, the relationships don't mean a thing. But at the same time, if you don't have the relationship, you don't have anything else either.

CJN: *Did the Young Business Network help you form any of those relationships?*

Karabus: If there is one thing I got out of UJA, it was that I met some good friends. You're mixing with a great calibre of person because [they are] people who give their time away for nothing, and spend a lot of time specifically to help their own.

I've done some work indirectly through people I met at UJA. I didn't pursue business there. I think what is really important about community work is that you don't go with the objective of doing anything but helping the community.

You do what you do for the community, and whatever drops out of it, drops out of it. If you get to do some business with someone, wonderful, but it must be the last thing on your mind when you get involved if you want to do it right, for the right reasons.

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$30 Million Commmission

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The United States and Israel have each pledged $15 million to fund joint economic projects through a science and technology commission.

Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and Michael Harish, the Israeli minister of commerce and industry, announced the agreement June 20.

The commission is "the newest concrete example of President [Bill] Clinton's commitment to working closely with Prime Minister [Yitzhak] Rabin in creating high technology jobs and economic growth in both countries," Brown said.

On July 6, the United States will open a Science and Technology Centre in Tel Aviv to assist U.S. companies seeking to do business in Israel.

Number of Job Seekers Increase

JERUSALEM — The number of job seekers rose 15.3 per cent in April compared to March, with 117,500 people registering at the Employment Service, according to seasonally-adjusted figures released by the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry.

This increase in job seekers follows a sharp drop in the first quarter of the year, when the number of job seekers fell from 117,800 at the end of 1993 to 101,900 in March.

There was a similar rise in the number of new immigrants registering as job seekers, up 15.2 per cent from March to April, from 10,400 in March to 11,900 last month.

The percentage of women among job seekers increased from 54.5 per cent in March to 55.7 per cent last month.

A Natural Gas Increase

JERUSALEM — In the next decade, Israel will double its electricity production capability, consumption of petroleum-based products will grow by 50 per cent and natural gas usage will increase by at least 50 per cent.

These are some of the figures presented by Energy and Infrastructure Minister Moshe Shahal to the Knesset in a report on this year's ministry activities.

The survey also contains details of arrangements between local authorities and Palestinian authorities concerning petroleum product standards. Israel has agreed to permit the import of petroleum products from areas under Palestinian jurisdiction on condition they meet Jordanian and other international standards.

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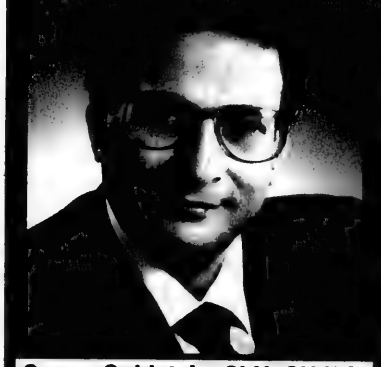

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Bonds' lunch honors bank CEO

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — What does Premier Bob Rae, have in common with prominent Canadian businessmen like Albert Reichmann, (Reichmann International), Mickey Cohen, (CEO of Molson's), Lawrence Bloomberg (CEO of First Marathon Securities), and Peter Munk (CEO American Barrick Resource Corp.)?

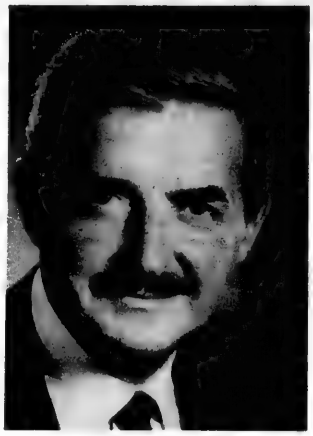
They are all big supporters of Israel and State of Israel Bonds. And they were all involved in the tribute paid to Matthew W. Barrett, (CEO the Bank of Montreal), at a recent gala luncheon held in his honor. More than 500 people attended.

Barrett, known as a humanitarian and a banker with a conscience, was presented with the Israel Peace Medal, in recognition of the effort that he and the Bank of Montreal have made to promote the sale of State of Israel Bond Notes — promissory notes financed completely by the bank for people with excellent credit.

In the last 10 years there has been a significant rise in the number of Canadian participants in the note program; the Bank of Montreal was one of the first Canadian banking institutions to endorse the program.

"The impetus helped to open doors," said Lawrence Waller, executive director of State of Israel Bonds. All the major banks and financial institutions followed the precedent set by the Bank of Montreal.

Barrett, who became CEO in 1990, has continued the Bank of Montreal's support of Israel. "He gave his overall blessing to Israel," said



Matthew Barrett

Waller, "which has given additional momentum and impetus to the program."

After receiving the medal, Barrett spoke, praising the achievements of the Jewish people, which he described as "the unrivalled contribution to the betterment of all humankind." And he stressed the importance of a strong Israel for the future of the Jewish people.

The premier, the guest speaker at the luncheon, also expressed strong support for Israel. "I encourage all of you to make an investment in a truly dynamic Israel," he said.

"Support of Israel through thick and thin should be the foundation Canadian policy," Rae said. "We should be steadfast in our support of Israel and what it represents."

He advocates free trade between the two countries. He said it makes economic sense for Canada because Israel already has a free trade agreement with the European Economic Community (EEC) and the United States.

"There are Canadian companies that are shipping out of the U.S. to move their product [duty free] to Israel," he said.

Rae, like many of the speakers, praised Barrett for his leadership and "his great sense of people."

"I can confirm that," said one woman in the audience after listening to Rae's speech. Sabina Citron, vice-chair of the Holocaust Remembrance Association said she had come to pay tribute to Barrett for personal reasons.

In 1965 Citron said she was a catalyst in getting the crown to prosecute Ernst Zundel, for spreading false news about the Jews. She was touched that Barrett took the time to testify for the prosecution.

As a banker he was able to negate Zundel's allegation that Jews were running the banks. Barrett gave the names of bankers to prove there were few Jewish bankers.

"He didn't have to go out of his way," she said. "I don't know how many other bankers would have done it. . . He seems to have a respect for all people."

Advertiser's Corner

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This week The CJN features . . . Horvath Photography

By LORI DENNIS

TORONTO — Sam Sciarrino believes that all photography should tell a story.

He does not view his work as still shots, but rather as a reflection of his subject's mood, personality, taste and style. His backdrops are instrumental in achieving his unique effects and his photographs are never just pictures — but always a work of art and reality combined.

This is the style that Sciarrino has developed over the years, greatly influenced by the master of mood and emotion-filled photography, Tibor Horvath, Sciarrino's mentor, partner and best friend, who passed away last winter.

Horvath, known as "Mr. Soft Touch," made his mark in the world of photography by creating a romantic, dreamy look, using his own invention of a box camera lens placed on a modern camera. For many years, he was well-known for his creativity and style.

When Sciarrino joined the studio in 1984, Horvath spent many thousands of hours with him, teaching him every aspect of photography until he developed his own individuality and photographic flair. Sciarrino is now recognized in the industry for recording exciting wedding photography as a creative art.

"While traditional photography is still my bread and butter, I have developed a reputation for using unusual backdrops — many outstanding architectural features. I look for striking elegant venues such as buildings with french doors, dramatic staircases, and other theatrical effects.

"I recognize that each of my clients has their own style and personality. That's why I spend time meeting with them on an individual basis to discover their likes and dislikes and to create a look that suits them. I would never push a client to do something they're not comfortable with because the end result would seem contrived. A photographer must never pull his subjects away from who they really are," advises Sciarrino.

As an award winning photographer who has acquired his Craftsman and Master of Arts of Professional Photographers of Canada and the equivalent status in the United States, Sciarrino gives up to 10 lectures a year at photography conventions in major cities across North America. He offers photographers insights into how he approaches his work and imparts some of his trade secrets on lighting, lenses and angles.

For example, while black and white photography seems to be popular right now, it is only effective when used with dramatic lighting. "Otherwise the effect is lost," he says. Also making a comeback is hand-painted photography and upside down shots where the photographer shoots from above.

"But to achieve a great result in any shot is completely dependent on how expert the photographer is with lighting, angles and most importantly, how successful he is in getting his subjects to relax," says Sciarrino.

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Loan Guarantees for Budget Use

JERUSALEM — The government will ask the United States to increase by $300 million the amount of loan guarantee funds that can be spent in the budget, when the Joint Economic Development Group (JEDG) meets in Washington.

If the United States approves the request, Israel will be able to spend $900 million on budget activities.

Under the loan guarantee legislation, the JEDG monitors how the funds have been used.

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Knesset Panel Approves Zones

JERUSALEM — A special Knesset committee recently approved a bill to create Free Export Processing Zones (FEPZs) in a move the government hopes will dramatically improve the country's balance of trade and employment situation.

The bill creates special zones in which businesses will enjoy a number of concessions, including exemptions from taxes and certain labor laws, and the streamlining of bureaucratic procedures.

According to committee chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor), it will be brought to the plenum for its second and third reading within a few days.

Although many on the committee had reservations about the bill, most expressed cautious optimism. The bill creates a council of six government representatives, who will choose a franchisee to run each zone for a period of 49 years.

This franchisee will provide all its zone's infrastructure, including electricity and telephone services, though the government will provide infrastructure up to the borders of the zone. The franchisee is also responsible for bringing businesses to the zone.

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Industrial Activity Upswing Expected

JERUSALEM — Although industrial activity slowed down in April due to the closure of the territories, industrialists expect business will pick up in the coming months, according to the Manufacturers Association's business expectations survey published on Sunday.

About 39 per cent of the plants reported production increases, while 36 per cent experienced declines.

By contrast, 54 per cent of the factories reported production rises in January's survey.

Gutman said industrial activity fell dramatically in the building products sector, reflecting the impact of the closure.

Similarly, the electronics and metals sectors also experienced a slowdown. By contrast, the food industry continued expanding at a fast pace.

A majority of respondents expect production to recover in the coming months.

More than 200 factories took part in the survey.

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Bank lending policies to small firms are examined

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — When a senior vice-president of a chartered bank said most business people are happy with how banks treat them, citing a *Financial Post* survey, the audience at a recent forum on big banks and small business responded with laughter and cries of disbelief.

"I won't deny there is plenty of anecdotal evidence suggesting that small businesses do experience difficulty in accessing capital," noted Charles Coffey of the Royal Bank, but he pointed out that the Royal has increased its small business loans by 30 per cent over the past five years.

"Banks are aggressively courting small business customers. You're going to see more of this," he said.

Coffey stressed that since $19 out of every $20 banks lend belongs to their depositors they have a responsibility to lend their money prudently and with fair return.

When he said he is not in favor of legislation forcing banks to change their current lending policies, he was greeted with sarcastic laughter and loud boos.

Coffey spoke at the St. Lawrence Centre to an audience of 275. He was joined by panelists Susan Bellan, the co-chair of the Canadian Organization of Small Business banking issues action committee; Duff Conacher, the coordinator of the Community Reinvestment Coalition for Democracy Watch; and Wilhelmina Nolan, a Social Planning Council of Toronto board member. Featured speaker was Premier Bob Rae, who took part in the panel. The discussion was moderated by CBC-TV *Venture* co-host Linda Sims.

Democracy Watch published a June 15 action alert stating that "banks did not keep their 1993 promises to lend more to small business and there is no reason to believe that they will keep their promise to adhere to their own 'code of conduct' without government regulation of their lending practices."

Conacher said six banks have control of over 80 per cent of the market share through privileges granted to them by the federal government. They are guaranteed against failure by taxpayers through the Canadian Deposit Insurance Corporation (CDIC).

The CDIC, he noted, had to pay the Toronto-Dominion Bank a million dollars in taxpayers' money to take over Central Guaranty Trust when it failed. "When you look at all the privileges and subsidies, it is pretty difficult to see anything else except that banks are the beneficiaries of a large corporate welfare package."

Banks like regulations that protect them, Conacher said, but they don't like regulations that protect the consumer. When he suggested removing some of the barriers against competition as well as the taxpayers' protection against insolvency to see how they make out on "a level playing field," the audience applauded enthusiastically.

Although there is a need for additional legislation, it doesn't have to be seen as a threat to the banks, said Rae. He stressed that "having an unprofitable, unsuccessful bank is also a threat."

You only have to look at the situation in the United States, he said, where massive public deficits are the result of the failure of savings and loan associations.

All institutions, including government, have been slow to respond to the changing economy, according to Rae. Big business created jobs in the past, he said, while the key to job creation in the future is going to be small business.

Rae says when banks talk about small business they are referring to "medium-sized, already successfully established entrepreneurial companies that need to be taken to the next stage in terms of access to international markets." Another area entirely, he added, is the world of microbusiness.

Colley said microbusinesses, which are frequently run by women, require loans that are smaller than those made by banks.

Nolan received social assistance until her microbusiness — an environmental marketing firm that manufactures, among other products, non-toxic tampons — became profitable enough to support her. She says when she applied for a loan, the bank asked for 75 per cent of the business in return for a $35,000 loan.

Nolan recalled that she got some training while she was receiving family benefits, but there was no guidance during the start-up phase of her business. Once on her own, she discovered there was no business development funding available either. In spite of the obstacles, her company is now in the U.S. market. "The province could assist in overcoming barriers," she said.

Bellan contended that the system is backwards if someone can receive $15,000 a year in unemployment insurance benefits or $10,000 in welfare payments, while "if you ask a bank for $10,000 to start your own business the answer is no."

She suggested that the government guarantee all small business lending. If five people are employed for two years they pay taxes, she said, so even if the business goes under, the government comes out even in the end. The higher the wage, Bellan noted, the higher tax forgiveness you get.

TAKE THE KOSHER WHOPPER CHALLENGE

The world's first strictly kosher branch of Burger King opened in Jerusalem's Malha Shopping Mall and this picture shows enthusiastic customers on the opening day. The U.S.-based burger chain has plans to open a further 48 branches in Israel over the next 5 years but most will not be kosher.

Biodegradable chip treats gum disease

By SIMON GRIVER
Special to The CJN

ISRAEL — Some 80 per cent of middle-aged people suffer from some degree of periodontal disease, while about 15 per cent of adults will be afflicted with chronic gum decay. It is more common for people to lose teeth through gum recession than through tooth decay.

An Israeli company has developed a tiny, biodegradable, patented chip that treats gum disease. Called the Perio chip, it is comprised of a polymer and a drug that treats inflamed and infected gums. Measuring four by five millimetres, it is designed for use by dentists.

The Jerusalem-based manufacturer, Perio Products Ltd., estimates that a dentist can insert a chip into a pocket in a patient's gum in about half a minute, without surgery. The chip slowly releases the drug chlorexidine and degrades competely within seven to 10 days. Chlorhexidine is used to treat gingivitis, a less serious inflammation of the gums that often leads to periodontitis (recession of the gums). Perio Products' chip gradually releases the drug inside the gum pockets, effectively shrinking them and killing the bacteria.

"Not only is the drug as effective as gum surgery and scaling of teeth," explains Stanley Fass, president of Perio Products Ltd., "but it has fewer side effects than drugs taken orally. At present, a dentist might prescribe chlorhexidine to be taken orally to fight gum disease. Thus," Fass adds, "the drug will circulate throughout the entire body. We estimate that the chip, which targets the drug solely on the infected area, reduces the amount of the drug entering the system by 200 or 300 times, resulting in fewer side effects."

Fass says that the chip will be approved shortly by Israel's Ministry of Health. It is currently undergoing final trials in Europe and the United States, and he expects approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and European authorities by 1995.

TIPS FROM PROS

By HELEN RUBINOFF
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Do you feel you are caught in a cycle? The economy has got you down and your bottom line has not improved though sales are just beginning to rise.

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335 UNVEILINGS

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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Abraham (Abe) Wygodny זיל
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will take place
Sunday, July 17th, at 1:00 p.m.
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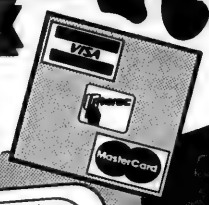

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Ten Canadian students from the Toronto area are presently in Jerusalem to volunteer for two months working with MDA paramedics on ambulances. Many of the students, who are studying for B.Sc. qualifications in Canada, plan on studying medicine in the future. Seen (from left) Tsippi Shainhouse, Sheryl Winkler, Jeff Jacobs, Aviva Lowe, Jonah Kruger, Lori Dusang, Jeff Silverman, Jeff Spodek, Batsheva Yolinsky and Lisa Berger. They are standing in front of a Magen David Adom ambulance in the court of the MDA's Jerusalem branch. [Israpet photo]

Israeli bill to restrict East Jerusalem contacts

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — Israel's cabinet has approved a bill to restrict Palestinian diplomatic activity in Jerusalem following last week's controversial meeting between Canadian Public Works Minister David Dingwall and Palestinian leaders.

The proposed law, to be presented to the Knesset for first reading next week, would forbid members of the Palestinian Authority or the PLO from conducting any political activities within Jerusalem or any other part of Israel — unless they have Israeli government permission.

"It is not acceptable for a foreign government or body to be active within the borders of another country without that country's permission," said Justice Minister David Libai, explaining the rationale for the law, which would also impose jail terms and heavy fines on violators.

The proposed law — which is likely to receive strong backing in the Knesset — comes in the wake of last week's meeting between Dingwall and Palestinian leaders at Orient House in East Jerusalem.

The meeting provoked sharp criticism by several Israeli ministers who saw it as part of an ongoing attempt by Palestinians to turn Orient House into a *de facto* embassy.

Both Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Police Minister Moshe Shahal said the meeting constituted a violation of the PLO-Israel accord, which stipulates that all offices of the Palestinian Authority must be located in the Gaza Strip or Jericho area.

Canadian Ambassador to Israel Norman Spector said last week that he believed any attempt by Israel to ban contacts with Palestinians in East Jerusalem would provoke an international outcry.

"With the exception of Costa Rica and Zaire, no country in the world — including Canada — has accepted Israel's annexation of Jerusalem," said Spector. "If Israel does outlaw such meetings, Ottawa will have to study the legislation to determine Canada's position."

The ambassador added that in the meantime, Canada will continue holding meetings with Palestinians at Orient House.

Spector noted that Israel did not issue any official complaint to Canada regarding the Dingwall visit and that the subject was not even raised during a meeting between him and Peres, held only a day after the controversy erupted.

In the last few weeks, Israeli officials have repeatedly issued warnings to Palestinian leaders regarding what Israel views as illegal political activity in East Jerusalem.

But the government has been inconsistent in its policy, openly toler-

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Holiday deadlines

During the upcoming civic holiday, *The CJN* offices will be closed Monday, August 1. As a result, early deadlines will apply for the issue of August 4.

The editorial deadline is Tuesday, July 26.

The deadline for organizations and classified advertising is Tuesday, July 26 at noon. For retail display advertising, the deadline is Wednesday, July 27 at noon.

Rabin, Hussein ready for summit

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Israeli leaders across the political spectrum reacted enthusiastically to last Friday's announcement that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein will meet at the White House on July 25.

"We are talking about the end of a state of war and the beginning of an era of peace, about economic development and the ways these ends can be achieved," an upbeat Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said.

Although the Washington summit is not expected to lead to a peace agreement, the meeting between Rabin and Hussein is expected to be a giant step forward in that direction.

In announcing the summit, U.S. President Bill Clinton said the commitment to meet publicly for the first time "reflects the courageous leadership and the bold vision which both King Hussein and Prime Minister Rabin have displayed as they work together to create a new future for their people and for all the region."

In addition to their summit meeting with Clinton, Rabin and Hussein are expected to address a joint session of the U.S. Congress.

Rabin is also expected to use the occasion to invite Hussein to visit Jerusalem to pray at the mosques on the Temple Mount.

Former Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek has already conveyed a similar invitation to Hussein.

Among Israeli opposition parties, reaction to the upcoming summit was almost universally favorable, with the sole exception of the right-wing Moledet party, which has three Knesset seats.

"Every step towards a contractual peace with Jordan is to be applauded," Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu said of the planned White House meeting.

But for Moledet leader Rehavam Ze'evi, the talks with Jordan signaled the possibility that Israel might be required to cede more territory.

Meanwhile, Israeli teams from the foreign and defence ministries paid a brief visit to Jordan last Friday to make arrangements for talks scheduled to take place later this week between U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Peres and Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul Salam al-Majali .

BULLETIN

BUENOS AIRES — At least 16 people were killed Monday when a powerful explosion leveled a seven-storey building that serves as the Jewish community centre here.

Argentinian president Carlos Menem described those responsible as "beasts and savages." All points of entry and exit to or from the contry were immediately sealed. Flights which had left were called back.

The cause of the blast was not determined when *The CJN* went to press Monday afternoon.

Among the organizations housed in the building are the DAIA (Delegacion de Asociaciones Israelitas Argentinas), the umbrella communal body; AMAI, the central Ashkenazi communal body; and the Federation of Israeli-Argentina Communities.

Reports said over 100 people were in the building, which is located in a Jewish area.

Several groups claimed responsibility.

But Israeli officials said Arab extremists were likely behind the blast.

In 1992, 28 people were killed when a bomb ripped through Israel's embassy here. The bombers were never found but Israel blamed Islamic fundamentalists.

The CJN will have full details next week.

Canada to review arms sales to Israel

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Canada will review its policy on arms sales to Israel, says Defence Minister David Collenette.

Because of the rapprochement between Israel and the PLO, Canada plans to review its current policy, which bans weapons sales to the Jewish state and any nation involved in or under imminent threat of hostilities, Collenette told *The CJN* in an interview.

Collenette was asked to lift Ottawa's arms embargo to Israel by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who doubles as Israel's defence minister, during a meeting in Jerusalem last month.

Canada is among the few Western nations which does not allow its companies to sell weapons and related materials to Israel, because Ottawa considers Israel to fit its criteria as a nation under constant threat, and which may use Canadian weapons for belligerent purposes.

Indeed, Canadian companies sold no weapons or related technologies to Israel last year or in 1992. In 1991, Canadian firms sold $23,000 worth of defence goods to Israel, while the figure in 1990 was nearly $64,000 — a pittance by the standards of the massive global arms trade.

The Canadian sales were largely in

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Continuity report spurs calls to act

Young adults express doubts

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The report of the Task Force on Jewish Continuity, Assimilation and Intermarriage has been greeted with approval for its intentions and for the hard work of its members.

It has also been greeted with a decided scepticism about its effect.

The report was introduced at the recent annual meeting of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and was scheduled to be presented by its chair, Aaron Brotman, at a July 20 meeting of Federation officers.

Family life education, young adults and Jewish education were seen as priorities for the community to maintain viability.

Funds to implement the recommendations could come, the report suggests, from Federation, Endowment Fund or Jewish Agency coffers.

But the greatest doubts about the report's effectiveness were cast by the very group targeted for attention — young adults.

Howard Katz, national executive director of Network, the Canadian arm of the World Union of Jewish Students, said he thought the report was "the same old rhetoric.

Howard Katz

"The time for rhetoric is over. I encourage the community to do something [concrete]."

While Katz said he's glad the university-age population has been recognized as important to the community, he feels the situation on campus is desperate. He urged the community to take heed and provide more funding.

"It is fine to try to get students involved," he said, "but if you don't have money for staff or materials, conducting programs [at universities] is very difficult. And if I spend all my time trying to get funding, I can't do programming. It's a catch-22."

Michael Goldberg, of the Jewish Student Council at the Jewish Community Centre, is involved with Interaction, a social group for young people just out of university.

He said that while he feels the recommendations are good, "it's not earth-shattering. Anyone involved in working with students in North America would see young adults are a priority."

The problem is, he said, that $350,000 is invested annually in developing excellent leaders on the university campuses but when they graduate their desire to do community work is not welcomed by the older generation establishment.

Goldberg especially approves of the suggestion of providing start-up funds for grass roots groups. But "when it comes to tachlis, that's where the challenge is."

The proposals will take a great deal of money, and he said he wonders if Federation can provide it.

"It's great that people like Aaron Brotman are putting it in their faces. We will see in the next few years if they really do something."

Leo Davids, associate professor and chair of the sociology department at York University's Atkinson College, said the report will have value "if it will be read by leadership who are looking for specific projects in the real world, and concrete proposals."

The report will not be worth anything, he said, if it is not acted upon; previous studies on the same problem had no impact.

But the priorities are quite right, said Davids, who has studied and written extensively on demographics and the modern family, with a special interest in the Jewish family. However, he sees the situation as more desperate in Vancouver, Saskatoon and smaller communities than it is in Toronto.

Compared to the rest of the country, he said, Toronto's intermarriage rate is quite low.

"If this report is circulated to other places, like Winnipeg, for instance, and they do something, then it will have a lot of value."

He supports the report's emphasis on Jewish education, saying "education at all levels is the only area where the community can do anything." He would also like to see community funds spent on smaller projects, like creating 20 Jewish day care centres in Mississauga, rather than on one or two big projects.

Gary Foster, president of Jewish Family & Child Services, said he is impressed with the report, which he called "thought-provoking."

Its emphasis on the importance of the family, and the necessity to strengthen the Jewish family "has significance for our organization. I can see a role for JF&CS in implementing it, and we would offer our support in any way we can."

Toronto's rabbis have greeted the

Rabbi Joseph Kelman

task force's report with the same mix of approval and doubt.

Rabbi Joseph Kelman, spiritual leader of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, said he is "glad the commission came up with the answer I expected — the proper interaction of the Jewish home and family with the synagogue, the Hebrew school and the community as represented by Federation."

However, so that the report is not "filed away as motherhood platitudes," he called for an immediate meeting of rabbis, educators and commission members to establish priorities and begin implementing them as soon as possible.

He said the report "did indeed list the reasons why we have to be concerned about continuity, and hopefully, we can address whatever the joint thinking will suggest."

Shaarei Tefillah's Rabbi Moshe Stern, president of the Vaad Haraboním of Greater Toronto, extended "a yashar koach to Mr. Brotman and his committee for a sincere effort to attempt to find solutions to very serious concerns within the Jewish community."

Rabbi Moshe Stern

From an Orthodox perspective, however, Rabbi Stern said, "the only viable solution to assuring Jewish continuity is raising large families whose children are trained in a total commitment to a Torah way of life."

Education, he agreed, is a correct priority. "If the principles of this study are put into practice, that there be a Jewish education for every Jewish child, this is a priority we should all support."

Rabbi Stern said he had the "gut feeling" the report suggests that even though intermarriage is unacceptable, somehow we have to accommodate it.

"Intermarriage is not just another problem in a series of problems Jews face. Once we get to acquiesce in it, we are sending a message that it is somehow acceptable."

Partnership proposed

Rabbi Daniel Komito-Gottlieb, executive director of the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism, said that "for our organization, the key recommendation is the message calling for a partnership between Federation and the synagogues in creating and delivering services."

The Council's own priority list, he said, was similar to the report's priorities — youth programming, family life education and outreach to interfaith and recently converted Jewish families.

The synagogue, he said, is the central organization through which Jews feel connected to Jewish life, and the most "logical and appropriate place" to offer the recommended programs.

Dr. Gerald Halbert, president of United Israel Appeal of Canada, and Wilfred Posluns, chair of the Bequest and Endowment Fund of Federation, agree that their organization should indeed help fund the task force recommendations.

(United Israel Appeal funnels monies to the Jewish Agency in Israel.)

Halbert told *The CJN* that there should be a strong partnership between Israel and the Diaspora, which should be reflected by the Jewish Agency and local funds combining to ensure Jewish continuity.

He commented that he would have liked to see more reference to Israel in the report, especially with regard to the Israel Experience for Youth program. "That bothers me somewhat," he said.

Posluns called the report "an important document, one that is important for the community to deal with."

Endowment funds, he said, are there for the community. "If the [Federation] officers, the community and the Endowment Fund feel that that's how the money should be spent, that's where it should go."

Members of the task force who spoke to *The CJN* said they were relieved the long hours of effort produced a cohesive report that was arrived at through consensus and a surprising, to them, lack of acrimony.

Chair Aaron Brotman praised the working committee, who came to their task "with reasonably open minds. To their credit they didn't superimpose their own ideas."

There was no preset agenda, no predicted outcome, no interference or attempts at influence from anybody, Brotman said.

What happens now, he said, "is critically important in terms of getting action, and dealing with issues on a community-wide basis."

He said the report "will evolve, change and be revised. There will be gaps, and we must make sure the gaps will be filled.

"It is very important to get the broader community, especially synagogues and Federation, behind it. We must show that the community is together, including groups on the periphery. We must break down barriers and bring those with different opinions closer."

Mae Dalume began her stint on the task force as a student at Earl Haig Secondary School, and will be starting at York University in the fall.

The experience was "unlike anything I've ever done. I learned about the way task forces work, and about how older people think. I learned that people are people."

She said at first she was sceptical they would come up with anything that would have any effect. "That the suggestions are so tangible is a wonderful thing."

The report is "a good reflection of what we all felt," Dalume said. "It took everyone's thoughts in."

Austin Beutel chaired the think-tank portion of the study which, he felt, "provided an opportunity for a number of people [to participate] who might not otherwise have volunteered."

He found the process "helpful. We got responses of a cross-section of the community. We were satisfied to see the response, and that we were able to provoke discussion."

Beutel said he is especially pleased the report "gives a number of opportunities for synagogues to take the initiative and apply for funding. I support the conclusion which identified synagogues as a major conduit to continuity, and urge them to take advantage if the conclusions are approved by Federation."

Federation president Bernie Ghert would not comment on the report until officers examined it July 20. He did however acknowledge the time and effort put into the report, and said the members took it very seriously. "It was not put together quickly or lightly."

School funding receives setback

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Parents with children in Jewish day schools recently suffered another setback in their bid to obtain government funding for their children's education.

In a unanimous 5-0 decision, the Ontario Court of Appeal ruled that the government of Ontario is not required by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to finance religious education "for all the diverse religious groups within Ontario."

The decision leaves in place the current system which sees public and Roman Catholic schools receive full government funding while Jewish, Protestant and other religious schools rely on tuition fees and financial support from their communities.

Full tuition fees can reach as high as $7,000 per student for a high school education.

Five parents with children in Jewish day schools, along with four parents with children in Protestant schools, launched the appeal. They were supported by Canadian Jewish Congress and the Ontario Alliance of Christian School Societies (OACSS).

The appeal court decision came as a disappointment to Murray Segal, chair of the Ontario Jewish Association for Equity in Education, a Congress committee charged with lobbying for public funding.

The decision allows Ontario "to continue practising inequality and religious discrimination," Segal said. "By rejecting [the parents'] appeal, the court has allowed Ontario to be the only jurisdiction [in Canada] that gives special rights to one religious group while denying it to others."

Segal said the committee is studying the decision and may appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Adrian Guldemond, executive-director of OACSS, said the decision "gives the impression that the Charter does not apply to education." He said he was disappointed that the court "brushed aside" minority rights and accepted the arguments of the attorney general in favor of the status quo.

Chief Justice Charles Dubin, who wrote the decision, rejected arguments that the current practice violates the Charter's guarantees of freedom of religion.

That right "involves the freedom to pursue one's religion or beliefs without government interference and the entitlement to live one's life free of state-imposed religions or beliefs," he wrote. "It does not provide an entitlement to state support for the exercise of one's religion."

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Toronto JCC gets last minute reprieve

By PAUL LUNGEN
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TORONTO — The cash-strapped Jewish Community Centre (JCC) used up one of its nine lives last week as it narrowly avoided the possible closure of its doors due to unpaid bills totalling between $200,000 and $300,000.

As a July 15 deadline approached, officials of the JCC were scrambling to come up with a plan to satisfy three of its key creditors — utilities companies that provide water, electricity and gas.

The third of the companies, Consumers Gas, finally gave approval to a new arrangement late on the 15th. The new deal includes partial payment of the debts, said Howard English, a spokesman for the JCC and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

"Money was made available to the JCC to make renewed arrangements," he said.

Although he declined to say whether the Federation or others had assisted the JCC in making the last-minute deal, English did say that "the Federation has taken on the responsibility to try to help extricate the JCC from this financial crisis."

Allan Reitzes, executive director of the Federation, said it would be inappropriate to comment in greater detail before a July 20 meeting of Federation officers, in which they will discuss a modified version of the plan which would see the Federation purchase the JCC's North branch on Bathurst Street.

Under terms of an agreement that had been negotiated last May and was to be signed by the end of June, the Federation was to obtain ownership of the land for $5 million, $4.5 million of which was to go towards paying down the JCC's bank debt of $9.5 million. The remaining $500,000 was to go for operating expenses.

In addition, the community Endowment Fund was to lend an additional $1.4 million to help pay the JCC's other debts, and the members at the Bloor Street and Northeast Valley branches were to embark on fundraising efforts to purchase those facilities.

The arrangement collapsed when the JCC was unable to meet the financial commitments it had made, said Federation president Bernard Ghert. That led the Bank of Montreal to announce it was backing out of the deal.

Then the officers and board of directors of the JCC resigned en masse, conditional on a new board's being appointed, he said.

A three-person committee chaired by Helen Finder-Guttman, a former vice-president of the JCC, was subsequently appointed to oversee operations of the JCC.

Ghert said the earlier deal fell through because it was found that "the JCC owes more money than had been thought. No one knows how much."

He said each week brings revelations of new sums owing to creditors.

Finder-Guttman acknowledged that "our books were in a mess. They were in quite a disastrous state and it's taken months to unravel them. [We've] found invoices that haven't been paid dating back to 1992.

"We are having problems reconciling all the amounts," she said. "At this point we are prepared to attribute it to mismanagement."

She indicated that the JCC "is very close to going bankrupt."

The JCC owes Revenue Canada about $700,000, Ghert said, adding that the JCC had been making payroll deductions and using the money to finance ongoing expenses.

"A wide variety of source deductions were not remitted," said English. "They are being remitted now. The failure to remit was a regrettable result of past practices."

He said "the JCC will be reviewing its management and immediately undertaking an exhaustive financial analysis."

Finder-Guttman was critical of the Federation for being "an unwilling dance partner. The Federation has not been a cooperative, eager partner in this," she said. "When you go to someone for help and they're not forthcoming, they're like an unwilling dance partner."

But Ghert said the three-person JCC committee has said it requires an additional $2 million to get its financial house in order. "We don't have that kind of money to give," he said, adding that "the Federation is not walking away" from the JCC.

Both Ghert and Finder-Guttman said a financial failure by the JCC would be a black mark on the Jewish community.

Former JCC president Bernard Kamin said the JCC is "suffering from financial problems no different than other businesses in the community. To expect something different, you're living in a dream world."

The JCC was unable to collect on the pledges it had received to finance the expansion of the North branch, he said. Kamin, who served as JCC president from 1985-89, when the construction took place, said he does not believe the expansion was a mistake.

"No one could have forecast the economy," he said.

He denied the JCC suffered bad management. "There are dedicated people at the JCC, just as dedicated and committed" as at other agencies, he said.

"It is incumbent on the Federation to lend the JCC money at a modest rate to see it through. That's what community is all about," Kamin added.

Israeli refugee claims discounted

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — People rescued by Operation Exodus who leave Israel and try to win refugee status in Canada by claiming persecution against them in Israel are "staining the reputation"of the Jewish state, a prominent Toronto immigration lawyer says.

"It is ludicrous what they are claiming, that Israel and the Israeli judicial system are unable to protect the rights of non-Jews," said Sergio Karas, a member of the board of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services.

Although Karas has successfully represented many Soviet Jews applying for refugee status, he said it is his policy not to represent any applicants who have come to Canada from Russia via Israel.

One report says 140 Israeli citizens, all recent immigrants from the former Soviet Union, have been granted asylum in Canada on grounds of religious persecution, while another 1,000 are awaiting hearings before refugee boards.

"Most applicants of this kind in Toronto have been rejected, but several in Montreal have been successful," Karas said.

He described as "unbelievable" the decision of a Montreal judge on May 27 overturning the earlier decision of an Immigration and Refugee Board denying the application for refugee status of Valentina Freiberg,a non-Jew married to a Jew. Judge Daniele Tremblay-Lamer ruled that what the applicant faced in Israel was persecution, and referred the case back to another panel for a rehearing.

Sergio Karas

Freiberg and her husband arrived in Ashod in Israel in November, 1990; she claimed that from the very first day she suffered harassment, threats, dismissals and difficulty in finding a place to live.

She said their daughter was shunned by other students and was beaten up one day returning home. On her arrival she took courses in Hebrew but was unable to find work, even as a domestic, because she was not Jewish. Her landlord's brother attacked her in April 1991, over her non-kosher kitchen, she claimed. Police were called but refused to do anything.

After they moved to Ashkalon in June 1991, she found work as a waitress, but said she was not allowed to serve people. At one point, she said, other waiters pulled her into bushes and tore her blouse and pulled her hair. Their daughter was so harassed at her new school that she threatened to kill herself.

Allegations of this kind are a "blot" on Israel's good name and a denial of the civil rights which exist in Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East, Karas said.

He believes the situation is serious enough that leading Jewish organizations in Canada should submit a brief to the Immigration and Refugee Boards outlining the protections which exist in Israeli society.

"We do not accept that there is such a thing as refugees from Israel," said Dror Zeigerman, Israel consul-general for Ontario.

"There are refugees to Israel, not from Israel," Zeigerman said. "People who come to Israel from countries like the former Soviet Union or Ethiopia are considered refugees. It is the aim of the state of Israel to absorb refugees.

"They are given enough money in grants and loans to have a reasonable standard of life for a year."

Many of the cases alleging persecution in Israel involve non-Jews who claimed to be Jewish in order to get out of Russia, Karas said. In some other cases, non-Jewish partners are involved.

Canadian Jews who contribute to Operation Exodus have a right to expect that a better screening system will be set up so that non-Jews or others will not benefit from Israel's generosity and then desert it at the first opportunity.

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Jewish Agency allocates $11 million to bring 2,500 students to Israel

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — An $11 million program to bring 2,500 students to Israel from the former Soviet Union under the auspices of Youth Aliyah, was announced at a meeting of leaders of the Jewish Agency (JA) and World Zionist Organization (WZO) held recently in Jerusalem.

Judy Mandleman, national president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO gave details of the program to *The CJN* in a phone interview shortly after her return from Israel.

She also reported on a resolution to expand the size of the board of governors of the JA.

Under the aliyah program, students aged 15 to 17 years will come to Israel with the option, at age 17, to change their status from students to olim. Those who want to return home will be able to do so.

The students will be living in Youth Aliyah villages financed by the Hadassah-WIZO organization, as well as in Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO) schools — Hadassim and Nahalal.

Hofim, another WIZO school, will be converted into a youth village, also for the Russians; and Ethiopian students now living there will be integrated into other youth villages throughout the country.

It is expected that a number of new students will attend regular Israeli schools to get to know the people and the country better.

The budget for the program is being provided through WZO and JA.

Mandleman said Youth Aliyah will supervise all details of the education program.

The resolution to enlarge the board of governors of the JA, whose constituent members are WZO, the United Israel Appeal (UIA) and Keren Hayesod (K-H), was adopted.

A special committee which has been studying a restructuring of the board of governors for some time, recommended an increase in the board's membership from 74 to 120. This would consist of 60 members appointed by the WZO, 36 members from UIA and 24 from K-H.

The resolution urges that the 23 added members named by WZO be chosen from "a wide range of segments of Israeli society," based on their individual merits rather than political affiliations, as has been the case in the past.

The other six or seven new board members will be Jewish Zionist leaders from the Diaspora.

The additional members named by the UIA and K-H will include leadership of large federations and other Jewish leaders, as well as "other outstanding Jews prepared to be involved in the work of the JA."

The new setup will be effective immediately and, says the resolution, "will put an end to all discussions and proposals on governance for the present term of office, ending not later than Dec. 31, 1997."

The resolution calls for the reduction of WZO personnel by five per cent a year for the next four years and for retirement of the WZO debt of $5,535,000 by the end ot 1996 — to be repaid at the rate of $1.5 million per year.

Israeli society called tolerant of gay/lesbian community

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Despite its image as a macho society, Israel treats its gay and lesbian population with a lot more tolerance than many would think, according to an Israeli gay activist who spoke recently in Montreal.

Addressing a workshop at the sixth northeast regional conference of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations, Ron Dayan said Israel, particularly since the late 1980s, has set an example for the rest of the world by affirming gay and lesbian rights.

Dayan, a member of Israel's 19-year-old gay and lesbian lobby group, the Society for the Protection of Personal Rights (SPPR), said most Israelis have adopted a "live and let live" attitude towards homosexuals.

"If Israelis need an enemy to mobilize against, they prefer the Arabs," Dayan said. "Israel is a macho society, but it is also a practical one."

Indeed, the Arab-Israeli dispute has for so long monopolized the Israeli agenda, Dayan believes, that Israel's politicians have been able to "slide through" progressive legislation.

Between 1948 and 1988, sodomy was illegal but the law was not enforced, Dayan said. In 1988 the attorney general repealed it.

In 1991, Israel's labor laws were expanded to include sexual orientation as a basis for equal treatment.

Interestingly, the "religious right," Dayan said, did not oppose this revision because they were too "embarrassed" by the presence of Jewish gays in Israel.

In Dayan's mind, Israeli gay and lesbian rights issues first really entered the public (and the media's) consciousness in 1991 when a flight attendant sued El Al so his lover could enjoy the spousal benefit to fly free.

The attendant, Jonathan Danilowitz, won the court case, and Israel's Supreme Court will almost certainly uphold it, Dayan believes.

Ironically, he said, the influence of the Orthodox has made it easier for homosexual couples to achieve a marital-like status because Israel has a special classification for common-law couples who refuse to submit to a religious marriage ceremony.

Domestic partner status

Civil courts give such relationships a "domestic partner" status, a category tailor-made for gay and lesbian couples, Dayan said, since its definition is simple: "a person known in public as your spouse."

Since 1992, Dayan said, the profile of the gay and lesbian community in Israel has risen steadily.

In February 1993, MK Yael Dayan (a distant relation), chair of the Knesset's first standing sub-committee on gay and lebian rights, presided over a conference on homosexuality held at the Knesset.

To Ron Dayan, this was a "watershed" moment for Israel's gay and lesbian community from both a political and social point of view since it allowed average Israelis to learn what it is like to be gay or lesbian in Israel and raised the issue of discrimination against gays in the military.

As a result of the hearings, Dayan said, the Israeli army issued a new standing order stating that no discrimination would take place against homosexuals in terms of recruitment, training and posting. That change made it possible for gays and lebians, for the first time, to hold "highly-sensitive" positions in the military that were once closed to them.

In 1993, Dayan said, Israeli gays and lesbians held their first Gay Pride Week, highlighted by a rally in Tel Aviv that drew over 1,000 participants and wide media attention.

The recent incident at Yad Vashem, when Jewish gays who tried to honor the memory of homosexual Holocaust victims were ridiculed by protestors, was "painful" but also possibly productive because "it started the education process in Israel that the Holocaust was not exclusively Jewish," Dayan said.

Unlike North America, gays and lesbians in Israel, because of the country's small size, are more integrated into the general social scene.

Israelis are likely to walk up to a male or female couple holding hands and ask them directly, "Are you gay?," out of sheer curiosity.

The SPPR, headed by a former Montrealer, Linda Moriel, has now successfully lobbied to have sexual orientation — "Gay 101," Dayan jokingly called it — taught as a subject next year in Israeli secular high schools.

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Gay/lesbian Jewish group considers becoming political

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Jewish gays and lesbians in North America have the power, if they wish to use it, to influence politics in their countries, delegates to the first conference of Jewish homosexuals held in this city were told.

Beth Cohen, president of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations (WCGLJO), said the group is regarded as one of "the most organized and powerful" in the gay and lesbian community.

This comes as a surprise to Cohen because, as far as she is concerned, the WCGLJO has been mainly apolitical. She believes gay rights groups have only taken "baby steps" toward achieving their goals.

The WCGLJO was established in 1980 and is now a network of 60 organizations and congregations with a total membership of 10,000 around the world.

The Montreal affiliate, Yakhdav, for the first time hosted the WCGLJO's sixth Northeast Regional Conference. About 140 delegates from Boston, New York, Washington, Philadelphia and Montreal attended, as well as guests from cities outside the region, such as Los Angeles, Denver and Toronto.

Cohen, of Washington, conducted a session entitled Politics and Religion: Should There be a Relationship? She raised the question of whether gay and lesbian Jewish organizations should be involved with national politics and, if so, to what extent. Some even wonder if there is a place for a "religious-based" organization within the politically-oriented gay movement, while others see the WCGLJO's very existence as a political statement.

Cohen is by profession the deputy director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, which she described as the largest political organization lobbying for gay rights in the United States.

She admitted that within WCGLJO itself there is debate over whether the group is too Jewish or too gay in its direction. This reflects the problem many of its members have "reconciling their lives as gays and Jews."

Politics, religion already mixed

The reaction from her audience was largely in favor of taking the WCGLJO in a political direction, if given clear goals by the leadership. As gays and Jews, they have a role to play in the fight against discrimination, one New Yorker said. A lot of the opposition to equality for homosexuals comes from religious groups anyway, it was added, so politics and religion are already mixed.

Others felt they had become estranged from the Jewish community and traditional organized religion, and feel more at home within "gay culture." But one man from Montreal urged greater cooperation between the Jewish gay community and mainstream organizations.

Individual gays and lesbians should "do their part" within these organizations, he said. He intends to volunteer for the B'nai Brith League for Human Rights. "If I give to them, then, if a crisis should arise, we will be entitled to their help."

Others agreed on the need for greater contact with the general Jewish community, by first making it aware that there are Jewish homosexuals in its midst.

One man from San Francisco commented that AIDS has served as a wake-up call to the Jewish community there. After several prominent persons got the disease, the Jewish social agencies became active in helping the gay community. As a result, government then stepped up its efforts, he said.

Certainly, it was widely felt Jewish gays could learn much from the general Jewish community about organizing and raising money.

Others felt gay Jews can act as a "bridge' between the Jewish and general gay communities, broadening awareness of gay issues.

Cohen, who will be succeeded by Harvey Cohen of Montreal in September, said the message of the WCGLJO to the broader Jewish community has been: "Here we are, this is who we are. We've only been introducing ourselves. Maybe we need to be clearer about what we need from this other community."

The three-day conference ended with no resolutions or formal statements. That's largely because the WCGLJO is still at the stage of "educating" its affiliates about its function, Harvey Cohen said.

"The general feeling was that this conference set a new standard for the WCGLJO in terms of the quality of its organization and workshops."

Yakhdav is now bidding to host the 1999 international WCGLJO in Montreal, or possibly Ottawa, to attract gays from Toronto, Cohen said.

Israel's policy on Jerusalem under attack at symposium

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Participants at the recently-concluded United Nations North American symposium on the Question of Palestine heard several stinging rebukes of Israeli policy in Jerusalem — with a former Jerusalem city councillor and community activist leading the way.

Sarah Kaminer told a plenary meeting of the symposium that longstanding Israeli policy is geared to "Judaizing East Jerusalem. . . This is a right wing political plan made by people who want to take over [the] land."

The government of Israel and the city administration "are changing the face of Jerusalem so that in two years there will be very little left to talk about," she said.

Kaminer, who founded the Association for the Advancement of Neighborhood Self-Management, was speaking at the 11th annual NGO (non-governmental organizations) symposium. The symposium's goal was "to focus on mobilizing NGO support for cooperation and development."

The meeting was convened by "the committee on the exercise of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people," according to a background news release.

Participants at the symposium included representatives of the Canadian government, of Palestinian and North American NGOs, a former U.S. congressman, academics and Israeli human rights advocates.

Using a map of Jerusalem to illustrate her address, Kaminer said Israel is using legal tools that relate to land use planning to "turn it into a Jewish city with only isolated Arab neighborhoods."

She said Israel has expropriated land to build homes for 70,000 Israeli families while constructing only 555 units for the Arabs of Jerusalem.

Israel makes no secret of its intention to retain a demographic balance in the city of 78 per cent Jews versus 22 per cent Arabs, she continued.

Israel's oft-repeated claim that Jerusalem is its "eternal capital. . . is a line fed to the people of Jerusalem for 27 years. It has the power of a national symbol. . . and people have not investigated what this means" for the city's Arabs, she said.

Janice Abu Shakrah, director of the Palestine Human Rights Information Centre in Jerusalem, continued the attack on Israel's policy in the Holy City. She said the result of the plan to "Judaize" the city has been to place 21,000 Palestinian families in substandard conditions.

For Jerusalem to one day serve as the capital of a Palestinian state, the Palestinians must retain their institutions there and have a local population residing in good conditions, she said. More than 200 Palestinian homes have been demolished in the last few years with scarcely any attention paid, even in the Palestinian press, Abu Shakrah added.

In a telephone interview from Ottawa, Eli Yerushalmi, counselor at the Israeli embassy, declined to "discuss these issues because we know the sensitivity of Jerusalem and can blame each other over Jerusalem."

He said under the Declaration of Principles signed by Israel and the PLO, "Jerusalem is a non-issue for the next two years" and won't be discussed until "confidence has been built up."

But, he continued, "anyone who has seen Jerusalem knows these claims are nonsense." The Arab population of the city has grown in the last few years as Palestinians from the West Bank move to the Holy City, he said.

Back at the symposium, Naseer Aruri, a professor of political science at the University of Massachusetts, described the Palestinian efforts to craft a constitution for the self-rule period.

The initial draft in December 1993 was seriously flawed, he said. It was inconsistent with the principles of pluralism and decentralization of authority and it gave power to the president (Arafat) to control the legislature while also guaranteeing the PLO jobs in the new government.

An amended draft in January 1994 still gave broad powers to the PLO executive but it also emphasized rights and liberties, the professor stated.

However, the human rights section was "troubling" in that freedom of the press and religion were subject to the rights of others and to national security considerations. These provisions leave too much room for repression, Aruri suggested.

In addition, the charter contains no definition of citizenship or description of the qualifications to vote for office. Heightening his concern was a recent interview granted by Arafat to an Israeli newspaper in which the PLO leader suggested dissent would not be tolerated under the self-governing authority.

Aruri said the Palestinian public had little opportunity to participate in the drafting of the charter.

Marc Perron, assistant deputy minister of External Affairs Canada, called on NGOs to shift their focus from politics to economic development. NGOs can help mobilize financial and human resources for humanitarian causes among the Palestinians, he said.

B'Tselem joins UN conference

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Aaron Back's presence in Toronto early this month is a testament to the changes which have taken place in the Middle East in the past year.

Back, 38, is development director of B'Tselem, the controversial Israeli organization which monitors human rights in the territories beyond Israel's Green Line.

He was one of only two Jewish speakers from Israel at the three-day United Nations North American NGO Symposium on the Question of Palestine, which took place at the Delta Chelsea Inn. (The other was Sarah Kaminer, a former Jerusalem City Council member.)

Back believes he was invited in an attempt to "reach out to more mainstream Israeli organizations."

Yet "only in this context would we be considered mainstream," he noted during an interview between sessions.

Back participated in a plenary on The Declaration of Principles: Taking Stock of the Situation, and was a resource person for a workshop on Defending Human Rights.

B'Tselem's detractors charge that the organization is being used by the Palestinians to make Israel look bad.

Last summer, for example, B'Tselem released a well-publicized report about the killing of Palestinian children by Israeli security forces.

The organization also ran a public awareness campaign in Israel — its first — based on their findings.

"We weren't charging that the army was purposefully killing children," says Back. "It was the lack of stringent adherence to army policy which resulted in children being killed. It's a highly emotional issue, and it required people to listen carefully. Even supporters of B'Tselem were wondering how we could say such a thing, or whether we had the facts to prove it."

Aaron Back

After the report was issued, casualties among Palestinian children decreased dramatically, Back said.

Torture of Palestinian prisoners held by Israeli forces is another controversial issue brought to light by B'Tselem.

"We believe ourselves to be patriotic Israelis," said Back, a native of Buffalo, N.Y., who moved to Israel in 1987. "We believe that Israel [has] strong democratic values, [but] there are policies which cannot and should not be supported."

He concedes that B'Tselem's reports "may be more troubling" to Israeli Jews simply because of the source.

"It's somebody within your own community being critical," he said, suggesting that Palestinian reports might be easier to dismiss.

B'Tselem has been accused of accepting Arab money, a charge which Back denies. "We have never been offered any 'Arab money,' [although] for the record, I think it's a form of racism to say that a human rights organization shouldn't take Arab money. We as Jews would be aghast if someone painted our organization as corrupt [for accepting] Jewish money."

In fact, the organization's $500,000 budget is derived from a varied list of international donors, among them the New Israel Fund, the joint North American/Israeli venture which funds Israeli non-profit organizations addressing social and economic issues.

Although B'Tselem has faced considerable backlash since its inception in 1989, Back believes that the organization has made a positive contribution.

B'Tselem routinely submits its reports to the Israeli government for comment, after which it releases the written comments, Back said. "We believe the public has a right to hear both sides — the watchdog and the authorities."

"There's no doubt that both [Israelis and Palestinians] have tremendous psychological work to do within their societies," said Back, who has a doctorate in psychology. "Both have undergone great trauma."

Although Back condemns the use of violence, he is disinclined to condemn the *rationalization* of such violence. "By trying to understand how these [rationalization] processes are used, [you get] a better understanding of how to counter them," he explained.

Back is hopeful about eventual peace. Although he still hears some "overstated and divisive" language, he notes with pleasure a new "spirit of openness and understanding."

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Caribbean Jewish Congress planned to unite isolated areas

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — A former Montrealer who moved to Barbados in 1985 is part of an initiative to form the first "congress" for Jews living in the Caribbean.

During a recent visit to Montreal, lawyer Michael Davis discussed the idea with Alan Rose, the departing executive vice-president for Canadian Jewish Congress.

The main raison d'etre for the Caribbean Jewish Congress, as the body would be called, Davis said in an interview, would be to bind together the several thousand Jews — many of them living in tiny, isolated, and declining communities — scattered over the Caribbean area.

Right now, said Davis, a member of the Barbados Jewish community's executive committee, he and others spearheading the project are determining what level of interest exists among these various communities to create the congress.

But the proposed congress, he said, has already won the support of Elan Steinberg of the World Jewish Congress (WJC) and several of the Caribbean Jewish communities, such as in Aruba, Puerto Rico, and St. Thomas.

"There is an importance," said Davis, "in bringing these communities together, of searching out our Jewish brethren.

"We're all tiny, isolated Jewish communities in a sea of non-Jews, with a very low profile.

"We want to maintain our Jewish identity for the sake of our children and to maintain a feeling for Israel and for Yiddishkeit, so they will raise their children as Jews."

Davis, however, conceded that the process could take time, since the communities cover such a wide area

Michael Davis

and several of them consist only of handfuls of Jews. In some places, such as Trinidad and Tobago and St. Lucia, there are only one or two Jews, Davis said.

As well, while some communities, such as Barbados, with a Jewish population of 1,000 Jews, have shown support, others, such as the Bahamas, with perhaps 100 Jews, have not, and still others, like Jamaica, with several hundred Jews, have not yet responded to the overtures.

Davis estimated that in all, there are as many as 4,000 Jews who could belong to the congress. Besides those countries already listed, potential members could include nations like Granada, Antigua, Montserrat, Cuba, Curacao, Guadaloupe, Martinique and St. Martin.

The effort to create the congress is being led by founder Winston Ben Zebedee and Marshall Oran, president of the Barbados Jewish community.

Beyond its symbolic importance of creating a sense of "fellowship" among Caribbean Jews, the congress, Davis said, would also foster religious, social, cultural and business linkages and seek to strengthen mutual cooperation, to assist Jewish visitors to the Caribbean, to support Jewish education of children, and to address concerns unique to individual communities.

At a political level, Davis said, it would also act as a central representative voice, maintain contacts with Jewish communities around the world, promote aliyah, affirm support for Israel and promote exchanges with the Jewish state, combat prejudice, and work in association with Jewish organizations the world over, such as the WJC and Latin American Jewish communities.

In Davis' mind, Barbados exemplifies a Jewish community that has managed to thrive in the area. Founded in 1628, the Barbados Jewish community has two synagogues, a Jewish cemetery, and a cheder established through the assistance of Project Avrim, an initiative of the World Union of Jewish Students (WUJS) that helps isolated Jewish communities the world over.

The Barbados community is also now seeking a small number of children's books to establish a children's library.

Although some of the potential members to the Caribbean Jewish Congress are also members of the Commonwealth Jewish Council, a London-based organization linking Jewish communities in the Commonwealth, Davis stressed that their terms of reference are quite distinct and that there will be little if any duplication of activities.

Israeli embassy goes on-line with information on Holy Land

Massive database compiled

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

OTTAWA — If an airline ticket to Israel threatens to flatten your wallet, consider "visiting" the Jewish state the new-fangled, cheaper way: via the information superhighway.

As of this summer, Israel's embassy here becomes the first Israeli mission in the world to provide a computer link-up for those interested in the Holy Land.

Anyone with a computer and a modem can log onto an electronic bulletin board called SHALOMail ON ISRAEL to receive the latest news and views on Israel.

A year in the planning, the service is part of the National Capital FreeNet, a free Ottawa-area computer bulletin board that is part of Internet, the global information network.

The embassy's service is available 24-hours-a-day, year-round by dialing (613) 564-0808 or (613) 564-3600, and entering "go Israel" (preceded by the command "guest" if the user is not registered on Internet).

Once accessed, SHALOMail offers daily updates on current events, headlines and editorials from Israeli newspapers, news on economics, culture and domestic issues, says embassy spokesman Aviad Ivri, who designed the service with local embassy employee Norma Hochberg.

It also provides times and frequencies for the North American broadcasts of Israel Radio's shortwave service.

Users can also access data on various Israel-related issues, ranging from tourism and media to political matters and the peace process, as well as the electronic addresses of Israeli universities and other institutions.

What makes the service interactive is a special electronic mail (e-mail) highlight, in which the user poses a query about Israel, and someone at the embassy responds.

The user can also tap into a massive database compiled by Israel's foreign ministry, which stores virtually everything anyone would want to know about Israel, Ivri adds.

Already, the service is logging an average 300 calls a week.

Israel's embassy says the only other foreign legations in Canada to offer a similar service are those of France, Italy and Spain.

CORRECTION

In the July 7 story about the reunion of the Baron Byng High School class of 1939, one of the names of the two graduates who died while serving in World War II was wrong. The two were Joe Gertel and Jacob Singer, not Willie Berger.

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Ethiopian olim performed a traditional dance to celebrate their recent graduation from an intensive 10-month Mechina (pre-academic course) at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheva. The 25 Mechina students will continue their studies in regular BGU courses, such as engineering, physiotherapy, nursing and social work. Because Beersheva is home to the largest Ethiopian Jewish community in Israel, the university has made a special effort to overcome social and cultural gaps by providing social services and preparatory courses. Programs include a course called Kidma (progress) for those with little formal education; a leadership training course; a "Newstart" program for adults leading to high school matriculation; and a community outreach program. For the past year, the Canadian Associates of BGU has focused on providing scholarships, living stipends and funding, and has supported a group of Ethiopian immigrant students in the Department of Social Work.

Israelis, Palestinians hurt in riot

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TEL AVIV — Israel Defence Force Chief of Staff Maj.-Gen. Ehud Barak has placed the blame squarely on the Palestinian police for the outbreak of last Sunday's violent riots by laborers seeking to enter Israel from the Gaza Strip.

At least two Palestinians were killed and some 75 were wounded in the riots, believed to be the worst outbreak of violence since Palestinian self-rule began in Gaza and Jericho in May.

Some 21 Israelis were also reported injured by shots fired by Palestinian police and by rocks thrown by the laborers.

Among the Israelis injured were 17 border police, three soldiers and a civilian employee of the Egged bus company. One of the border police was reported in serious condition.

In an interview with Israel Radio on Sunday, Barak said Palestinian police officers had failed to show up at the Erez checkpoint in the predawn hours of Sunday to oversee the first Palestinian workers before they were allowed entry into Israel.

The Palestinian police are responsible for ensuring that the day laborers who seek work in Israel possess valid work permits and are not carrying weapons.

By the time the police arrived and began the procedure, Barak said, it was already after dawn. Pressing forward at the Erez crossing, a group of laborers began throwing rocks at the Israeli officials at the other side of the checkpoint.

Barak insisted that Palestinian authorities investigate the behavior of their police, who, unable to handle the mob, fired on both the Palestinian workers and on Israeli security personnel on the other side of the crossing.

Israeli soldiers and border police opened fire at the legs of the rioters but most of the shots fired were said to have come from the weapons of Palestinian police.

The mob overran the checkpoint and rushed the Egged bus terminal near the Erez crossing.

The Palestinians set fire to some 20 Egged buses waiting in the parking lot to transport the laborers to Israel. They also torched the Egged gas station.

Rioters threw gasoline bombs at an IDF armored personnel carrier, which burst into flames. According to news reports, smoke could be seen from 10 miles away.

Barak said the crossing would remain closed and Gaza residents would not be permitted to work in Israel until arrangements had been made to insure that Gaza police screen the entry of workers in a satisfactory manner.

A week earlier, Palestinian workers frustrated by delays at the checkpoint had also rioted, prompting Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to seal off Gaza for 24 hours.

Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Gur said Israeli and Palestinian officials had held several meetings during the past week in an effort to speed up the inspection process.

But the Palestinians had failed to abide by the agreements reached, Gur said.

In the wake of the rioting, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat reportedly complained to the UN Security Council over what he said was Israeli fire at "innocent Palestinians" who were merely seeking employment in Israel.

As word of the riot spread, violent demonstrations erupted in West Bank towns, including Hebron and Nablus. In Hebron, the Army imposed a curfew in the main square after engaging in clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians. Clashes were also reported in Ramallah.

MPs meet Palestinian leaders

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ating the same activities that it condemns in other instances.

Just a week before the Dingwall visit, a group of Canadian MPs from Quebec — one Liberal and six members of the Bloc Quebecois — met with Palestinian leaders at Orient House, with no Israeli government protest.

Moreover, that meeting was set up jointly by the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC) and the Israeli Foreign Ministry — with the approval of Deputy Foreign minister Yossi Beilin.

"The foreign ministry was fully involved in organizing that meeting at Orient House," said Rob Ritter, national executive director of the CIC.

"We had absolutely no problem with that meeting. The Canadian officials who planned Minister Dingwall's visit probably assumed that what was okay a week ago, should be okay today."

The Dingwall incident highlighted the need for a clear-cut Israeli stand on the issue. The proposed law seems intended to put an end to Israeli ambivalence on the subject.

The meetings at Orient House by Canadian officials have become almost routine. One Israeli daily newspaper noted that in the last year there have been no less than 39 diplomatic meetings with officials from 15 countries at Orient House.

The Palestinian headquarters in East Jerusalem opened in 1991 when the Likud government was in power.

It served as an information centre for the Palestinian members of the delegation to the Madrid peace talks and has gradually acquired a quasi diplomatic status, serving as the meeting grounds for visiting VIPs.

But since the signing of the Declaration of Principles, which postpones any discussions on the future of Jerusalem for at least two years, both Israelis and Palestinians have been trying to establish facts on the ground in what many see as "the battle for Jerusalem."

In light of this, the routine meetings at the Orient House have assumed more serious connotations in the eyes of Israeli leaders.

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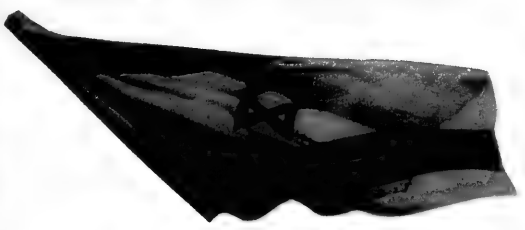

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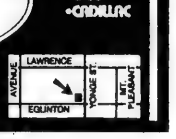

Survivors getting compensation

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

STOCKHOLM — Some 160,000 Holocaust survivors not previously compensated for suffering at the hands of the Nazis have applied for personal compensation since Germany was reunited in October 1990.

Of these, 56,000 claims have been paid out so far, amounting to 280 million marks, or about $165 million (U.S.).

The figures were released at the biennial meeting of the board of directors of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, held here last month.

Most of those who have applied are former residents of the old Soviet Union and eastern European nations who never received compensation because they were unable to file applications by the 1965 deadline, as stipulated in the 1952 German Federal Indemnification Law.

Israel Miller, president of the Claims Conference, said about 60 per cent of the claimants are now residents of Israel and the rest live in the United States and other Western countries.

The additional compensation was negotiated between the Claims Conference and the government of unified Germany in 1992, under terms set by the unification agreement between the former East and West Germanys.

While West Germany had paid out billions of dollars in reparations since World War II, East Germany had never compensated victims of Nazism.

The agreement was designed to rectify that imbalance and to provide opportunity to former residents of Communist regimes to apply for compensation.

Nearly 100,000 claims were filed with the special Claims Conference Hardship Fund, which provides one-time grants of 5,000 Deutschmarks, about $3,000, to Nazi victims who were unable to meet the original filing deadline.

An additional 63,000 claims were filed since January 1993 with the "Article 2 Fund," a special pool designed to provide monthly payments to Holocaust survivors who spent at least six months in concentration camps, 18 months in ghettos, or 18 months in hiding, but who have received little or no compensation, and live in difficult economic circumstances.

Akiva Lewinsky, head of the Claims Conference delegation to the negotiations with the German government, told those attending the board meeting that the Article 2 Fund was set up to benefit Nazi victims who suffered most or who live in dire straits.

Saul Kagan, executive vice president of the Claims Conference, told the meeting that a property restitution law had also come into existence following German reunification.

Since Germany was reunified in October 1990, the conference has been actively involved in securing legislation to restore Jewish property in what was East Germany to its former owners or, for heirless Jewish property, to the Claims Conference as successor organization.

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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Bialystock, a large city in Poland near the Russian border, changed its nationality from time to time as a result of warfare between Poland and Russia.

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אין חודש מאי פון לעצטן יאָר איז וואָשינגטאָן פֿאָרגעקומען די ערשטע אינטערנאציאנאלע קאנפערענץ פון ייִדיש-קלובן אויסן אמעריקאנער קאנטינענט. די קאנפערענץ האָט צוגעציען אָרום 150 דעלעגאטן, וואָס האָבן פֿאָרטרעטן צענטראלע ייִדיש-קלובן, ייִדיש-וויסקלען, ליטעו-קרייזן און גע-זאנג-גרופּן, וואָס ווינען אנטשטאנען אין די לעצטע צענדליק יאָר אין אמעריקע, קאנאדע און אנדערע לענדער, אָרגאניזירט פון ייִדיש-ליבהאָבערס פון צוויטן און דריטן דור, מערסטע הי-געבוידענע.

אין אַ פּאָר חדשים אָרום — אין אָקטאָבער, 1994 — וועט פֿאָרקומען בי אונדז אין טאָראָנטאָ די צוויטע אינטערנאציאנאלע קאנפערענץ פון ייִדיש-קלובן. אונדזער שטאָט איז אויסגעקליבן גע-ווָארן דורך דער אָנפֿירערשאפֿט, וואָס איז בא-שטימט געווָארן בי דער ערשטער קאנפערענץ אין וואַשינגטאָן. דרײַ פֿאָרשטייער פון דער אָנפֿיר-שאפֿט האבן באָזוכט טאָראָנטאָ און טאָראָנטאָ באַוויזן פון די טעטיקייטן אויפן געביט פון ייִדיש בי אונדז אין שטאָט און אויך פון בריטן סאָרגעם און דינאַמישקייט פון היגן ייִדישן ישוב בכלל.

די אָרגאניזאַציע „פֿרײַנד פון ייִדיש", וואָס האָט לעצטנס אָנגעמערקט דעם 10-טן יובלי פון איר עקזיסטענץ, און וואָס פירט אָן אַ בריט-פֿאָרצוויג-טע ייִדיש-טעטיקייט, איז אייגנטלאָרן געווָארן אונ-זערצונעמען די אָרגאניזירונג פון דעם צוזאַמען-פֿאָר. „פֿרײַנד פון ייִדיש" איז נאָענט פֿאַרבונדן מיטן קאָמיטעט פֿאָר ייִדיש בי דער טאָראָנטער ייִדישער פעדעראַציע, וועמענס אויפטוען פֿאָר שטאַרקן ייִדיש און ייִדישע דערציאונג איז גוט באַקאַנט. בעס שאָקעט איז באשטימט געווָארן אלס קע-אָרדינאטאָר פון דעם צוזאַמענפֿאָר, וואָס וועט פֿאָרקומען פון פרייטיק, דעם 7-טן אָקטאָבער ביז מאָנטיק, דעם 10-טן אָקטאָבער, 1994. די זיצונגען, אונטערנעמונגען און אָרבעט-סעסיעס וועלן אָפּגע-האַלטן ווערן אין צווי פלעצער: אין אָנטאריאָ אינ-סטיטוט פֿאָר שטודיזמס, 252 בלור וועסט, און אין דעם ייִדישן קאָמיוניטי צענטער, 750 ספֿאדינע עוו. עס ווערט צוגעגרייט אַן אלזויטיקער פּראָגראַם, וואָס וועט אינשלוסן — חוץ די זיצונגען און אָר-בעט-סעסיעס — אַן עונג שבת פּרייטיק אונטו; אַ גראַנדיעזער קאָנצערט שבת אונטו, און אַ ליטע-ראַיש קינסטלעריישער פּראָגראַם זונטיק אונטו, גע-ווידמעט דעם אָנדענק פון ניט-לאָנג פֿאַרשטאָר-בענעם טאָראָנטער דיכטער פֿרָץ מיראָנסקי ע"ה.

דער צוזאַמענפֿאָר האָט אָרויסגערופֿן אַ סך אינ-טערעס נישט נאָר אין אמעריקע און קאָנאַדע, נאָר אויך אין אָנדערע ישובים אין דער וועלט. צענדליקער בריוו און טעלעפֿאָן אָנפֿראָגעס ווינען שוין אָנגעקומען פון אָרגענטינע, פּראַנקרײַך, ישראל און פון אַ סך שטעט אין די פֿאַראייניקטע שטאָטן און קאָנאַדע.

דער צוזאַמענפֿאָר וועט, אָן צווייפל, העלפֿן שטאַרק די חשיבות פון ייִדיש און דעם אינטערעס צו דער ייִדישער שפּראַך און קולטור, ספּעציעל צווישן יינגערן דור. אַזוי, אַז דער אינטערעס און לימאַפֿט צו אונדזער מאַמע-לשון זאָל אויך קענען איבערגעגעבן ווערן צו אונדזערע קינדער און צו די קומענדיקע דורות.

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אין יאָר 1993 זיינען געקומען קיין ישראל 77 טויזנט עולים. דערפון פון געוועזענעם ראַטן-פֿאַר-באַנד — 66 טויזנט. זיבן דעם אָנטוויס פון דער גרויסער עליה-כוואַליע פון ראַטן-פֿאַרבאַנד אין יאָר 1989, האָבן עולה געווען 553 טויזנט פֿערזאָנען, 477 טויזנט פון רוסלאַנד און פון דער פֿעלקער-געמיינשאפֿט, און די אָנדערע פון אייראָפּע, פֿאַר-אייניקטע שטאַטן, עטאָפּיע און אָנדערע מדינות.

פון יאָר 1989, האָבן רוסלאַנד פֿאַרלאָזט 700 טויזנט יידן. אַ 200 טויזנט פון זיי האָבן אויסגע-וואַנדערט קיין אמעריקע, איירָאָפּע, אפֿריקע, אויס-טראַליע און נאָך לענדער.

Golan withdrawal hinted at by Peres

Jewish Telegraphic Agency and Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Foreign Minister Shimon Peres issued his broadest hint ever last Thursday that Israel may yield the entire Golan Heights in return for peace and security.

"The government of Israel has recognized Syrian sovereignty over the Golan Heights, and [the concept] of peace based on the international borders subject to the security needs of Israel," Peres told a gathering of United Kibbutz Movement members.

Peres's remarks were later repeated in a Foreign Ministry communique.

He noted a 1967 cabinet decision calling for negotiations with Syria on the basis of withdrawal to the "international border," subject to full peace and Israeli security concerns.

"Already in the times of the governments of [Levy] Eshkol and Golda Meir, Israel announced that the Syrians were sovereigns of the Golan," he stated.

"Syria's sovereignty over the Golan has been repeatedly recognized by Israel," he added.

Peres said he was opposed to any extension of settlements in the Golan, but favored the development of settlements in the Jordan Valley area north of Jericho.

Observers here interpreted Peres' remarks as an indication of Israeli flexibility over the Golan prior to last weekend's visit to the region of U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

Golan settlers reacted angrily to the statements. As one spokesman put it, the foreign minister's remarks were "a betrayal of Zionism and the whole settlement effort."

Following the Six-Day War, a national unity government, led by then-prime minister Levy Eshkol but also including Herut's Menachem Begin, adopted the following secret resolution: "In return for a peace agreement and full peaceful relations, Israel is prepared to withdraw to the international border with Syria, amid demilitarization of the Golan Heights and assuring the flow of water to the Jordan River."

The United States was notified of the secret decision, sources said, but the resolution was canceled soon thereafter.

In 1981, the Knesset voted to apply Israeli law to the Golan Heights.

JULIA KOSCHITZKY HONORED

Julia Koschitzky of Toronto was honored at a reception in Jerusalem recently tendered by the United Israel Appeal of Canada. The reception took place during the annual conference of the Keren Hayesod (World United Appeal), attended by a Canada delegation. Steve Ain, UIA executive vice president, announced that a scholarship fund is being established in honor of Koschitzky, immediate part president of UIA, and now chairman of the Board of Trustees of Keren Hayesod. Koschitzky (centre) is seen holding a scroll presented to her. With her is (from left) Dr. Amnon Shinar, director general of the UIA of Canada Israel office, Phil Granovsky, UIA board chairman, Harvey Wolfe of Montreal, and Steve Ain.

Collenette lauds Israel's peace stance

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response to the Gulf War and were said to be defensive in nature.

"Historically, we do not deal in military sales or procurement to countries where there is some question as to the use of these weapons," Collenette said. "Israel is a case in point. It has been engaged in hostilities, especially since [the start of] the intifada.

"But we feel the peace process is the right step. We think Israel is negotiating in good faith, and that certainly will be taken into account."

Canadian guidelines require Ottawa to closely monitor, if not ban, the sale of weapons to countries which pose a threat to Canada; are involved in or under imminent threat of hostilities; are under United Nations sanctions; or have a record of serious human rights violations, "unless it can be demonstrated that there is no reasonable risk that the goods might be used against the civilian population."

That last proviso enabled General Motors of Canada to sell over 1,000 Light Armored Vehicles (LAVs), fitted with automatic weapons, to Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Arabia is by far Canada's biggest weapons customer. Ottawa last year sold the Saudis nearly $219 million worth of military hardware, including the LAVs, which Collenette called "defensive."

Ottawa is also considering granting export permits to two other Canadian companies.

The Saudis are interested in buying three fully-armed frigates at $500 million each from Saint John Shipbuilding Ltd. in New Brunswick. In 1992, government officials approved the potential sale in principle, although a deal is said to be a long way off.

The Israeli embassy in Ottawa has expressed concern at the frigate deal, since Saudi Arabia is technically still in a state of war with Israel.

And Oerlikon Aerospace of St. Jean, Que. is currently negotiating with a Gulf state — probably Kuwait — for the sale of several sophisticated armored vehicles.

Collenette said there is no controversy over either Saudi Arabia's or Kuwait's use of weapons, since neither country has been accused of territorial expansionism.

"There is no controversy about their foreign or domestic policies," the minister stated. "There is, or has been, about Israel. Certainly there is a question as to Israeli intent. But we believe that is changing [as a result] of the recent peace accords, and any review of our policy would have to take into account that Israel no longer, by its actions, could be accused by anyone of territorial expansion. They are trying to resolve outstanding territorial disputes from the [1967] Six-Day War.

David Collenette

"As far as I'm concerned, Israel is not a belligerent state," Collenette said. "It is moving to deal with accusations that it is. Therefore, [Canada] should encourage the peace process, so no one can argue definitely that Israel is a belligerent state."

Collenette said the motive for Rabin's request likely combined a matter of principle with an interest in Canadian goods and know-how.

And for Canadians, "Israel is a very attractive country" for investment in high-tech research and development.

"There's no question a lot of Canadian companies want joint ventures [with Israel], including in defence-related areas," the minister said. "I personally think there could be a lot of good relationships in defence-related areas because of the brain-power in both countries."

A review of Canada's arms sales policy is due on Oct. 31. It will then go to the cabinet, and a decision is expected early next year, Collenette said.

Rabin also asked Canada to become involved in a peacekeeping contingent on the Golan Heights should a pact with Syria be signed.

Collenette said such a decison is up to Canada's cabinet.

Collenette added that he will represent Canada at commemorations marking the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, to take place August 1 in Warsaw.

He noted that he's asked to be taken on a private tour of Auschwitz.

Israel takes action to fight those dreadful rays

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — In an effort to stem the alarming rate of skin cancer among Israelis, the Knesset is considering a bill that would reduce the price of sunscreens and require all outdoor pools and beaches to provide shady spots for people wishing to avoid the sun.

Knesset members this month unanimously voted in favor of the bill, which was introduced by Labor MK Rafi Alloul.

Believed to be the first of its kind anywhere in the world, the bill must pass two more readings before becoming law.

The legislation would also require schools to include lessons on health dangers posed by the sun.

Revenue for the bill would come from a 0.5 percent tax on tobacco products.

Alloul's spokesman, Danny Menkin, said the legislator had introduced the bill "after learning how many Israelis, particularly fair-skinned new immigrants from the former Soviet Union and elsewhere, were developing skin cancer due to a lack of education and the high price of sun-blocking products."

Depending on the brand and level of protection, a tube of sunscreen can range from $12 to $20 (U.S.).

According to the Israel Cancer Society, the rate of skin cancer here has increased dramatically. During the past decade, the incidence of melanoma has tripled in men and quadrupled in women.

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The News in Brief

Robinson New CJHS Head

CALGARY — Prof. Ira Robinson was elected the new president of the Canadian Jewish Historical Society (CJHS) at the organization's recent annual meeting held here.

Robinson is professor of Judaic studies and chair of the department of religion at Montreal's Concordia University. He is the author of numerous articles and reviews on North American Jewish history and co-edited *An Everyday Miracle: Yiddish Culture in Montreal.*

Robinson succeeds Quebec author Naim Kattan as president of the CJHS, which is dedicated to the study of Canada's Jewish community through publications, meetings and other activities.

For details, contact Robinson at (514) 848-2066

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B'nai Brith Women Convene

PICTON, Ont. — B'nai Brith Women of Canada (BBW/C) are describing their recent national conference held here as "a resounding success."

Over 100 women gathered from across Canada to network and discuss futhering goals of the organization.

The weekend meeting included information sessions on intermarriage, understanding different personality types and meeting members' needs through effective chapter programming.

At the plenary session, resolutions supported stricter gun control and easier access to breast cancer screening services. Policies were adopted on racism and immigration.

The BBW/C Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Vicki Rumack of Aquarius Chapter in Toronto, while the Molly Friedman Award for Leadership, named for a former national BBW/C vice-president, went to Ruth Gilbert of Elan Chapter in Toronto.

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Advocate for Whites Lodges Complaint

VANCOUVER — Tony McAleer, who operates the Canadian Liberty Net telephone line, has lodged a complaint with the British Columbia Council of Human Rights, alleging that whites — especially white males — are "brutally" discriminated against by employment equity programs.

Canadian Liberty Net has been found guilty in the past by federal human rights tribunals of spreading hatred against minorities and homosexuals.

McAleer was quoted last week in the *Vancouver Sun* as stating he's been singled out for hostile treatment by a human rights review committee "because I represented a white-rights group."

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Skinhead Attacks Yeshiva Student

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is continuing its investigation of an attack this month by a self-proclaimed skinhead on a yeshiva student.

The victim, Zev Katz, a 19-year-old student working as a counselor at a Chabad summer camp for Russian immigrant children here, suffered minor bruises after being attacked with a three-foot pipe and a screw driver.

Katz said he was sitting in a parked car on the evening of July 5 when "this guy came out of nowhere, yelling 'I hate Jews! I'll kill you!' "

Katz said he was hit in the stomach once, before he grabbed the pipe and his friend grabbed the screwdriver.

Katz and others chased the fleeing attacker for about 50 metres, tackled him in an alley, and then sat on him until the police arrived.

The suspect was identified as Shane Dale McCain, an 18-year old transient, who said he was a skinhead. McCain was booked on suspicion of committing a hate crime and assault with a deadly weapon, and is being held in lieu of $150,000 bail.

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Chicago Synagogue Firebombed

CHICAGO — In the latest of several recent incidents of vandalism at Jewish facilities on Chicago's North Side, a synagogue founded by Holocaust refugees from Tiktin, Poland, was hit earlier this month by a makeshift bomb.

According to detectives, a Molotov cocktail-type device was lobbed through a basement window of Mikro Kodesh Anshei Tiktin Synagogue.

The bomb charred the window sill and side of the building and started a small fire, which caused minimal damage before burning itself out.

In January, four synagogues and the Chicago Community Kollel for Advanced Torah Studies, all located in a several-block radius in the predominantly Jewish neighborhood of West Rogers Park, were the targets of arson attacks.

Three Palestinian-Americans were arrested in those cases.

There have been no arrests in the Mikro Kodesh case.

Clinton Visits Berlin Shul

BERLIN — Leaders of the German Jewish community laid out the red carpet for U.S. President Bill Clinton this month when he visited a Berlin synagogue that survived German arsonists in 1938 and Allied bombs during World War II.

Accompanied by German Chancellor Helmut Kohl during his visit to Berlin's New Synagogue last Tuesday, Clinton, in Europe for the G-7 summit, appeared moved as he toured the red brick building whose golden dome towers over the Jewish Quarter in the former East Berlin.

"It's a miracle it survived," Clinton said as he toured the synagogue.

Renovations on the ruined synagogue structure began in 1989 when the then East German government was intent on improving its relations with Israel. They are expected to be completed next year.

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Plundered Judaica Recovered

BUDAPEST — Hungarian police have recovered most of a collection of Jewish artifacts stolen from the Jewish museum here last December.

Nearly 90 per cent of the collection, valued at $200 million, was recovered three weeks ago near Bucharest, according to Romania's police chief, Gen. Ion Pitulescu.

Pitulescu said the Mossad, Israel's secret service, helped Hungarian and Romanian police track down the collection.

Two suspects in the case, both Romanian citizens, have been arrested in Vienna and Frankfurt and Hungarian authorities are seeking their extradition.

The collection, stolen last Dec. 12, consisted of more than 180 pieces collected since 1916, including gold and silver religious objects, paintings and carpets.

Pitulescu said the collection would be returned to the museum within a month.

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Russian Neo-Nazis Stopped

MOSCOW — Security forces here recently arrested members of a gang of Russian neo-Nazis who aimed to burn down Moscow cinemas screening the Holocaust epic *Schindler's List.*

The gang, which calls itself Werewolf, also planned a terror campaign against "those belonging to other ideologies — democrats, Communists and Jews," according to a document seized by Russian authorities.

Security agents confiscated a large number of arms from the commercial firm where the gang secretly operated. The gang's leader reportedly had an office decorated with portraits of Adolf Hitler, Nazi emblems and swastikas.

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Swiss Jews Said Anxious

ZURICH — Two 11-year-old boys have confessed to the desecration last month of more than 100 gravestones at Switzerland's oldest Jewish cemetery here, police announced last week.

Last month, 144 tombstones were overturned at the cemetery. In February, 60 headstones were overturned and there was another act of vandalism in March.

Repairs to the cemetery, which was opened in 1862, will cost some $30,000.

Meanwhile, other desecrations and assaults on Jewish students have taken place in Switzerland.

The latest vandalism of a Jewish cemetery took place in the Swiss town of Argau, near Basel, this month. Eleven tombstones were desecrated.

Following a number of attacks on Jewish students, the head of the Zurich schools system, Hans Wehrli, sent a letter to parents and teachers.

The letter, released to news media this week, said that about a dozen Jewish teenagers had been jeered and assaulted in Zurich during the past two months.

Appearing on Swiss television last Friday, Werner Rom, the president of Zurich's Jewish community, said the country's Jews have been feeling "great anxiety" in the face of mounting xenophobia in Switzerland.

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Plaques Vandalized Again

PARIS — For the second time this year, vandals have desecrated plaques commemorating the seven Jews who were executed on the orders of convicted war criminal Paul Touvier.

Vandals set a fire this month that charred the memorial on the wall of the Rillieux-la-Pape cemetery, near Lyons, where the seven hostages were executed on June 29, 1944.

The vandals painted the memorial plaques with swastikas, Stars of David and such messages as "We won't be the Palestinians of Europe" and "Jews Beware."

In April, Touvier, 79, a one-time Vichy official, was sentenced to life imprisonment for ordering the executions of the hostages in reprisal for the murder by the French Resistance of the Vichy propaganda minister, Philippe Henriot.

Front Line

Rabin's policy mix: determination and hesitation

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

It was said in the '60s that former prime minister Levi Eshkol was so indecisive that when offered either tea or coffee, he asked for half and half.

It is unlikely that Yitzhak Rabin's style of leadership will one day produce such lighthearted comments. Once the tone of criticism was benevolent with a touch of healthy humor. And then, although Rabin's tactics are zigzagging and badly explained, his strategy seems coherent.

True, more is at stake now. And, unlike in the '60s and '70s, the internal front is unpredictable. When Menachem Begin decided to return the Sinai peninsula to Egypt and to dismantle the Jewish settlements, he could not only count on the loyalty of the majority in his own Likud party, but also on the essential support of Labor, then in opposition. Sure, he too was then called a traitor by the hotheads of those days — not unlike Rabin today — but then civility in politics was still the rule and fanaticism was a more marginal phenomenon.

Since then the political debate has deteriorated to a degree that threatens not only the basic relationship between government and parliamentary opposition, but also the very fabric of Israel's democratic institutions under daily attack by the extreme right. During the last weeks the writing on the wall was very clear.

It is debatable whether public order was really on the brink of collapse when a major anti-government demonstration in Jerusalem, supported by all the rightist parties and patronized by Likud Mayor Ehud Olmert, went out of control. At the end of the event, hundreds of wild hotheads marched on the Old City with the clear intention to clash with Arabs and with security forces and to bring about the fall of the government or at least about an end to the peace process.

Though it is doubtful whether the country was in fact threatened by an attempted extreme-rightist putsch, as some observers were a bit too quick to conclude, a bloody confrontation in the heart of Jerusalem was avoided by the controlled reaction of the large police contingent. The security forces were perfectly capable of using more violence against the fanatics, but did not. Some Arab property was damaged at Damascus Gate. Another group of Jewish vandals attacked the U.S. Consulate General. Arabs and Americans will be compensated.

Yeshayahu Anug

The aftershocks in the Likud leadership were strong and the moderate elements found out how risky it was to associate with the extremists. It could have been foreseen that the tune at Zion's Square would have been called by fanatical settlers and by the inflammable Jerusalem riff-raff which can easily run wild.

At a meeting of the Likud caucus following the event, former foreign minister David Levi articulated the feelings of many of his colleagues when he said "if what was to happen in East Jerusalem had succeeded, a pogrom similar to that in the Hebron could have taken place and this time with Likud's complicity. We should avoid a situation which shows that we are unfit to govern." He was undoubtedly refering to the incendiary tone of the leaflets distributed by the Likud organizers of the rally and to the extremist speeches made by some Likud leaders at the event itself.

One can conclude that the soft handling by the government of dangerous troublemakers and the hard-core settlers has this time paid some dividends. But then it may have only postponed more dangerous confrontations, which the progressing peace process is bound to generate amongst its most determined opponents.

The rally in Jerusalem was called on the false pretext that Yasser Arafat was coming to pray at the mosques in East Jerusalem. It is now hoped that Olmert has learnt the hard way how rash it is to manipulate the internal peace of Jerusalem, a precious inheritance from his predecessor Teddy Kollek.

Another issue is the future of the settlements in the territories. Up to now, not even those situated in dense Arab environments like Hebron, scene of the Goldstein massacre and of recurring Hamas terror, have been touched by the government. Recent attempts by a group of settlers of Kiryat Arba (Hebron) to enlarge their community after the murder of a young girl by Hamas terrorists are probably to end again with some "mutually acceptable solution."

If so, a well-rehearsed cycle will be repeated. It starts with Hamas terror against settlers, who take action against a government they accuse of "impotence," and generally ends in some appeasement of the Jewish extremists and in restrictive measures against the Arab population of the area. The real winner of such rounds is Hamas, whose popularity in the frustrated Arab community is growing at the expense of the PLO, now engaged in unpopular peacemaking with the Jewish enemy.

Behind the headlines, which magnify every incident, and in spite of the feverish activity of its opponents on both sides, the peace process continues and gradually produces results. The PLO is not doing so badly in the areas under its control and these are relatively quiet, freed of the continuous friction with the Israeli army which has now withdrawn.

Meanwhile a growing number of settlers' families who had chosen to live in the territories merely to improve their standard of living and not for ideological reasons are seeking an equitable solution for their problem. They know ultimately many settlements will remain under Palestinian rule, and they don't want to experience its blessings. Nor do they want Jewish fanatics to speak for them now. They want to hear what the government has to offer in terms of resettlement and compensation.

Yet the government hesitates to confront the delicate issue. Political inhibitions or a misguided wait-and-see policy seem to account for inexcusable inaction, which is unfair to the settler's community as a whole. The dialogue with this worried population should have been started long ago.

The announcement of the imminent open meeting between King Hussein of Jordan and Prime Minister Rabin in Washington took some observers by surprise. The development proves that the peace process progresses more consistently and is much more wide-ranging than is visible on the surface. And it explains, at least in part, the apparent incoherence between Rabin's strategic determination and his tactical zigzags and suspected neglects on the home front. Perhaps because he is in a hurry to achieve his goal, he moves so slowly and so cautiously.

Islamic fundamentalism unique phenomenon

By GABRIEL BEN-DOR
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

Islamic fundamentalism has rapidly revealed the naivete, even irresponsibility, of the hope that the post-Cold War era will mark the "end of ideology."

It has shown itself a potent movement, replacing, in the minds of many intellectuals and policymakers, communism as the greatest ideological threat facing Western democracies in the foreseeable future.

Yet apologists hasten to add that Islamic fundamentalism is just one further form of "religious extremism." Hence, the implication seems to be, there's nothing particularly different about it. They are wrong. While it resembles other forms of extremism, it differs enough from them to be considered unique, perhaps a phenomenon in its own right. There are several reasons for this.

Islam is not a religion in the Western sense of the term, but a total civilization, making demands on the faithful in every sphere of life. Hence, Islam has never known a separation of "church" and state. On the contrary, everything that is Islamic quickly becomes politically relevant and politically dominant.

Islam has become the protest movement of the entire Third World against the values and traditions of the West. It is the rallying cry against its present materialistic values, as well as against its alleged past colonialist sins.

Islam is a young and militant faith. A Muslim friend of mind has argued that Judaism is the religion of the old and exhausted and Christianity the religion of the middle-aged, whose bellies are full. Only Islam, he says, is the creed of the young, the militant, the devoted, of those "on the march."

Islam is a religion of the community, not of individuals, or even small groups. Its ideals can be realized only in full Islamic communities, which means that it has adopted, over the ages, a distinctly collectivist flavor.

Since the ideals of an Islamic community have to be realized in concrete, large political frameworks, Islam, unlike other religions, has an explicitly territorial dimension, dividing the world into the Islamic realm and the sphere of the infidels. Under certain conditions, the latter becomes fair game for conquest and forcible conversion.

Islam has had a long legacy of jihad. True, on the theoretical and theological levels, jihad is a complex and even sophisticated concept (as we saw in the argument following Yasser Arafat's Johannesburg speech). However, in terms of popular (and hence politically potent) tradition, jihad is the classic holy war to liberate Islamic territory from its illegal occupiers.

In Islam, the idea of afterlife (i.e. the reward of going to heaven in return for dying for the faith) is taken with immediate seriousness, all but lacking in other modern religions. This seriousness produces a willingness for martyrdom, and hence the taking of extreme political and personal risks which are unprecedented in our era.

These points add up to an ideology which is different in its basic principles from any other, and hence to one which has a unique form of extremism.

Muslim scholars dislike the term fundamentalism, preferring substitutes such as "Islamism" for a phenomenon that is also known as extremism, radicalism, scripturalism or literalism.

Whatever the terminology, the resulting ideology is the toughest challenge faced by Muslim rulers in all 40 relevant countries, whose regimes are in as much danger from this fanatical potential as non-Muslim opponents and rivals.

Islamic fundamentalism may aim at the ultimate transformation of the world. But its immediate targets are the domestic regimes it needs to subvert in order to harness the state to its purposes, along with the smaller powers that share a common territory with Muslims, such as Israel.

Politically speaking, this means good news and bad news. The bad news is that Israel is facing an enemy even more dangerous and determined than the older-style radical secular nationalism.

The good news is that there is ample, albeit tacit or even surreptitious, room for cooperation with other mainstream forces in the Middle East. Many moves by previously implacable enemies such as Syria's Hafez al-Assad can be explained not only by the disintegration of the Soviet Union, but also by the mortal fear of Islamic fundamentalism.

We need to recognize this phenomenon for what it is, an authentic, deeply-rooted, popular Islamic movement. Competition between the PLO and Hamas has to do at least as much with the clash between secular nationalism and Islamic fundamentalism as with the strategy of Palestinian statehood vis-a-vis Israel.

At the same time, it is important to realize that the enemy isn't Islam or Muslims, but the fanatical manifestation of Islamic extremism that threatens modernity, democracy and peace for all peoples of the Middle East and beyond.

Prospective partners in the peace process need to be aware of the danger lurking from the common enemy.

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Closing a circle in Metulla

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

An infant's high-pitched cry in the synagogue of Metulla, a village on the Lebanese border, closed a circle in June that began there almost a century earlier.

The infant was protesting his circumcision, just as had Calman Eliyahu Mushin, son of Nahman and Chana Mushin, way back in 1898. The Mushins, immigrants from Russia who were among the founders of Metulla, had long been fervent Zionists. But they and their neighbors found life in the isolated farming village extremely difficult: food was scarce, disease was rife and marauding Druze from nearby Syria were a constant threat. Moreover, many of the infants born there did not survive for more than a few weeks or months.

Calman Eliyahu was one of the lucky ones, but he was not to remain in the town beyond the age of seven. Having decided that conditions in Palestine were unbearable, the Mushins emigrated to Australia. They chose that country because, unlike the United States, it did not force potential immigrants to undergo a medical examination, which Nahman, with his poor eyesight, would not have passed.

Young Alick, as Calman Eliyahu was known in Melbourne, became a real Aussie, with little interest in faraway Palestine. And like many of his generation, he came to believe that salvation for the Jews, as for mankind in general, would come when socialism replaced capitalism all over the globe.

But that phase passed as well. With the establishment of the State of Israel, Alick began to take pride in his "Palestinian heritage," a pride shared, and later surpassed, by his two daughters. Indeed, they both decided to make their home in Israel.

Himself a Sabra, Alick was eventually to have six Sabra grandchildren, most of whom were born after he died. And one of them, a girl by the name of Dana, eventually followed in his footsteps. For she and her husband Moshe decided that they would make their home in Kiryat Shmoneh, just three miles south of Metulla.

It has not been easy for them because Kiryat Shmoneh, like Metulla, suffers intermittent rocket attacks from Lebanon. They have stuck it out, however, and have become respected members of the community, Dana as a teacher of disabled youngsters and Moshe as the director of the regional child development centre.

While the couple brought with them a boy born in the Tel Aviv area, they wanted more offspring and Dana eventually became pregnant. Then, when she learned through an ultrasound that she was carrying a second boy, her sense of history took over. Her grandfather, Dana knew, had been born in a Metulla farmstead and circumcised in the synagogue next door. So while her own child was to be born in a hospital, there was no reason, she felt, why he shouldn't be circumcised in the same place as his great-grandfather.

Last week he was, thus bringing a century-long circle to a fitting close.

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I was naturally thrilled about the Metulla event because the little boy circumcised was not only a direct descendent of Calman Eliyahu Mushin, my wife's father, but also, of course, my grandchild. So I naturally told all my friends about the event.

While they congratulated me, one thing seemed to bother them. Why, they wondered, should my daughter, coming from a good middle-class home in central Israel, choose to live in a distant development town, where amenities are limited and security uncertain? That was a place to send new immigrants, people who have no alternative, but surely, they said, not one for a girl like her.

This reaction says something about contemporary Israelis, many of whom can more readily understand a young person who goes to live in London or Los Angeles than one who chooses the Negev or the Galilee.

Where have all the idealists gone?

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Italy's neo-fascists

Should we be concerned by the presence of five neo-fascist ministers in the Italian cabinet?

Ordinarily, the answer would be a resounding yes. After all, the National Alliance — the neo-fascist party which is an integral component of Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's coalition government — is the offspring of the Italian Social Movement, which itself was ideologically inspired by Benito Mussolini's fascist regime. Lest we forget, Mussolini's government, perhaps under German pressure, enacted anti-Semitic legislation which disenfranchised and humiliated the long-established Jewish community in Italy.

Nevertheless, Gianfranco Fini — the head of the National Alliance — cannot, in all honesty, be branded as a clone of the late, unlamented Mussolini. True, Fini is a dyed-in-the-wool conservative whose views on issues like immigration are repugnant. And, one might add, his characterization of Mussolini as "the greatest statesman of the century" was nothing if not foolish and short-sighted.

However, it seems clear that neither Fini nor his lieutenants are remotely interested in resurrecting the ruinous, racist, repressive policies espoused by Mussolini in the latter part of his career. Indeed, the National Alliance has striven to portray itself as the Italian equivalent of British conservatives or French Gaullists.

If anything, Fini has distanced the National Alliance from Mussolini's anti-Semitic legacy. He has condemned anti-Semitism and, in an interesting though calculating ceremony, Fini recently paid tribute to the memory of Leon Klinghoffer, the American Jewish hostage who was murdered by Palestinian terrorists aboard the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro. Furthermore, Fini now recognizes, if somewhat belatedly, that Italy's entente with Nazi Germany was not only a historic "blunder," but a "disaster" for Italy.

Meanwhile, the Italian foreign minister, Antonio Martino, has expressed support for Germany's initiative to harmonize European Union laws against anti-Semitism and xenophobia. And he has stressed a desire for closer relations between Italy and Israel.

We should monitor the neo-fascists who sit in Berlusconi's cabinet. But we should not jump to hasty, unwarranted conclusions.

Equality in education

The Ontario Court of Appeal has ruled that the government of Ontario's refusal to fund the general studies portion of private, religious-based independent schools is not unconstitutional. The decision was unanimous.

Speaking on behalf of his four colleagues on the panel, Chief Justice Charles Dubin wrote that the "appellants' freedom of religion and their right to equal benefit of the law without discrimination on the basis of religion were not infringed by the absence of public funding."

The Court ruled that even if the appellants' freedom of religion and right to equal benefit of the law without discrimination were infringed by the absence of public funding, such absence is a reasonable limit on such freedoms and rights within Section 1 of the Charter.

And, as if to bar any further challenge through the legal door, the Court also held that "even if such breaches were not justified under Section 1 of the Charter, it would be inappropriate for the court to grant the remedy sought . . . Such changes are for the Legislature and not the courts to make."

But the Legislature has been an unwilling forum of this legislative change. For the past decade, the governments of Ontario have cravenly ignored the unequal treatment.

The decision of the Ontario Court of Appeal provides an exclamatory epilogue to the Task Force Report on Jewish Continuity released by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto less than three weeks earlier.

"At the 'core' of Jewish continuity is Jewish education." The Task Force states this in unequivocal terms. But the effect of the Court's decision is to ensure that tuition fees to Ontario's Jewish day schools will remain very high, further and further out of reach of the mainstream of families.

As a result, the demand will increase on the Federation to abate the financial burden of the onerous tuitions for those families. Yet the Federation's ability to do so will not have kept pace with the need to do so. And the temptation on Federation leaders will be great to direct more of the already scarce resources away from the day schools to a variety of other Jewish educational formats, which, while very important, have been shown by studies to be less effective in bonding children to their Judaism.

This temptation must be resisted.

At the same time, our leaders must proceed boldly in a number of arenas — policy planning, fiscal, legal, and political — to attempt to counter the effect of the Appeal Court's decision. If we are truly concerned about our community, we have no choice.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

MISSING COUSIN HEROES

The American Veterans of Israel is in the process of erecting a memorial at Sha'ar Hagai, Israel, to commemorate and inscribe the names of volunteers from Canada and the United States who were killed during Israel's War of Independence. Eddy Kaplansky (formerly of Montreal) is chairing the research committee to achieve as complete and historically accurate a roster as humanly possible after all these years.

Two names still not confirmed are those of Harvey Cohen and Ed Lucatch. The story persists that these 19-year-old cousins from Toronto arrived at the Tel Litwinsky induction centre early in June, 1948, and within days were missing in action. Although a number of ex-Machalniks are familiar with that sad story, no one has yet claimed to have actually met or seen the cousins in Israel or on the way there. Searches of the Israel Defence Forces archives have yielded no records of them or their disappearance.

The American Veterans of Israel is composed of volunteers from Canada and the United States who manned the rescue ships of Aliya Bet (1946-47), and who served in the armed forces of Israel during its War of Independence (1948).

If you can furnish any information regarding Harvey or Ed, please write to Eddy Kaplansky — 58/83 Hillel St. — Haifa 33728, Israel, or to the American Veterans of Israel — 136 E. 39th St. — New York, N.Y. 10016.

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REAL JEWISH ROOTS

Re: "Hebrew classes a weekly bore for these kids" (*CJN* July 7).

I hope that by the time Barbara Silverstein reads this she'll realize that her "tribal and exclusionary" instincts motivated her to count herself in.

Ms. Silverstein's confessional is bang on: It is extremely difficult to get children to attend heritage classes when there is so little connection between what they are learning and what goes on at home. Fact is, she has thrust a dagger of truth through the heart of the Jewish continuity debate. One must make ends meet through intellect and action. One must not just learn "Jewish;" one must "live" Jewish as well. To count oneself in, one must count one's whole self in. To be a Jew means being a Jew at home and at school, in public and in private.

Ms. Silverstein also makes a powerful argument for day school education. After all, a hard day of schooling deserves a hard afternoon of playing. True, Hebrew heritage may not be as much fun as swimming or tennis, even if the short-term pain may be worth the long-term gain. Toronto boasts one of the most dynamic and effective day school systems in the world. Led by the community's Associated Hebrew School, an excellent general and Jewish studies education could be provided to the Silverstein kids, while still leaving time for valuable and healthy after-school activities.

Ms. Silverstein and her husband have the power to break the cycle of after-school arguments and excuses if only they could see the forest for the trees.

Perhaps the exercise of confession will help her give — and their children receive — the priceless gift of education, while strengthening the connection to Jewish roots to which they so passionately cleave. Even if they don't realize it.

Randy E. Spiegel
Toronto

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QUERIES RABIN'S STANCE

An evil partnership: Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin manages to weave a link between Israelis who oppose his peace plan and Islamic Jihad and Hamas. With this point of view, I am certain he would be hired immediately by any of several Canadian newspapers to report and/or editorialize on Israel and the Middle East.

Rabin's ability to blur differences between victims (Israeli children) and assailants (Islamic Jihad and Hamas) so that the victim becomes the assailant is a leaf out of the handbook of many Middle East correspondents.

I await with apprehension Rabin's next response to Israeli citizens who exercise their democratic right to disagree with their Prime Minister.

Avrum I. Gotlieb
Toronto

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CALLING ALL POLITSKYS

We are members of the Politsky family of Toronto searching for a branch of our family tree gone missing in Cleveland, Ohio.

Contact with descendants of David Shloma Politsky and his wife Heshka (formerly Greenberg) was lost about 35 years ago. This branch of the family lived in Cleveland. The couple had twin daughters and a son and changed their surname to Politska.

The Politsky clan hopes to find members of this lost branch and any other family members who may have slipped through the cracks. We are all descendants of Israel Leib Politsky, who emigrated from Russia around the turn of the century and died in 1916. Although he was officially 114 years old at the time of his death, he is actually believed to have been 117 years old.

Over time, the Politsky family changed its surname to Paulin. Major descendant branches include Weber. Kroll, Peikes, Grosbein and Belovin. Politsky has also been spelled Politzky.

Our motive for searching for our long-lost relatives is twofold: we would like to include them in our family tree and we want to invite them to a special commemorative family picnic in Toronto Sunday, August 28.

The picnic, scheduled to start at 10 a.m. at Earl Bales Park in North York, is being held to celebrate the 65th anniversary of a large family picnic in 1929 in Toronto.

We can be contacted in Toronto at (416) 633-1796 (Norman and Margo Grosbein) or (416) 635-1145 (Frances Strauss).

Saul Chernos
Toronto

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IN A GLASS TOWER

Joyce Eklove's (Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary Chair) April 14 response to Alan Simons' letter about the opening session of the CJC's plenary suggests she is living in a glass tower.

Like Alan Simons, I, and a dozen of my friends who attended the plenary were disgusted with the focus on lengthy opening speeches, at the expense of a meaningful panel discussion. Moreover, there was not "the odd heckle" as Eklove claims, but the raving of the many Kach-supporting fanatics.

Eklove, who thinks this is a healthy sign of democracy, should be reminded that even in the democracy of Israel, Kach is an illegal terrorist organization. Would she consider anti-Jewish heckling as an "indication of democracy in action?"

Ilan Salamon
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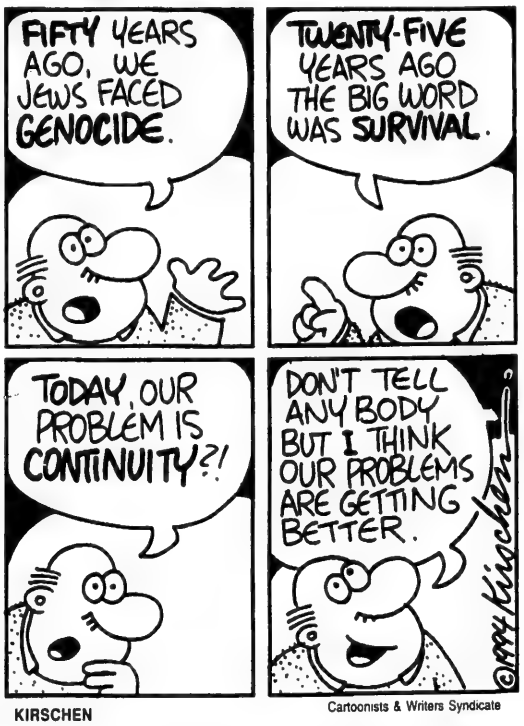
Dry Bones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Israel must press Arafat on MiAs

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Yasser Arafat seems to have a difficult time living down his publicity. Some of this is understandable, inasmuch as he is caught between political realities on the one hand and vast expectation of his own people on the other.

His remark in South Africa, that the current accord with Israel is but a way station for liberating the whole land, is just one of the reasons that increasing numbers of Israelis are becoming dubious that the peace accord will succeed. If it were not for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin it would collapse tomorrow. It is crucial for both him and Mr. Arafat to keep it going.

There is one matter in which Mr. Arafat could gain immediate points in Israel. All he has to do is to tell the world whether three Israeli MiAs — soldiers Missing in Action — are alive or not. To withhold this information is torture for the families involved and increases the belief of many that this man cannot be trusted. Consequently, 84 per cent of Israelis think that the release of more Palestinian prisoners should be halted until there is verifiable information regarding the MiAs.

Zechariah Baumel, Yehuda Katz, and Zvi Feldman were captured in Lebanon in June 1982, and so far no urging of the International Coalition For Missing Israeli Soldiers has availed anything.

Rabbi Plaut

If ever there was an opportunity for Mr. Arafat to do something about it, the time is now. He needs Israel more than he ever did. If the peace process is derailed now, his own dreams and those of many of his fellow Palestinians will be shattered for an indefinite time to come.

I was brought face to face with this ugly problem because I had a visit from Miriam Baumel, mother of one of the three. She and her husband Yona have for years spearheaded an attempt to urge the Israeli government to make the MiA question a top priority. Mrs. Baumel is a native of Brooklyn and she and her family made aliyah some years ago. She appeared to talk calmly about what needs to be done, but I could feel the deep emotion fuelling her words. For the last few months she and the other families have feared that the inquiry into the fate of the MiAs has reached a dead end. It has moved off the headlines of the Israeli press and television, and lack of public interest could be a death knell for the unfortunate prisoners.

She thinks, and I think rightly so, that this is a crucial moment when Mr. Rabin and his government have a real chance to extract the relevant information from Mr. Arafat. The latter holds that his information will not be forthcoming until all Palestinians are released from Israeli prisons, a demand which on the face of it is without a chance of being heeded.

Some years ago the Israeli Intelligence Department became the victim of a ploy by its Syrian counterpart. The latter had told Syria's Chief Rabbi Abraham Hamra that it had four Jewish soldiers' bodies ready for burial. However, the rabbi was not allowed to open the caskets.

Major General Yehoshua Saguy, then head of the IDF Military Intelligence, admitted later that he read the signals wrong. He believed that the four bodies the Syrians said were buried in a Damascus cemetery were those that had been originally missing.

Eventually the Red Cross was permitted to exhume the bodies and it turned out that only one was that of an Israeli, identified as Zohar Lifschitz. He had been in the same tank with Yehuda Katz, but there was no accounting for Katz or the other two.

Last year the PLO provided the Baumels with their son's name tag — solid proof that they were quite aware of his fate. There is also little question that President Hafez al-Assad of Syria knows the answer.

I believe that a man like Prime Minister Rabin, himself a former soldier, knows what MiAs mean to the families who spend their years hanging between hope and fear. He should ask Mr. Arafat squarely, "Tell us their status. Are they alive or are they dead? And give us proof, for without that we cannot talk to you. My people will lose the last ounce of trust in you."

I think that Mr. Arafat might come through with the answer.

Oslo accord opened new chapter in Middle East

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Almost a year has elapsed since the world was astonished to learn of the secret talks in Norway between Israel and the PLO. The so-called Oslo back-channel, created by an obscure Norwegian social scientist, was momentous and historic, paving the way for Palestinian self-determination and possibly a comprehensive settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

In a sense, the Norwegian connection — which could well be a model for Syria to emulate — really began when the director of a Norwegian think-tank carrrying out a socio-economic survey of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip met a young Israeli parliamentarian in Tel Aviv on the eve of the Labor party's election victory in the summmer of 1992.

Terje Larsen was the Norwegian. Yossi Beilin was the Israeli. Both agreed that circumstances — notably the collapse of the Soviet Union and the defanging of Iraq in the 1991 Gulf War — favored a breakthrough in Israel's lagging bilateral peace talks with a Palestinian delegation in Washington.

More important, they concurred that a two-tiered system of negotiations — the existing public track and a new secret channel — might break the impasse.

Larsen suggested that Norway, which was respected by both sides, could set up secret contacts between Israel and the PLO, which, from behind the scenes, was directing the Washington negotiations with Israel. Beilin, a dove who would become the deputy foreign minister, was enthusiastic.

Several months later, writes Jane Corbin in *Gaza First* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $29.95), the first account of the Oslo connection, two Norwegian diplomats visited Israel and officially offered Norway's services as an intermediary. The officials were Jan Egeland, the deputy foreign minister, and Mona Juul, Larsen's wife and a middle-ranking diplomat who specialized in Middle Eastern affairs.

In December 1992, the scene shifted to London, where Arab-Israeli multilateral talks on economics, which were part of the overall Madrid peace process, were taking place.

Beilin was in London, as was his friend, a Haifa University professor named Yair Hirschfeld. Without informing Beilin, Hirschfeld met with an influential member of the PLO, Ahmed Qurei, otherwise known as Abu Ala. The meeting was arranged by Hanan Ashrawi, a prominent official with the Palestinian delegation.

It was still illegal for Israelis to meet with PLO officials, but Beilin did not forbid Hirschfeld to meet Abu Ala again. Beilin was rightly confident that a Labor bill legalizing contact with the PLO would become law within weeks.

Nevertheless, Beilin insisted that any meetings with the PLO conducted by Hirschfeld should not be seen as negotiations, but as wide-ranging discussions of the issues. The Norwegians envisaged Hirschfeld's discussions as an adjunct to the public Palestinian channel.

The discussions got underway in January 1993 in a locale near Oslo. Hirschfeld brought along his close friend and associate, Ron Pundak. The PLO team consisted of Abu Ala, Maher El Kurd and Hassan Asfour.

Corbin credits Abu Ala with suggesting that the peace process should start with an Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, an area the new Labor government wanted to jettison in exchange for security guarantees, and the promise of Israeli-Palestinian cooperation. Jericho would be added to the equation at PLO chieftain Yasser Arafat's suggestion. Abu Ala also declared that the negotiators should work toward a declaration of principles, a concept endorsed by Hirschfeld and Pundak.

According to Corbin, the Norwegians, principally Larsen, played an important role by convincing both parties that, despite the gap in their respective positions, the discussions would bear fruit. She adds that many of the brainstorming sessions, some of which Larsen attended, took place in the wintry woods.

When Beilin heard that a Gaza First plan was supported by the PLO, he informed his boss, Shimon Peres, of the secret channel. Peres was interested in Beilin's initiative because he, too, saw a withdrawal from Gaza as an opening gambit. Peres duly told Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin about the discussions, and although Rabin did not greet the news with great enthusiasm, he was not opposed. He believed that an agreement with Syria, not the Palestinians, would be the real key to peace in the region.

In February 1993, the two sides hammered out a preliminary version of a Declaration of Principles (DoP) — the first of what would be 25 drafts. At this point, Peres began taking the Oslo channel seriously, forming a special working group to monitor progress. One of its members was Avi Gill, Peres' policy advisor and former press attache at the Israeli embassy in Ottawa.

Shortly afterward, Peres and Rabin agreed to upgrade the level of Israel's representation in Norway. Uri Savir, the director-general of the Foreign Ministry and Peres' protege, was dispatched to Norway.

Savir, who was also once Israel's press attache in Ottawa, concluded that the secret channel had great potential. He advised Peres to engage in real negotiations with the PLO. Hirschfeld and Pundak withdrew, having fulfilled their function. They had opened a genuine dialogue with the Palestinians, breaking down psychological barriers.

Now it was time for Joel Singer, an experienced Israeli lawyer who had worked on the 1978 Camp David Accords, to enter the picture. Singer could take the draft DoP and turn it into a basis for direct negotiations.

In the early summer, the Agence France-Presse agency carried a report of a secret Israeli-PLO backchannel in Norway. But, as Corbin puts it, the story was "a one-day wonder."

A fierce Israeli military operation in southern Lebanon in late July did not affect the talks. Abu Ala hardly mentioned it, Corbin says.

Nevertheless, the negotiations ran into turbulence, with both sides resorting to brinkmanship. At one juncture, for example, Savir, in exasperation with his PLO interlocutors, blurted out, "We are stuck. We are going home now — and we may never come back."

The talks dragged on throughout the summer, but in mid-August, Peres and Rabin decided that a deal should be finalized. Peres called the Norwegian foreign minister, Johan Jorgen Holst (who died last January), and asked to meet him secretly in Stockholm.

At Peres' behest, Holst called Arafat in Tunis, and final negotiations were launched. After eight hours of intense debate, an agreement emerged. On Aug. 20, at 2 a.m., Peres met Abu Ala, and the DoP was signed.

Some weeks later, Israel and the PLO agreed on a pact of mutual recognition, an event of perhaps more importance than the DoP itself.

The building blocks of peace and cooperation had been set into place.

It remains to be seen where all this will lead.

Shaw, strawberries and the supernatural

By JACK CHISVIN

My wife and I can spend hours at a time together without saying a word. And yet we still know exactly what the other is thinking. We share a supernatural rapport. It is something you have to experience to truly understand. If you have, no explanation is necessary. If you haven't, no explanation is possible.

As an engineer, for me the supernatural should be contrary to reason. My training in engineering has taught me how to apply the laws of nature, and deal with them as a jigsaw puzzle consisting of a finite number of pieces, all neatly fitting together. Still there are occurrences that are beyond rational and daily experiences — forces, notions, events in our everyday life, often at remote points in the coordinates of infinity and eternity which cannot be explained. This is the supernatural.

Existentialist theologians may argue differently, but I suggest that the supernatural is a subjective notion. Concepts of the supernatural run a gamut of beliefs. The various ways we define it and respond to it are determined by so many social, cultural and intellectual attitudes — religion, science, mysticism, and education. There appears to be a communication not only between living things and their environment, but among all things living in that environment. An intricate web of interactions connects all life into one vast self-maintaining system. Each part is related to every other part and we are all part of the whole, directed by an unexplained supernatural power.

Jack Chisvin

For more than 20 consecutive years, accompanied by the same friends, we attend a matinee performance at the Shaw Festival Theatre on the third Wednesday of June. Over the years we have developed a routine. One of the activities I most look forward to on that day is a visit to a fruit farm to pick strawberries for our picnic lunch, this being the peak of the strawberry season in Niagara.

Strawberries are my passion. No dessert can compare with freshly picked, field-ripened strawberries: plump, sweet and succulent, with a slight tartness. The juiciness and succulence are enhanced if the strawberries are doused with brandy, or balsamic vinegar for the non-indulgent. It will be my dessert of choice when I go to heaven (because there ain't no other place to go).

This year the third Wednesday in June came early — think about it — and because of the conspiratorial nature of the weather the fruit ripened late. The farm that we usually patronize picked the first crop only that morning but it was already shipped to Toronto. So my expectations went unfilled and our picnic lunch was without strawberries for dessert.

On the day after attending Shaw, I was rushing from one meeting to another through the downtown Toronto underground maze when I passed a fruit stand displaying local strawberries. I made a mental note to buy some after my last meeting. It was almost 5 p.m. by the time I got back to the fruit stand and by then the strawberries were sold out. However, the clerk advised there might be some left at their main market in the north end of the city. I knew that my wife was out shopping and I thought if I could get a message to her perhaps she could stop by that market. As would happen her cellular phone was not energized — too bad.

When I reached home later that evening, just inside the door sat several containers of strawberries. "Where did these come from?" I enquired.

"I was in a shopping centre late this afternoon," my wife replied, "and had an urge to stop at the fruit market and there were those containers of strawberries asking to be bought." How did my wife get my message? Were the strawberries the medium, or was it our supernatural rapport?

I can't explain gravity, magnetism, electricity and other phemomena, although I know how to enlist these forces in my engineering work. I similarly cannot explain how I communicate with my wife, but I can discriminate between the probable and the improbable, and accept the contradiction between rationalism and the supernatural which produces such simple but exciting human adventures — and isn't that the common theme that occurs in George Bernard Shaw's plays?

Features

An ambivalent relationship

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Scratch a Pole and you'll find an anti-Semite. More often than not, this is the skewed perception most Jews — particularly post-war immigrants from Poland, including my own parents — harbor of Poles.

As Jews realize, ethnic stereotying is a dangerous exercise in self-delusion. Yet no one can disguise the fact that Jewish-Polish relations, especially in this century, have been marred by hostility and suspicion.

Even myopic observers cannot ignore the periodic pogroms which broke out after Poland's independence in 1918, the state-sanctioned anti-Semitism of the 1930s, the general indifference toward Jewish suffering displayed by many Poles during the Holocaust, and the anti-Semitic convulsions of the Communist era.

On the other hand, medieval Polish kings welcomed Jewish refugees, and later granted Jewish communities a considerable degree of cultural and political autonomy. And during the Holocaust, numerous Poles risked their lives and that of their families to assist Jews.

So, if nothing else, Poles and Jews have an incredibly complex and tangled history, which is all too easy to simplify and distort.

Three recently-published books wrestle with this mercurial relationship. Each essentially addresses a different facet of the story.

•*Polish-Jewish Relations During The Second World War* (Northwestern University Press, $14.95, US) is written by the eminent historian Emmanuel Ringelblum, who perished at the hands of the Germans in 1944.

•*Jews In Poland* (Hippocrene Books $19.95, US), by Catholic scholar and concentration camp survivor Iwo Cyprian Pogonowski, traces Jewish settlement from the earliest times.

•*Poles And Jews: A Failed Brotherhood* (University Press of New England, $20, US), a collaborative effort by Magdalena Opalski of Carleton University and Israel Bartal of the Hebrew University, examines the topic under review against the backdrop of the Polish anti-czarist insurrection of 1861-62.

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Born in 1900, Emmanuel Ringelblum was one of the outstanding historians of his generation. Specializing in Polish-Jewish questions, his erudition was recognized by YIVO, the Yiddish scientific institution based in Vilna. In 1929, he joined the staff of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in Warsaw. After the establishment of the ghetto in 1940, he and others founded Oneg Shabbat, a clandestine organization whose purpose was to document the Nazi occupation.

Prior to the ghetto uprising, he and his family were hidden by a Polish worker. Ringelblum wrote *Polish-Jewish Relations* in 1942 and 1943. Highly-selected excerpts were published following the war, but only now is the unexpurgated text available.

Launching his narrative, Ringelblum expresses gratitude to those Poles who saved his life — not once, but twice. Having done this, he analyzes the gamut of Polish-Jewish relations. It is not a flattering picture. The Polish government's policies, he declares in no uncertain terms, "helped unleash such an anti-Semitic hue and cry that Poland before the war became the leading anti-Semitic country, second to Germany alone."

Some will vehemently disagree with this characterization. But consider the evidence marshalled by the meticulous Ringelblum.

In an effort to foster the development of an indigenous mercantile class, the government turned a blind eye to an economic boycott of Jewish businesses. Jewish artisans were not allowed to submit tenders for work to be done for state institutions and authorities. Jewish workers were dismissed from government and municipal establishments. In the armed forces, a Jew could not rise above the rank of a lieutenant (reserves), and Jews were not accepted in the professional army.

On another front, universities became breeding grounds of anti-Semitism, with strikers calling for the introduction of a numerus nullus for Jews.

In Ringelblum's view, only "class-conscious" Polish workers fought fascism in all its forms openly and unreservedly.

Ringelblum claims that the Jewish question disappeared from public discourse shortly before Germany invaded Poland. "Now it was understood that anti-Semitism in Poland was a weapon in Hitler's hands," he writes.

However, before Warsaw fell, "the hydra of anti-Semitism began raising its head again." Ringelblum cites a damning example: "It was a common occurrence for Jews not to be allowed into the air raid shelters in purely Polish blocks of flats, even during bombing."

He adds that conflicts also arose between Jews and Poles queuing for precious food supplies and water.

In the aftermath of Germany's invasion, he charges, there was "a revival of anti-Semitism in the fullest sense of the term" in Poland. A significant majority of Poles, he explains, condemned German excesses. But they did not try to dissociate themselves from "the anti-Semitic beasts that co-operated with the Germans..." And furthermore, the Polish underground displayed "passivity" in the face of the Nazi onslaught.

Ringelblum castigates Polish blackmailers and informers who collaborated with the Germans, as well as the Polish Blue Police, which played "a most lamentable role" in the extermination of Poland's Jews.

He condemns the Polish middle-class, which, he claims, rejoiced "at the Nazi solution to the Jewish problem." And he goes on to say that Poland's rural population was not always helpful in cases when Jews fleeing Nazi terror sought sanctuary.

What is more, the clergy reacted "almost with indifference," while the Home Army (an underground force) supplied arms to Jewish fighters "only in very small quantities."

By Ringelblum's estimate, 10,000 to 15,000 Warsaw Jews were hidden by two to three thousand Polish families. "If we take into account that these (Polish) families (were) acting with the knowledge and approval of their nearest relatives, we reach the conclusion that at least ten to 15,000 Polish families in Warsaw (were) helping to hide Jews."

Ringelblum reproduces a paragraph from a 1944 report written by the Polish government-in-exile's director of foreign affairs, who was based in London. It reads: "The prevailing mood (in Poland) is not to leave any openings for the Jews, in however small numbers, to return to their previous businesses and workshops. The non-Jewish population has taken the place of the Jews... and their return would be regarded not as restitution but as an invasion to be resisted by physical force."

These chilling but frank sentiments speak volumes.

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Iwo Pogonowski, a Lwow-born scholar of Polish affairs living in the United States, reminds readers that Poland was "the only" country to accept "a massive influx" of Jewish refugees in the 14th and 15th centuries. This assertion is only partly true, since many Spanish Jews found refuge in the Ottoman Empire.

Poland, too, extended "unprecedented and long-lasting privileges" to Jewish settlers, and did not force them into ghettos, as elsewhere in Europe. No one can quarrel with these statements, nor with Pogonowski's thesis that the Jews of Poland were given "broad cultural and political autonomy."

Early modern Poland may have been, as he suggests, a "heaven for the Jews." But this idyll, he admits, was shattered in the Middle Ages by anti-Jewish riots in localities like Brzeziny, Gabin and Leczyca.

Pogonowski argues that the partitions of Poland in the 18th and 19th centuries altered the Poles' relationship of "symbiosis and interdependence" with the Jews into one marked by "competition."

While Poles struggled to preserve their sovereignty, he claims, most Jews were primarily concerned with maintaining their identity as Jews. "They did not feel that Polish independence was vital to them," he writes.

He further claims that Russia, Germany and Austria "deliberately encouraged and manipulated latent tensions between Poles and Jews in the annexed areas." He acknowledges that since Poles were not well acquainted with their Jewish neighbors, many fell prey to "easy generalizations."

Turning to the 20th century, he claims that "influential Jewish groups" on the left and right of the spectrum "openly opposed efforts to recreate an independent Poland." His explanation is not entirely plausible.

Indeed, several pages later he proclaims: "The Polish cause had the wholehearted support of the Jews who had assimilated to Polish language and culture, as well as of the local Orthodox Jews."

Although Pogonowski concedes that anti-Semitism was a problem in Poland after 1918, he claims that it never reached such heights, nor won the support of as large a sector of the population, as in Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and the Baltic states. Leaving Germany, Hungary and Austria aside, this is a tendentious assertion.

As for the Holocaust period, he claims that "there was no Polish complicity" in the Nazi genocide of the Jews. Needless to say, he is dead wrong.

However, Pogonowski is basically correct in pointing out that the major extermination camps were built in Poland largely because of its huge Jewish population, not because Poles were inherently anti-Semitic.

Pogonowski's discussion of communism in Poland is instructive. A disproportionate number of Jewish communists were involved in the administration of the country immediately after the war. Yet few Poles, he says, noticed that the Communist party and the secret police were largely staffed by Poles.

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By examining and comparing Polish and Jewish literary reflections, Magdalena Opalski and Israel Bartal zero in on the superficial flowering of Polish-Jewish fellowship during the Polish rebellion against Russian colonialism in the 1860s.

Jewish participation in the revolt delighted Poles, although many Poles greeted it with disbelief and surprise. The authors contend that, in the main, Jewish participants were members of the intelligentsia and bourgeoisie most exposed to Polish cultural influences.

By the end of the 19th century, the image of the patriotic Jew — which had been partly disseminated by assimilated Jews or Poles of Jewish ancestry — had long faded. And in the popular imagination, Jews were accused of having profited economically from the uprising.

So much for the brotherhood of man.

A painting by Aleksander Lesser in which Jews and Poles commemorate the death of fighters in the 1860s rebellion against Russia. It highlights a brief moment of brotherhood in the often rancorous relationship between Jews and Poles.

The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Entertainment is a big business — a multi-billion dollar industry — in North America, and Jews, I think it is fair to say, have played a substantial role in the development of film, television, theatre and radio, media which have enriched the lives of millions.

In this fiercely competitive business, a handful of entertainers reach for stardom and attain it by dint of personality. Such persons, who possesses the magnetic power to move disparate audiences, are compararatively rare.

One such individual is Milton Berle, who turned 86 on July 12. Berle, whose real name was Milton Berlinger, is the elder statesman of stand-up comedy, along with Bob Hope, Sid Caesar and George Burns. But Berle, who was recently the subject of A&E TV's *Biography* series, is more than a slick, fast talking comic.

Berle revolutionized television as we know it today. He popularized the medium in an era when it was not respected. He made the masses pay attention to that little box in the living room.

When he started in television in 1948, Berle was already an accomplished performer, a vaudevillian who had churned out a slew of movies and had starred on radio. Berle showed courage and daring by plunging into television, since it was still somewhat of an experimental medium. No performer of his calibre wanted to work in television. Such was its reputation.

But Berle, who became known as Mr. Television, was not deterred. He signed on as the host of *Texaco Star Theatre*, which, in retrospect, was TV's first hit, the number one television show for four consecutive years, the program which was instrumental in making TV a powerful medium.

Statistics tell the tale. In his first year with *Texaco Star Theatre*, to which he brought enviable reserves of energy and vitality, 500,000 TV sets were sold in the United States. Several years later, millions were being bought yearly.

A great entertainer

It was essentially left to Berle to iron out "the kinks" which early television had exhibited, and in this task he succeeded brilliantly. Poised and self-assured, Berle was a wisecracking, motor-mouth comedian who could take the pulse of viewers and satisfy them. *Texaco Star Theatre* was vital and visual and appealing. Uncle Miltie, as he was dubbed, knew "every trick in the book." Or, as funnyman Alan King put it, "There was nothing Milton couldn't do."

As a boy, growing up in Montreal in the 1950s, I was too young to appreciate Berle's subtleties. Besides, my parents did not buy a TV set until I was about nine years old, which meant that I was at the mercy of friends and neighbors whenever I was seized by the desire to watch television.

Once we had our own set, I discovered that Berle was a constant and often refreshing presence on TV, with shows running the gamut from *The Buick Berle Show* to the *Kraft Music Hall*. More often than not, Berle tickled my fancy and, I might add, he was never boring.

As I learned from A&E's profile, Berle was born in New York City, the precocious fourth son of Moses and Sarah Berlinger. When he was only five years old, Berle won a talent contest, and by the time he was eight, he was a veteran of the silent screen. Berle appeared in a roster of films, including *Tillie's Punctured Romance*, with Charles Chaplin; *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm*, with Mary Pickford; and *The Mark of Zorro*, with Douglas Fairbanks, Sr.

After starring in the Broadway musical *Florodora*, he began doing comic routines in vaudeville, earning up to $25,000 per week, then an astonishingly fabulous sum. Having established himself in radio, Berle went to Hollywood in the late 1930s, and performed in a number of forgettable movies like *Tall, Dark and Handsome* and *Sun Valley Serenade*. Back on Broadway and radio in the 1940s, Berle was matched up with television, and never looked back.

With his brash, flip style, Berle adapted quickly to TV, becoming one of its pioneers. In 1984, he was the first performer to be inducted into the TV Hall of Fame. A hard-driving man, he was not a Mr. Nice Guy in real life. But if nothing else, he was a consummate professional who foreshadowed the contemporaray sitcom.

Rabbinical Reflections

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

This week's sidrah contains the famous verse of our faith: Shema Yisraeil, HaShem Elokeinu, HaShem echad — Hear, O Israel, HaShem is our God, HaShem is the One and Only.

I have translated the verse as above to reflect two basic ideas. 1) God is One — there are no parts, there are no other units. He is indivisible. 2) At this point in history, HaShem is our God, not universally acknowledged, but ultimately all will recognize Him as the One and Only God.

It is well known that the word Hashem in Hebrew represents God's midas harachamim, His attribute of Mercy, while the word Elokim (or Elokeinu) represents God's midas hadin, His attribute of stern justice. How do we reconcile the two being in the same verse, particularly two words next to one another, and why does HaShem precede and follow Elokeinu?

I would like to explain this using a beautiful thought told to me by the great Maggid of Jerusalem, Rabbi Sholom Schwadron. I have printed it in my recently published book *To Comfort the Bereaved.*

The Ramban (the great talmudic scholar and kabbalist, Nachmanides) went to visit a young student who was very ill. When he came into the room he told the student that since he [the student] was a tzaddik, a righteous person, he was going to be elevated in Heaven and transported from one heichal (sphere) to another.

When he was to enter a particular sphere the Ramban instructed him to say: "I would like to ask a question." The student asked what question he was to ask, and the Ramban answered that he should ask, "Why did I have to die so young?"

The student died and appeared soon after to the Ramban [in either a dream or through another medium].

The Ramban asked, "So did they take you from this sphere to that one, as I had indicated?" "Yes," replied the student. "And did you come to that particular sphere that I spoke about?" "Yes," replied the student. "And did you ask the question that I asked you to ask?" "No," replied the student. "And why not?" queried the Ramban. "Because I did not want to embarrass my Rebbe [meaning the Ramban himself]," answered the student.

And he explained: "You see, Rebbe, on the door of that sphere are inscribed the following words — Dimenu Elokim chasdecha bekerev heichalecha — We have hoped, O God, for your kindness in the midst of your sphere (sanctuary) (Psalms 48:10). Now we know that the term Elokim is used when referring to the midas hadin, the attribute of the stern and strict justice of God. According to this simple translation of the verse would it not have been more appropriate . . . have used the word HaShem, God's attribute of kindness? The answer is that we can interpret the verse in another way altogether, putting the comma after Elokim, and translating the word dimenu, not as hope, but rather from the word nidmeh, what appears to us. Thus the meaning would be: What appears to us (what we think) is Elokim, God's stern justice, we now clearly see, when entering this sphere, is rather in reality, Your kindness, O God."

Using this explanation we can now interpret our verse of Shema Yisrael and we say the following: Hear O Israel, both the attributes of HaShem and Elokeinu are in reality attributes of HaShem — there is no way we can ever ascribe to God cruelty, injustice — in reality, it is ultimately all kindness.

Similarly we can now translate the famous first verse of this week's haftarah: "Nachman, nachamu ami yomar Elokeichem — Take comfort, take comfort, my nation, says your God." The word nachum, commonly translated as comfort, can also mean to change one's mind, similar to the verse (Genesis 6:6) — vayinachem HaShem ki asah es ha'adam — and HaShem regretted (changed His mind, kivyachol) that He had made man.

In this way Isaiah the Prophet is proclaiming in the name of God: I will ultimately comfort you from all of the trials and tribulations of the bitter galus, exile, by changing your minds and demonstrating that ultimately all of these were for the good. Even Elokeichem, God's attributes of stern justice will be proven to have been chesed, the kindness of HaShem, and you will ultimately be comforted.

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The last requirement may well provide the Jewish community of Berlin with difficulties as it seeks a replacement for Rabbi Ernst Stein, who ran the Conservative Pestalozzistrasse Synagogue for the past 14 years before retiring earlier this summer.

In a recent interview with JTA, Jerzy Kanal, head of Berlin's Jewish community, expressed confidence that the community's board of directors would find two candidates to fill the openings by the end of the year.

But he admitted that it will be an uphill battle to find rabbis who speak German and want to move to the German capital.

"Germany doesn't have the best image," Kanal conceded. "We receive lots of delegations from overseas, and there's hardly a delegation that doesn't ask us, 'How can you live here?' "

Kanal added that competition from other Western countries makes the Berlin community's search process more difficult.

"If a rabbi has a position in England or America, he isn't keen to come to Germany."

It's equally difficult to find native-born rabbis, he said, noting that in wealthy Germany, young Jews do not see a need to go into the rabbinate. If the economic situation here were worse, there would be more interest in religion, he claimed.

But the retired Rabbi Stein is more critical. He said the German Jewish communities, and Berlin in particular, are known among German-speaking rabbis as tough assignments.

The city's congregants, Rabbi Stein said, are more interested in political or business contacts they can obtain from membership in the community than they are in Judaism.

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Organizations and People

Court orders Droege released

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A Federal Court of Appeal judge last week ordered the release from jail of white supremacists Wolfgang Droege and Gary Schipper pending their appeal of contempt of court citations.

Judge Louis Marceau attached several conditions to the release, including that Droege and Schipper file written undertakings that they would comply with the terms of a consent order prohibiting them from offering telephone hate messages.

Droege, who heads the racist Heritage Front, and Schipper, who used to be the voice on the Front's telephone hotline, were sentenced on June 22 for ignoring court orders that they cease offering telephone hate messages. Droege was sentenced to four months in jail, Schipper to two months and Heritage Front member Ken Barker to one month. Barker has already completed his sentence.

Rene Duval, senior counsel for the Canadian Human Rights Commission, said the commission did not oppose Droege's and Schipper's application that they be released pending appeal. But it did ask the court to attach several conditions to the release, including an order that they be prevented from broadcasting messages, setting up a hotline, associating with members of the Heritage Front and with commenting on any social or political issue.

The court turned down those requests, Duval said. However, it did require Droege and Schipper to proceed with their appeal expeditiously. Whether they are able to do so will depend on whether they are able to obtain Legal Aid funding for their case. Duval added that, in an affidavit filed with the court, Droege's lawyer Harry Doan said this could take up to two months.

Steven Shulman, associate director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, said the judicial "process will ultimately run its course on appeal. In the meantime, we expect the police will monitor the situation to ensure that, in the event that Droege and/or Schipper violate the terms of release, they will be apprehended."

Feinberg clinic receives JCC's bill

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The enthusiasm over the highly successful blood screening drive for Jay Feinberg has been tempered by the fact that the Jewish Community Centre, where the drive was held, charged the organizers $400.

Jack Feinberg, Jay's father, said that to his knowledge this is the first clinic in the world for which a charge has been levied.

Paul Brownstein, executive director of the Jewish Community Centre north branch told *The CJN* that the organizers came to the staff person responsible for renting facilities and asked what the rental fee was. On being told the amount, they immediately wrote a cheque.

The question of a subsidy or a free room was not brought to him, he said.

Brownstein is bitter about a community where "everyone feels they should come here and use the JCC for free. Everybody wants something for nothing.

"I agree that the community should be able to use the JCC for free," he said."But we have to pay our bills.

"Everyone criticizes us [for charging for facilities and for the financial bind the institution is in] but we can barely pay our salaries now."

The JCC "has lots of scars from the Jewish community," Brownstein said.

He noted wryly that "there is some pent-up emotion here."

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Hanan Altman (right), an Israeli disabled war veteran, participated in the Ride for the Heart and Stroke Foundation while visiting Toronto. Altman as in Toronto as a member of the Beit Halochem Canada group visit program. He is seen here, wearing the Israeli flag, with his host, Mrs. Lou Dale (left) and Michael Sax, president, Beit Halochem Canada.

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Israeli scouts delight crowds

TORONTO — Against a backdrop of interwoven Israeli, American and Canadian flags, 10 Israeli scouts wowed a crowd of over 600 at a concert last month.

The Israel Scouts Friendship Caravan 1994, made up of five boys, five girls and two leaders, was on a coast-to-coast North American tour. In Toronto they performed at Esther Shiner Stadium and Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. Other Canadian stops included Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston and Niagara Falls.

The Toronto program, which received a standing ovation, included the Israel Scout Song *Shir Hatzorim* and *Shir HaShalom*, the Song of Peace.

The visit was sponsored by the Jewish Advisory Committee on Scouting & Guiding and the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto. Peter Sawyer, regional commissioner of Scouts Canada, gave the 10 youngsters badges to help them remember their stay.

After the Toronto Baycrest show, one audience member who cannot speak passed on a note to the organizers. "Young & Lovely Girl & Boy Performers," it read, "Lovely to look at & a Delight to listen to/God Bless all Performers, we owe a Big Thank You/God Bless Those Responsible from a Grateful Resident."

In Montreal the Israeli scouts were hosted by Reuben R. Koffler, Shaar Hashomayim Scout Group and the Westmount District of Scouts Canada. They performed in Temple Emanu El for the community and in the senior citizen home Place Kensington.

In Ottawa the hosts were Howard Osterer, the 39th Henry "Hank" Torontow Scout Group and the J.C.C. of Ottawa. They performed for the community at an outdoor barbecue and at the Jewish Schools of Ottawa.

Beth Israel Congregation in Kingston hosted the troup for their two shows. The scouts spend Shabbat in Niagara Falls at a community Oneg Shabbat sponsored by B'nai Jacob Congregation.

"The Caravan is a credit to the world of Scouting and the best ambassadors Israel could have sent," said Robert Engel, chair of the National Jewish Advisory Committee on Scouting & Guiding.

Baycrest Terrace resident Moe Green sings along with Israeli scout Raz Friedman of Kfar Aza during a concert at Baycrest Centre by the Israel Scouts Friendship Caravan. [Alron photo]

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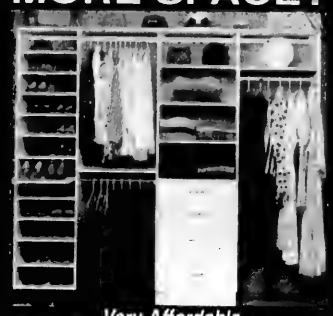

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Young Reform Jews launch new group

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Judaism meets Generation X.

Or more accurately, young (aged 19-30) Reform Jews, disenchanted with synagogue and other youth groups, are starting a Metro-wide organization aimed primarily at keeping members within the religious fold.

Organizers stress the group is not a dating or singles service but a place where young Reform Jews can congregate outside a synagogue setting for lectures and programs on religion, community service and social action.

But it won't be all work, says Tamara Fisher, who's starting the fledgling group with fellow Temple Har Zion member Andrew Consky.

Fisher, 23, envisions a relaxed environment in which both the Reform mind and the funny bone will be stimulated. She would like representation from all Reform congregations in and around Toronto, from singles as well as marrieds, university students and those just starting careers.

In the planning are a lecture series, entertainment programs — such as sporting events, movies and theme parties — fundraisers, weekend retreats and promotion of community service.

But the overall thrust, says Fisher, is keeping Reform Judaism alive and well among the younger set.

"It's a chance to rally with our own," she told *The CJN*. "It allows Reform Jews to interact with other Reform young adults from around the city, and get back to the faith."

Geographically, Reform has spread out. In the last year alone, congregations have sprung up in Durham and York regions, joining synagogues in Mississauga, Hamilton, Brampton and Kitchener, not to mention the three Reform temples in Metro, and Temple Har Zion and Temple Kol Ami, both in Thornhill.

Organizers also want the Reform Kolel involved.

Fisher said she helped start the group mainly for two reasons: the youth group at Har Zion, Ma'Avar, was "too cliqueish and too isolated from other synagogues." Add to that alarming rises in intermarriage and assimilation rates, and Fisher felt something should be done to get young Jews in the same room, interested in the same things.

Armed with an old list of members of North Eastern Lakes Federation of Temple Youth (NELFTY), the Reform movement's wing for teenagers, Fisher made a few calls and got "about 70 people as potential members right away."

She says there's potential for well over 100 members.

As Fisher and others see it, young Jews aged 19-22 are in the greatest danger of dropping out of religion. NELFTY's oldest members are 18, while universities are where many young people meet their future mates. And often, the first few years of work leave little time for matters spiritual.

Rabbi Daniel Gottlieb, executive director of the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism (CCRJ) agrees.

The organized Jewish community has had the "least success" in maintaining contact with people between college and the workforce, he said.

He thinks the group is "a terrific idea" precisely because it attempts to reach out and connect with a vulnerable section of society.

Already, the as-yet unnamed organization has a program planned for August 13.

For details, dial Fisher at (905) 881-8080 or Debra Dubiansky at (905) 848-2976.

Winnipeg Legions honored

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Following the lead of the national organization, the Midwest region of the B'nai Brith League for Human Rights is awarding human rights citations to those Winnipeg branches of the Royal Canadian Legion that show respect for the traditions of others as well as their own.

Michael Lazar, Midwest region chair, reports that so far three or four local Legion branches have agreed to accept the citations.

Lazar reports that the League has surveyed Winnipeg's Legion branches about their policy concerning head coverings and found that seven favor the hats off policy; seven (including the primarily Jewish General Monash Branch) oppose it. Five others either had no policy or could not be reached for comment.

In one case, he says, the League is supporting local Sikh activist Kuldip Singh who is taking the Elmond Legion branch before the Manitoba Human Rights Commission after Singh phoned the branch and was told that he was not welcome wearing his turban.

"We have had consultations with The World Sikh Organization and the Khalsa Diwan Society of Manitoba about contingency plans," Lazar says. "If things go well, I hope we won't have to take any further action."

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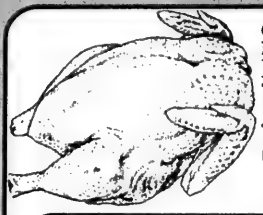

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At the Negev Dinner (from left) honorees Harold and Paula Taub with guest speaker Alan Dershowitz.

Hamilton UJA chair ends term

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — As CeCe Schreiber winds up her two-year term as Hamilton's United Jewish Appeal (UJA) chair, she has much to be proud of.

Dedicated, methodical and very much a "hands-on" person, Hamilton's first-ever woman campaign chair ran a campaign that involved many new members of the community and brought in many new contributors.

It also resulted in an overall increase of eight per cent in campaign contributions — no mean feat considering the depressed economy and its effect on this industry dependent city.

"The point of the exercise," Schreiber said in a recent interview, "was to reach everyone in the community." With the help of "126 really good canvassers," she set about doing just that.

Material about UJA and letters explaining "why it is important to be part of the campaign" went out to the entire community. There were videos both for past donors and those who had never been canvassed.

There were also polite calls to those donors who could not contribute as they had in the past. "You have to have empathy for people in every situation," she said of the strategy.

Schreiber's campaign also looked to cash in on pledges made years ago but never honored. "Pledges are wonderful, but you can't run a community on pledges."

Hand-addressed invoices with a personal note from a board member will, she hopes, aid in collecting these pledges.

Schreiber said the campaign was particularly successful in "creating a new awareness. People will respond if you present them with the information." She said she most enjoyed learning about new contributors.

Some of those new contributors were immigrants from the former Soviet Union. Schreiber said she was touched to see those who have been in Hamilton for barely a year reach out to their even more recently arrived compatriots.

CeCe Schreiber

Negev Dinner honors Taubs

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

WINDSOR — Hate crime legislation does not work, according to lawyer Alan Dershowitz, who told a Windsor audience recently that in his opinion Canada's experiment with hate crime laws has been a failure.

The famed U.S. civil rights lawyer and author of the best selling *Chutzpa!* was in Windsor to address the Jewish National Fund (JNF) Negev Tribute Dinner in honor of Harold and Paula Taub.

A record 500 guests attended the dinner at the Caboto Club, the largest attendance ever in the 23-year history of this JNF event here.

Bringing hatemongers and Holocaust deniers such as Jim Keegstra and Ernst Zundel to trial will not work, Dershowitz said, because the resulting court cases and media coverage will give them a far wider audience and more publicity than they would otherwise have enjoyed.

In an interview with the *Windsor Star*, Dershowitz was quoted as saying "the answer to hate mongers is giving them enough rope to hang themselves."

Prominent Windsor lawyer Harold Taub and his wife Paula were honored for their many years of dedicated community service and leadership.

Joseph Eisenber, the retired executive director of the Windsor Jewish Federation, presented the Negev citation to Harold, while Fred Katzman, a past president of Congregation Beth El, presented the citation to Paula.

Accepting the honor with "deepest humility," Taub said "the greatest honor was having the opportunity afforded to us to raise money for a cause we love and believe so strongly in."

And in her response, Paula said their numerous communal and Israel involvements have given the couple a bonus of many lasting and special friendships.

She closed her remarks with the hope that many ot the young people present would remain a strong force for future Jewish generations both at home and in Israel.

Emcee for the evening was Marcey Katzman; co-campaign chairs were Windsor JNF president Jerry Goldberg, Alan Ackerman, Gary Katz and Rabbi Jonathan Plaut.

Dr. Sharon Marcovitz Hart, president of Hamilton JNF, brought greetings on behalf of JNF National board of directors, and Dennis Archer and Michael Hurst, the mayors of Detroit and Windsor, brought greetings on behalf of their cities.

The honorees' 7-year-old granddaughter, Elana Ackerman, assisted by Cantor Sidney Resnick of Congregation Beth El, led guests in the singing of *O Canada* and *Hatikvah*.

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Groundbreaking ceremony held for Moshav Noam housing co-operative

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

David Peltz, Valerie Hyman and MP Joseph Volpe tip dirt into the Moshav Noam cooperative housing project excavation site.

TORONTO — The Moshav Noam cooperative housing project was already underway, but that didn't stop last month's groundbreaking ceremony from going ahead.

Two months after construction began on the housing project at Lawrence Avenue and Bathurst Street, moshav board president Valerie Hyman stood beside the gaping hole and handed out hardhats and shovels for tipping dirt into the excavation site.

"It's a symbolic groundbreaking," she said.

The $15-million building should be finished by the spring of 1995.

More than 40 people were on hand for the groundbreaking, including area MP Joseph Volpe. Many were members of the Reconstructionist Congregation Darchei Noam, whose social action committee pushed for the mixed-income project.

"It takes 4½ years and a lot of people to make an event like this [happen]," Hyman told the crowd.

The nine-member moshav board was incorporated in 1990. The moshav purchased the land next to Bathurst Place seniors' building for $2.8 million in December, and secured a guaranteed mortgage through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

The mortgage on the mixed-income building will be paid off through government subsidies, said development consultant Dan Fast.

Sixty per cent of the building's 142 units will be subsidized, Hyman said. She wants the building to be a "community of friends."

Isaac Hadida, 68, will be part of that community when he moves into a one-bedroom apartment next spring. He said he was attracted to the moshav because "[it is] exactly like the kibbutz in Israel. We split the same happiness and the same joy.

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Swastika found cut in lawn

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Don and Joyce Schaeffer came from a Canada Day picnic to find someone had carved a swastika and a Magen David into their front lawn.

Inside the swastika was a piece of cardboard with an obscene message.

"It left me with a strange feeling," said Don Schaeffer. "We have had anti-Semitic incidents in the past but nothing like this."

Originally from New York, the Schaeffers moved to Winnipeg in 1975 and settled in Transcona, an area with very few Jewish residents. They are members of the Reform Temple Shalom and were active in the B'nai Brith League for Human Rights, midwestern region.

Although Joyce Schaeffer said she thinks she knows who was responsible, Winnipeg police have no suspects as yet.

District 4 Superintendent Graham Stewart said the Hate Crimes Unit has spoken to the Schaeffers and their neighbors, viewed the lawn and made enquiries but that no one saw or heard anything.

"We are doing the best we can," Stewart said, "but right now we have no leads."

Kolel's kallah set for Orillia

TORONTO — Kolel's third annual national study kallah will get underway next week in Orillia.

The five-day retreat, which runs from July 27 to 31 at the Geneva Park Conference Centre, is sponsored by Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, the adult education section of the Canadian Council for Reform Judiasm.

Kallah organizer Rabbi Elyse Goldstein said over 80 people have signed up for the retreat, up from 63 last year.

Participants will study and discuss with faculty rabbis such topics as the Ten Commandments, chassidic literature, and Ruth and Esther as feminist heroes.

They can also learn more about Israeli dances, genealogy and how to tell stories.

For more information about the kallah, call Rabbi Goldstein at (905) 660-3154.

McLeod comes out swinging at nomination meeting

Kwinter nominated

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It was a Liberal love-in last week at Ontario's most "Jewish" riding, as the hand of Wilson Heights MPP Monte Kwinter was hoisted in the air by the woman who appeared confident of becoming the province's next premier.

Liberal leader Lyn McLeod was present at Kwinter's nomination meeting — a formality, as no one opposed the popular MPP — and both used the occasion to lambaste the governing NDP, as well as the Tories.

Kwinter told party and riding faithful that Ontarians will soon get the election they've been waiting for.

While rumors of a late autumn or early winter vote swirl about Queen's Park, Kwinter said "most" observers agree a provincial election will be held next spring.

Kwinter said Conservative leader Mike Harris spent $600,000 to promote the Tories' "Common Sense Revolution" of tax cuts and fiscal restraint, only to see the Conservatives lose four points in their popularity rating.

Current standings, according to Kwinter, are 60 per cent support for the Liberals, 21 per cent for the Conservatives and 12 per cent for the NDP.

Kwinter is one of four Jewish MPPs — three on the Liberal side and one Tory, Willowdale's Charles Harnick.

Also present at Kwinter's nod for Wilson Heights' Liberal candidate was Howard Shore, who's seeking the Liberal nomination in Willowdale. Earlier this year, Shore's Markham home was defaced with spray-painted swastikas and messages warning him to quit the race. Shore has stayed in the running, against former Willowdale MPP Gino Matrundola.

McLeod acknowledged Shore's presence.

The Liberal leader also slammed NDP policies, and spelled out her party's fiscal priorities: 150,000 more jobs than the New Democrats would create; a five per cent tax cut and a 50 per cent reduction in government regulations.

To cheers, McLeod promised stiffer gun control laws and health care with no user fees.

Ontario Liberal leader Lynn McLeod with MPP Monte Kwinter. [Paul Lungen photo]

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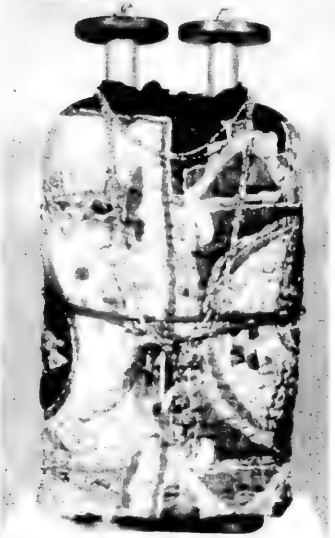

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The brothers Nemirovsky, Michael (left) and David, seen here after a mid-summer workout at a Toronto-area rink. [Paul Lungen photo]

Jewish hockey rookie gets drafted to Florida

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Sitting in the Hartford Civic Centre during the recent NHL entry draft, David Nemirovsky began to feel a little impatient as the day wore on.

Perhaps it's indicative of his high level of self confidence or of the solid season he had just completed, but he admits to being disappointed that his name wasn't called until the fourth round, 84th overall, by the Florida Panthers.

A rookie rightwinger with the Ottawa 67s last season, Nemirovsky, who turns 18 in August, had been projected by Central Scouting as a second round pick — quite a jump for someone who played with the North York Rangers in the Metro Toronto junior league a scant two years ago.

Despite the disappointment of going so "late" in the draft, Nemirovsky is happy to have been chosen by Florida. "It's a young team, a building team so I figure I'll have better opportunities there," he said.

Something of a rookie sensation, Nemirovsky took a regular shift and impressed the 67s coaches early. For the first half of the season, they had him playing on the team's number one line with Mike Peca (a Canuck draftee) and Curtis Bowen (picked by Detroit), both of whom were members of Canada's world junior championship team.

In the second half of the season, Nemirovsky skated with centre Alain McCauley and winger Steve Washburn, who was drafted by Florida the year before.

An offensive fireplug, Nemirovsky's point totals were solid. In 63 games, he bulged the twine 22 times and added 32 assists for 56 points, despite playing hurt part of the season with injured ligaments in his left wrist.

In the Ontario Hockey League playoffs, Nemirovsky picked up the scoring pace, registering 10 goals and 10 assists in 17 games, including four power-play markers and one game-winner.

Analyzing his strengths and weaknesses, Nemirovsky believes his strongest points are his skating, playmaking and goal-scoring abilities. At the same time, he acknowledges that to shore up his game, he has to get stronger. At six foot two, 185 lbs., he hopes to put on another 10-15 lbs. so he doesn't get pushed around by the NHL's heavyweights.

Peter Lee, who has moved from assistant to the 67s' head coaching job with the retirement of Brian Kilrea, said, "David has a good offensive touch around the net, good instincts. He needs to work on his defensive [game]. He shows flashes of being a really good skater but he needs to work hard on every shift. He has a lot of potential [but] he's still a little green."

Although he's going to camp hoping to make the Panthers, Nemirovsky says he won't be too disappointed if he's sent back to junior for more seasoning. If that's his fate, he says he'll set his sights on making Canada's world junior team.

Heady goals for any hockey player — particularly for the son of immigrants from Odessa in the former Soviet Union. His father, Semyon, played elite level soccer in the Soviet Union as well as hockey. Nemirovsky readily admits the Russian influence in his game, even though he was born in Canada.

"I think I have the best of both worlds," he said. "My skill is at a Russian level and the heart is that of a Canadian."

Elite league

His brother, Michael, 19, seems to have an even stronger affinity with Russian-style hockey. Last July, he moved to Moscow to play for Spartak in the elite league. But by November the political situation became too unstable and he decided to return to Canada where he caught on with Chicoutimi of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

He played centre on a line with Alexei Lojkin, a native of Minsk, and Christian Caron, and the unit quickly established itself as the team's finesse outfit. In 30 games over a three-month span, Michael scored 18 goals and had 18 assists before he broke his wrist and had to leave the lineup.

A dandy stickhandler with Kent Nilsson-like moves, Michael (six feet 185 lbs.) says he felt that going from the Russian elite league to Junior A was like "going from playing with men at a high level where I had to push myself to a much easier level."

Six of his Spartak teammates were chosen in the draft and he predicts that right-winger Alexander Selvanov, Philadelphia's sixth-round pick, will make the Flyers because he's strong, skilled and has a bit of a mean streak — perfect for the NHL.

Michael is undrafted but he says he's already had two offers to attend NHL training camps as a free agent.

Correction

In the article, Feinberg's hopes rest with new clinic (*CJN* June 30), the anecdote about the donor who sent a teddy bear to the infant recipient of her bone marrow was based on faulty information.

Debbie Litwin-Malek of Ottawa, the donor, told *The CJN* that she was tested at a clinic for an Ottawa child suffering from leukemia, not for Feinberg. She was later contacted by the Unrelated Bone Marrow Registry to assist another child.

Her sister, who lives in Toronto, told her of hearing about a bone marrow recipient who had received a teddy bear.

Litwin-Malek has since met the family — and the teddy bear.

The child she gave the marrow to is doing well.

Israeli skaters hope to play junior hockey

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Bellingham, Wash., is a long way from Krasnoyarsk, Siberia but the U.S. West Coast is where 18-year-old Eugene (Evgeny) Feldman is hoping his career will take him this summer.

Feldman, along with Boris Amromin, 19, and Alexander (Sasha) Stolyar, 17½, are three Soviet-born athletes hoping to crack the lineup of the Bellingham Hawks, a tier II junior A team located just south of the British Columbia border near Vancouver.

Although the presence of Soviet-born players on junior hockey teams is becoming less of a rarity these days, it's unlikely that any junior squad can boast an Israeli connection as well. That's because, in addition to sharing a Soviet birthplace, the three young athletes are also Israeli citizens who have laced up their skates to play for the country's national team.

Israeli head coach Gideon Lee, who is based in Toronto, believes the Washington trio, along with 17-year-old Sabra skater Ran Oz, represent the future core of talent for the national team.

With that in mind, Lee, along with the team's assistant coach Marshall Uretsky, arranged for the three Soviet-born players to get tryouts with the Hawks. Oz, meanwhile, is aiming for a spot on one of Toronto's AAA midget teams this year. He hopes to follow that up with a stint in junior B and then perhaps earn a scholarship to an American university.

Lee believes the top Israeli players need North American competition and training to develop their skills.

Despite the Mediterranean climate of the Jewish state, the foursome are die-hard hockey enthusiasts who live to play the game. In Toronto to hone their skills before training camp, they practice with a handful of other junior prospects at a north Toronto rink under the watchful eye of Mike Lende, a professional hockey instructor who has coached the Toronto Marlie Midgets for the past two seasons.

Israeli hockey players relax after a strenuous workout. Seen here (from left) are Ran Oz, Boris Amromin, Eugene Feldman and Sasha Stolyar. [Paul Lungen photo]

Lende has them perform a variety of drills to improve their skill level. In the brief time he's seen the Israelis skate, he likes what he sees. Amromin and Feldman play at a junior B level now, he said, while Stolyar, who needs to work on his skating and game awareness, might be more comfortable at a juvenile AAA level.

Game experience

He's high on Oz's potential, noting that he only began skating a few years ago. "He's got all the tools, he just needs game experience," Lende said.

Out on the ice, the foursome did not look out of place practicing and scrimmaging with several junior A players. Feldman, a 5 foot 10, 160-lb. centre who plays for Haifa in the Israeli league, believes he's ready to play junior A hockey. He's not concerned about the North American physical game.

Stolyar, a native of Kiev who also plays for Haifa, hasn't played at a North American level of competition for quite a while and is concerned about getting into game shape. Like his buddies, his dream is to make a career for himself as a hockey player.

Amromin, who was born in Kharkov and who also plays for Haifa, said the difference between the Israeli league and the Toronto practice was huge. "It's a different level," he said. Up to age 16 when he went on aliyah, he played in the top hockey league in Ukraine, he said.

Unlike his Israeli teammates, Oz learned his hockey in the Jewish state. But like them, his ultimate goal is to play professional hockey. At 6 foot 2 and 210 lbs., he's got the size to play defence in the big league and he likes the physical game. But he knows he has to work hard and improve all aspects of his game, especially his skating and his game experience.

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Sharing the ice with the Israeli skaters was Daryl Grist, a 17-year-old whose mother is Jewish. Grist played last season for the Toronto Marlies in the MTHL and the year before that for Don Mills Flyers.

This past summer, the 5 foot 11, 175-lb. centre was drafted by Ottawa 67s of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL).

Daryl Grist

With a shot at major junior hockey ahead of him, Grist has devoted his summer to getting his game in top shape. In addition to skating under Lende's supervision, he'll attend a hockey camp and devote a lot of time to dry land training.

A good skater who counts playmaking among his top skills, Grist said his dream since he was 4 was to play in the NHL.

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At the ripe old age of 24, Mike Lende has already racked up some impressive credentials as a hockey and skating coach. Head man with the Marlie Midgets the past two seasons, Lende has also privately tutored OHL players as well as some professionals during the summer months. This past season he was up at 6 a.m. every morning to coach Ryerson's varsity team in skill development.

His expertise at coaching can be traced back to his school days at York University where he took psychology. "When everyone was studying for exams, I was studying hockey," he recalled.

Lende pursued his interest in coaching at Colorado College. He also travelled to Europe where he studied coaching and skating techniques.

Self-taught as a hockey instructor, Lende along with his brother Danny opened the Hockey Academy, a summer school for hockey enthusiasts.

The four-year-old school has held camps in Nova Scotia, Whitby, Richmond Hill and Sweden. He recently sold his half-interest to his brother, but continues to instruct.

Lende said he has adapted a variety of European skating drills to teach bigger players quickness and mobility. "It's like ballet on ice or figure skating," he said. "The key concept is edgework."

Lee recruited him to help get the Israeli skaters into top shape for their upcoming tryout camps. His biggest challenge will be to help "teach them mechanically how to maintain possession of the puck while being hit, and game awareness. They're going to have to get used to seeing the whole ice," he said.

Mike Lende

Women raise over $1m

VANCOUVER — The Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver raised more than $1 million in the recent Combined Jewish Appeal campaign, according to division chair Hilary Benson.

The $1,001,653 raised was eight per cent more than the $925,800 raised the previous year. Benson said the funds represented 25 per cent of the total dollars raised in the 1993 campaign. There were 2,428 women donors.

"A woman's gift used to be a small token over and above the family's collective pledge," Benson said. "Today, with the radical changes in women's roles in society, our communal role and financial responsibility has also changed dramatically.

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Organizations and People

Volunteer named to Order of Canada

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

Edith Lando

VANCOUVER — A pioneer resident of Vancouver, Edith Lando, has been appointed a Member of the Order of Canada (OC).

Lando, 77, will receive the honor for voluntary service at a ceremony in Ottawa in October.

Born in Winnipeg, Lando, the widow of a lawyer, has four children and 10 grandchildren. She became active in the Jewish and general community almost immediately after moving here in 1938.

Educated in Winnipeg, New York, Cologne and Los Angeles, she won the City of Vancouver Centennial Award for Outstanding Pioneers and was 1986 nominee for the YMCA Women of Distinction Award.

Currently she is on the steering committee for Western Gold, a new program which will coach, direct and provide acting opportunities for actors and actresses over the age of 60.

She has supported a number of Israeli institutions — Ben Gurion, Tel Aviv, Hebrew, Bar Ilan universities; Canadian Friends of Amal to raise funds for disadvantaged young Israelis; and Peace Now.

Her work for Bar Ilan included initiating and endowing a 10-year research study at that university for the improvements of relations between Arabs and Jews.

Lando was the first chair of the United Jewish Appeal Women's Division, was on the advisory board of the State of Israel Bonds organization, on the board of the men's Youth Aliyah campaign and program chair of Beth Israel Synagogue Sisterhood.

She initiated, organized and ran a gift shop for patients at Louis Brier Home for the elderly; and organized and co-funded a children's art exhibit in Vancouver from the Givat Haviva Educational Institution in Israel, which is dedicated to fostering good relations between Arab and Israel children.

Last year she organized and held a fundraiser for Children of the World, an association which focuses on child welfare and which at present concentrates on children's institutions in Romania.

Lando was the first president of the Greater Vancouver Child Abuse Prevention Society and chaired a workshop on Child Abuse and Neglect at an international conference in Salsburg, Austria.

She has established the Edith Lando Charitable Foundation, providing gifts for a wide range of interests. Innovative programs, usually in the area of child welfare, are preferred, she said.

At 77, said Lando, she still feels there is much work to do and will continue with her voluntary activities.

SEND-OFF FOR ONTARIO TEENS

Twenty-six Jewish teenagers from small Ontario communities got a high-profile send-off last week before departing for a five-week tour of Isreal. From left are Eli Hoffman from Commanda, Ont., Willowdale MP Jim Peterson, Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario region chair Gerda Friedberg, federal Treasury Board president Art Eggleton, Daniella Sperling of Barrie, Ont., and North York Coun. Mike Feldman. The teens are part of CJC's high school outreach program, which takes young people from outlying areas in Ontario to Israel, following three years of programs. [Jay Brodbar photo]

Summer's the time to get corn(y)

By EILEEN GOLTZ
Special to The CJN

We love corn on the cob in this house. We make whole meals around it. Face it, any good food that is this easy to make has got to be perfect.

I discovered this in my 20s, shortly after I was married. On a quest for the perfect ear of corn, I discovered something. If you stand in the middle of a corn field on a hot summer day you can hear it growing. This original city girl was amazed. Up to this point I thought corn came from the grocery store. I figured they grew it somewhere in the back of the building.

Most people just husk their corn, throw it in their pot or microwave and cook it within an inch of soggy. Don't do that. All the corn needs is 7 to 8 minutes at a rolling boil or 3 to 4 minutes per ear in the microwave. It should still be crisp when it comes out. You can roast it on the grill for 10 to 12 minutes with the husk on and the silk removed. It takes a little work but its wonderful. (Brush the ear with a little butter or margarine before you pull the husks back up.)

Eating the corn right off the cob is a great way to enjoy it. In fact, that's where most people stop. I, however, have collected some really great recipes that use corn from the cob in unconventional ways. Some of them take a little work but they're worth it. So if you have a few extra ears or you just feel like experimenting have fun. Just a note, 2 large ears of corn equal 1 cup.

CUCUMBER CORN CHOWDER

1 lb. cucumbers, cut into small cubes
1 tbsp. chopped dill (fresh is best)
1 medium leek, chopped
1 oz. butter
2 cups milk
1 cup corn
1/2 oz. corn starch
2 tbsp. water
2 yolks, beaten
2/3 c. sour cream
1/2 c. whipped sweet cream

Saute dill and leeks in butter for about 2 minutes at a low temp. Add the cucumbers and cook for 5 minutes more, stirring often. Add milk and corn kernels and simmer for 20 mins. Dissolve the cornstarch in the water and add, stirring until thick. Remove from heat.

Beat yolks and sour cream together. Add a little of the corn mixture to the yolk mixture, stir and then add the yolk mixture to the soup. Serve at once and top with a dollop of whip cream. Croutons go great with this.

— *The Israeli Cookbook*

CORN WALNUT DIP

2 packages (8 oz. each) softened cream cheese
¼ cup vegetable oil
¼ cup lime juice
1 tbsp. ground red chilies
1 tbsp. ground cumin
½ tsp. salt
dash pepper
1¼ cup corn
1 c. chopped walnuts
1 small onion, chopped

In a mixing bowl beat together all the ingredients except the corn, walnuts and onion. When the rest of the ingredients are blended, stir in the corn walnuts and onion. Serve with tortilla chip or piece of pita.

AVOCADO CORN SALAD

3 cups cooked brown rice
1 avocado
1 cup corn
½ cup toasted almonds
1 small onion, finely chopped
2 tsp. lemon juice
2 tsp. olive oil
2 tsp. vinegar
2 tsp. soy sauce
lettuce

Cook brown rice according to the directions and set aside to cool. Peel and pit the avocado and chop into small pieces. Add the avocado, corn, almonds and onion into the rice. Mix very well. Combine the lemon juice, oil, vinegar and soy sauce together. Mix well and pour over the rice mixture. Mix, refrigerate for several hours and serve over lettuce.

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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Toronto Women's ORT honors Alice Kenner as Volunteer of the Year for a lifetime of dedication and committment to ORT. Seen here are Kenner (left) and Simmie Salzberg, who presented her with a plaque. [Graphic Artists photo]

Sunnybrook auction planned to raise funds for research

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The high quality of care was what first attracted Nani and Austin Beutel to volunteer their time and effort to the Sunnybrook Health Science Centre.

Nani Beutel is co-chair — with Anne Marie Canning — of the fourth annual Sunnybrook Fantasy Auction to raise funds for research. It will take place on Sept. 22 at the McLean Estate on the Sunnybrook grounds, beginning at 6 p.m.

The reception will feature a Dutch Honor Guard and the costumed hostesses will serve Dutch foods. The event is under the patronage of the consul-general of Netherlands, Dominique V. F. J. Baudin.

"Auctions are excellent fundraising vehicles," says Beutel. They entertain while they support.

Guests can also purchase trips for two, including being guests at a California vineyard, cruising on a private yacht in the Caribbean, or touring the gardens of Holland.

The last three auctions have raised three-quarters of a million dollars and Beutel hopes to reach one million this year. "We extend an invitation to the entire community to join us," she says.

She also stresses that "the McLean Estate exists for the community to use, as well as for our own events."

Sunnybrook, which is closely affiliated with the University of Toronto, is a teaching hospital for the U of T's School of Medicine. It is one of the largest hospitals in Canada with about 1300 beds and some 4,000 employees. Approximately 18,000 patients stayed in the acute care facilities last year, while outpatient visits to clinics and the Emergency Department totalled more than 325,000.

The Sunnybrook Health Science Centre houses six programs linked to areas of major clinical concern: aging, medical physics, clinical epidemiology, oncology, trauma and general research.

Austin and Nani Beutel

"These research programs have been phenomenally successful in many respects but still require funding to cover the costs of building and equipping the laboratories in the new Reichmann Research Building," says Beutel. "None of these projects are government funded."

Presently, there are a number of innovative studies being pursued at Sunnybrook, including digital mammography (computerized images of the breast), and MRI-guided patient therapy (minimally invasive therapy to patients).

The Beutels moved to Toronto from Montreal 16 years ago. The family has a tradition of volunteer service. Austin Beutel's father, Ben, was president of the United Talmud Torahs, the largest Jewish day school system in Montreal.

Nani Beutel's early volunteer interest was in the area of education, the field in which she was trained.

In Toronto, Nani Beutel became involved in a number of organizations, notably with the Toronto chapter, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

The Beutels both serve on a number of executive boards. Austin is a past president of Temple Sinai where Nani is a board member, and they are active in the Canadian Council of Reform Judaism. The Beutels are officers of the Toronto chapter of Ben Gurion University and serve on the board of the World Union of Progressive Judaism.

Nani Beutel recalls that she and her husband were first introduced to Sunnybrook Hospital by Martin and Carol Barkin when they met at Temple Sinai. Martin was the former president and CEO of the hospital.

"We learned what an outstanding facility Sunnybrook is," she says. "We wanted to contribute our efforts to a hospital where the staff members are so committed. Everyone we met talked about the high standard of care they and their families had received at Sunnybrook, despite its size."

Beutel believes that it is the high quality of care that brings out the commitment from volunteers. She notes with pride that Austin is chair of the Board of Trustees at Sunnybrook."

Tu b'Av singles bash planned

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — By now, July 28 must be marked on at least 500 calendars belonging to Jewish singles.

On that date, the Jewish Community Centre's (JCC) New Leadership program will host Toronto's sixth annual Tu b'Av festival party — a modern-day singles bash based on an ancient ritual.

In the days of the Second Temple, young single women danced in the vineyards outside Jerusalem on the festival of Tu b'Av (the fifteenth day of Av), while young single men chose their wives from the array of dancers.

This year, over 1,000 singles between the ages of 18 and 55 are expected to attend the evening event at the JCC North Y branch. As of last week, almost 450 tickets had been sold.

The party will take place under a tent in the outdoor field near the tennis courts.

"I've had people calling me since January, wanting to know the date of the party," said Rosanne Zarnett, North Y branch program director.

The event has been advertised extensively in several cities including Detroit, London, Buffalo, Montreal and even Boca Raton, Florida. Three people are coming in from Miami, Zarnett said.

The cost of each ticket ($18 in advance; $25 at the door) will include a selection of JCC coupons worth $100, a kosher barbeque (hot dogs, hamburgers and veggie burgers) and a varied entertainment menu.

The Rick Levine Band and Times Square Entertainment, magician Allan Nackan, and Yuk Yuk's comedians Greg Eckler and Michael Gelbart will be on hand to enhance the festivities, which will run from 7:30 to 12:30.

Door prizes include an outfit from Danier Leather, and two tickets for *Showboat* donated by Metro Toronto Singles.

Money raised at the party will be put toward programming for Jewish singles at the JCC North Y branch. Proceeds of last year's party funded the RSVP program (Relationships Seen through Varied Perspectives), which the JCC has been running for the past five months in conjunction with Aish HaTorah.

Tickets can be purchased from the JCC, 636-1880, ext. 358; Jewish Singles Registry, 398-7068; Metro Toronto Singles, 222-7111; or the Hamilton JCC.

Anyone wishing to presell tickets should contact Zarnett at 636-1880, ext. 358. One complimentary ticket will be issued for every ten tickets sold.

The JCC North Y branch received assistance from the Association of Young Jewish Adults of Canada, the Hamilton JCC, Israel Cancer Research Fund, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, Metro Toronto Singles and the JCC Bloor Y and Valley branches in planning the Tu b'Av event.

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What's New

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, July 21, is deadline for August 4 issue, and Thursday, July 28, is deadline for August 11. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Friday, July 22

ONEG SHABBAT CONCERT

As part of Temple Sinai's Our Musical Legacy program, **Cantors Jodi Sufrin** and **Roy Einhorn** will participate in services and present an Oneg Shabbat concert afterward. Husband and wife, they both serve congregations in the Boston area. Cantor Sufrin hails originally from Toronto and attended the University of Toronto before going on to the Hebrew Union College School of Sacred Music. Services at 8:15 p.m.

HAPPY MUSICAL AFTERNOON

A program of Hebrew, semi-classical and popular music will be presented by concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns**, 2-3 p.m. at Cheltenham Nursing Home, 5935 Bathurst St.

Sunday, July 24

PUBLIC LECTURE FOR WOMEN

Ohr Somayach of Thornhill announces a public lecture by **Rena Schochet**, director of Women's Study Program, entitled The Whole Truth Behind Half the Kingdom: A Torah-Based Critique of Jewish Feminism, 8:30 p.m. at Ohr Somayach/Thornhill, 613 Clark Ave., W. No admission charge and all are invited. Call (905) 886-5730 for information.

IN-LINE SKATING FESTIVAL

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Monday, July 25

ROLE & WISDOM OF JEWISH HUMOR

Aish HaTorah presents The Laughing Matter: The Role and Wisdom of Jewish Humor, 8 p.m. at the Thornhill centre, The Promenade, Suite 303, featuring **Jerry Marcus** and at the Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W., with **Rabbi Yaakov Palatnik**, also at 8 p.m. $5 fee. To register and for information, 636-7530.

Tuesday, July 26

WOMEN AND PRAYER

The Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Study's three-lecture series, Just For Her: Women's Unique Place in Judaism, starts off with Women and Prayer with **Rena Schochet**, lecturer in Canada, South Africa and England, 10-11 a.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. For information, (905) 889-6066.

And What Else Is New...

LODZ GHETTO LIQUIDATION

Former Lodzers are invited to attend a celebration commemorating the 50th anniversary of the liquidation of the ghetto in Lodz, sponsored by the regional governor of Lodz and the city mayor of Lodz and the Jewish Religious Congregation, 78 Zachodnia St., Lodz, Poland. Telephone 011-48-42-33-51-56. Program, Aug. 21-23, includes a concert, memorial in synagogue and in the Jewish cemetery, and visiting the town of Chelm and the Museum of Lodz.

KABBALAH LEARNING CENTRE

The Kabbalah Learning Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W., offers the following programs. For information/registration, call 631-9395.

The Power of Kabbalah — Documentary exploring the mysteries of life, death, good, evil, success and failure, every Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Register.

Kabbalah Advanced Course for Youth — 13-week course on such subjects as man and woman, death, sleep and dreams, the zodiac and more, starts Thursday, July 21, 7 p.m.

Reincarnation — 12-week course focusing on "Why do our prayers seem to go unanswered?" starts Monday, July 25, 8:30 p.m.

New Beginner's Course — 13-week course on the basic concepts of Kabbalah, starts Tuesday, July 26, 7 p.m.

Kabbalah Kids Summer Camp — For ages 4-11, featuring drama, karate, tennis, swimming, gymnastics, arts and crafts, and much more. August 15-26, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Register.

Kabbalah Sunday School — Jewish program for ages 4-12 consisting of Hebrew language, parsha and Torah learning, Jewish holidays, drama, arts and crafts, singing and dance. Register for 1994/95 year.

SHABBAT SERVICES IN THE CITY

The Downtown Reform Minyan continues Shabbat services at 902 Bathurst St. in the meeting room of Family Realty, Friday, July 22, 7:15 p.m.; Saturday, August 6, 10 a.m.; Friday, August 12, 7:15 p.m.; Saturday, August 20, 10 a.m.; Friday, August 26, 7:15 p.m. Everyone welcome. For information, 633-2912 or 422-1266.

BIKUR CHOLIM HOSPITAL

A special gathering took place in Jerusalem recently with the participation of the president of the State of Israel **Ezer Weizman**, government officials, rabbinical authorities and personalities from all circles. It was a tribute to the oldest hospital in Jerusalem, Bikur Cholim.

Bikur Cholim Hospital, situated in the heart of Jerusalem, was established in 1826 as the primary social welfare institution to provide necessary social services in many fields. Through the years, benefactors have contributed to the building and outfitting of various departments, including the Reichmann family who donated a department of surgery with modern facilities. This recent gathering was held to promote the enlargement and modernization of the emergency ward.

DANCE AND MORE

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KOSHER CHICKENS

Pride of Israel Synagogue has kosher chickens available for those in need. Call the shul office, 226-0111.

CALL A NEWCOMER

The Telephone Language Companion (TLC) Program of the Community Integration Program is seeking volunteers to phone recently-arrived immigrants from the former Soviet Union. Phoners are asked to make a commitment to telephone an assigned companion twice weekly for six months to help the immigrant develop telephone skills. Call **Selena Kovshoff** at the JCC, 636-1880, ext. 261 for further information or to apply.

LEAH KIDRON CHAPTER, EMUNAH

Leah Kidron chapter, Emunah, holds a buffet lunch and social gathering every Wednesday, followed by card games, noon to 4 p.m., 3636 Bathurst St., large social hall. $5 each week. Call 789-5714.

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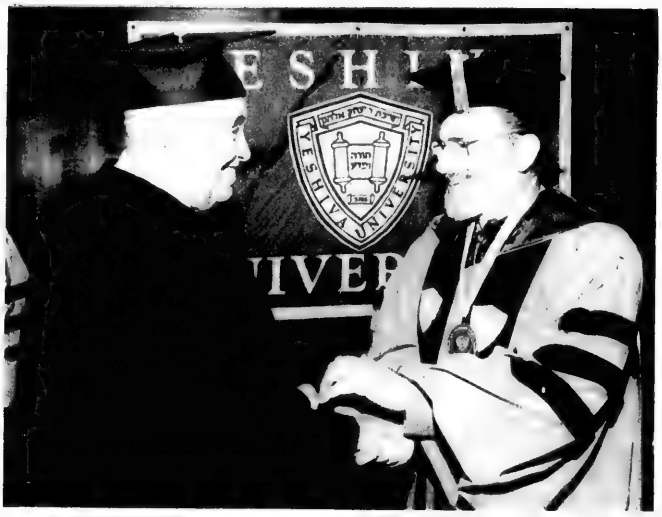

DOCTOR OF DIVINITY

Rabbi Bernard Rosensweig (left), a native of and former pulpit rabbi in Toronto who has served as spiritual leader of Congregation Adath Yeshurun in Kew Gardens for 25 years, is congratulated by Yeshiva University (YU) president Norman Lamm upon being conferred an honorary doctor of divinity degree at the University's 63rd annual commencement exercises in New York City. Rabbi Rosensweig is a past president of the Rabbinical Councils of America and Canada and a three-time YU alumnus.

SUPPORT FOR ORT

During a recent visit to Canada, Ellen Isler, director general, World ORT Union, met with ORT members, leaders and generous donors. During a luncheon meeting in Toronto, she presented a plaque to Max Guttmmann, president of Algood Casters Ltd. and ORT generous supporter.

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Women's Division State of Israel Bonds recently held the annual Sponsor Luncheon at the home of Roma Buchman. From left are Ruhama Goldstein, North American Women's Division chair; Chris Lerman, guest speaker; Reggie Levenstadt and Yetta Randall, Sponsor Luncheon co-chairs; Barbara Cappe Jacobs, Toronto Women's Division chair; and Roma Buchman.

What's New

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BETH ISRAEL HEBREW ACADEMY

Beth Israel Hebrew Academy offers a Sunday and/or two evening program in Thornhill and Richmond Hill. Curriculum includes Hebrew language, prayers, reading, writing, Jewish history and Bible. Theatre, music, dance and poetry are integrated with the child's studies. Registration for 1994/95 accepted now. **Lillian Benlolo**, (905) 770-1082.

TRADITIONAL MINYAN

Everyone is welcome to Congregation Shomer Israel, 60 Rockford Rd. (school portable). Shabbat services 9 a.m. followed by kiddush. Sunday, 8:30 a.m. No dues. For information, 362-3248.

JEP/OHR SOMAYACH TORONTO

JEP/Ohr Somayach Toronto is offering several interesting summer programs, all taking place at 2939 Bathurst St. For information, 785-5899 —

Practical Judaism — a multi-media lecture series for men and women, continues Tuesday, July 26, 8 p.m. with The Mikvah, a slide/lecture on the meaning, use and construction of the modern mikvah with **Yisroel Idels**. Following lectures are The Scribal Arts with **Rabbi Zvi A. Fleisher**, highly respected sofer, Tuesday, August 9; and The Shofar Symposium, with a panel of experts Tuesday, August 23. Donation $3 per lecture.

Weekdays for Women — The Sin of Adom Harishon with **Rabbi Yaakov Kerzner** concludes Monday, July 25, 10 a.m. The Torah of Life with **Rabbi Mordechai Becher**, senior lecturer Ohr Somayach Thornhill, runs Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. through August. Babysitting available (call office in advance).

Relating to Non-Jews, Relating to Jews — a four-part series for men and women entitled Between Jew and Fellow Jew with **Prof. Elliot Malamet** begins Monday, July 25, 8 p.m. This follows Between Jew and Non-Jew with **Rabbi Yaakov Kerzner** which concluded July 18.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Congragtulations to **Debbi** and **Arthur Stern**, winners of Leo Baeck Day School's raffle draw which took place at the recent board of trustees annual meeting. The raffle was a fundraiser for the school's new building on Atkinson Avenue in Thornhill to be completed for the September term.

for seniors

Association of Jewish Seniors annual picnic takes place Sunday, July 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Earl Bales Park Area 1. Everyone welcome. Bring your own lunch and chair. Refreshments, bingo and entertainment provided. For information, **Goldie Liebman**, 635-2860.

During July and August, **Club Hadar** meets Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2, for Bible study, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. Call **Viola Landman**, (905) 886-2625.

LZA Seniors Club still has some seats available for the Lake Simcoe day cruise Wednesday, August 24, and for Stratford visit to see *Pirates of Penzance* Wednesday, Oct. 12. Also, there's a trip to Washington Oct. 30-Nov. 3. For information, **Libby** 782-2059 or **Belle** 633-5841.

Lifestyle Retirement Communities Forest Hill Place, 645 Castlefield Ave., lecture series with international affairs expert **Morton Manilla**, entitled Topics in International Relations, continues Thursday, July 28, 2 p.m. with The Middle East Peace Process: Blueprint and Reality. Admission free. Early reservations requested. **Gloria Gibbins**, 785-1511.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events — local day trip Thursday, July 21 ($5 members); dance with a live band, Sunday, July 31, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; concert in the Community Centre Tuesday, August 2, 7 p.m. (members $1, non-members $2); overnight casino trip to Windsor Tuesday, August 9 (members $95, non-members $100, includes transportation, hotel, buffet breakfast); barbecue party, Sunday, August 14, 1-4 p.m. (buy tickets in advance); Niagara-on-the-Lake and Falls trip Tuesday, August 23 ($18); all North York Board of Education courses now in full swing. For information, 395-7881. Drop in and pick up a pprogram at the club house.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). A special day trip along the Grand River is planned Sunday, July 24, members $20, non-members $22. And on Thursday, July 28, a lecture in Hebrew by **Isaac Bar-Lev** of York University will examine the peace process between Israel and the Arabs. For information, 661-4689 or 783-9453.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is taking reservations for the two Stratford trips, *Twelfth Night*, Thursday, Sept. 29, and *Cyrano de Bergerac*, Tuesday, Oct. 18, and for the November Israeli trip. For information on all activities, **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Young at Heart Seniors is starting the second bus for the 10-day Catskills trip to Pines Hotel August 5-14. Cost $975 same as last year except for medical. Anyone wishing a ride to the Catskills only is welcome including children. A trip to the Washington Holocaust Memorial and tour is arranged starting Oct. 16 for five days. Package deal $484 Canadian, double occupancy, includes bus, four nights at Ramada Plaza Hotel, medical and tours. **Doreen** or **Helen**, 635-6343.

Funtime Travel Group invites you for a fun day away to Port Stanley Thursday, August 11, with cruise, old-fashioned train ride, buffet lunch; overnight trip to Windsor Monday, Sept. 19, with hotel, breakfast, casino admission, sightseeing and more. **Sylvia**, 730-0503.

Wychwood Library, 1431 Bathurst St., summer film festival features *The Gay Divorcee* with **Fred Astair** and **Ginger Rogers**, Thursday, July 28, 2 p.m. For information, 393-7683.

Sunrise Group upcoming trips — Welland Canal cruise Tuesday, August 2; Lady Muskoka cruise, Tuesday, August 16; Montreal, August 29-Sept. 2; Windsor casino, Oct. 20-21; *Showboat* including Mandarin lunch, Wednesday, Oct. 12. **Monique** or **Esther**, 223-9165.

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The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) series, From Opera to Rock, a history of the musical theatre with **Gordon Bean**, program director for applied arts, Continuing Education Division, Ryerson Polytechnical University, continues Monday, July 25, 1:30-3 p.m. Members $1, non-members $2. For information, **Bookie Kwardt**, 225-2112.

LLI also features **Bill Dickinson**, diplomatic representative of Thailand in Canada who talks about travel, economy, people lifestyles in Thailand, Tuesday, July 26, 10 a.m. Admission free. Everyone welcome.

Benjamin Schlesinger, professor emeritus, University of Toronto School of Social Work, will give four lectures on Changing Families: Towards the 21st Century Tuesdays, August 9, 16, 23 and 30, 10 a.m. Members $1 each class, non-members $2. Pay at door. Sign up at Information desk to reserve your place. Sponsored by LLI and Awareness Project on Abuse of the Elderly. For information, **Bookie** or **Sheila**, 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre presents The Aging Eye with **Dr. Michael Henry**, ophthalmologist, North York Branson Hospital, Thursday, July 21, 1:30 p.m. Admission free. Everyone welcome.

Osteoporosis Support Group meets with occupational therapist **Joan Turner** Tuesday, July 26, 1:30 p.m. For information, **Brenda**, 225-2112.

The Friendship Circle, for people 55 plus and on their own, meets every other Thursday. On July 21, meet at Earl Bales Park for a picnic. Bring your own lunch. No fee.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. For information, **Anna**, 225-2112.

The movie *Hello Dolly* will be screened Sunday, July 24, 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members $1.

Also on Sunday, July 24, dance to the music of the Creative Band, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Members $3.50, non-members $4.50.

at the JCC

The Jewish Community Centre New Leadership Program presents the sixth annual Tu b'Av Festival Party Thursday, July 28, 7:30 p.m., North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St., outdoor field by the tennis courts (under a tent if it rains). Charge $18 in advance, $25 at door, includes coupon booklet valued at $100, barbecue, door prizes, magician **Allan Nackan**, Yuk Yuk's comedians, Sylman photographers, video by Video Affairs, dancing to the live music of the Rick Levine Band and Times Square Entertainment. Tickets available at North Y branch 636-1880, ext. 358; Jewish Singles registry 398-7068, Metro Toronto Singles 222-7111.

About People

PRIDE OF ISRAEL'S RABBI

Rabbi Aaron Howard Flanzraich is Pride of Israel Synagogue's new rabbi. Born in New York in 1966, he attended the Hebrew Academy of Suffolk County and for high school went to the Torah Academy of New Haven, a preparatory boys yeshivah in Connecticut. Upon graduation, he enrolled at Bar-Ilan University in Israel as well as the University's Institute for Talmudic Studies where he was the only undergraduate to teach an accredited course, entitled Introduction to Judaism. One of the founding members of the Israeli Hockey Federation, he became director of hockey at the Bar Yam Ice Arena during his last year in Israel, 1989.

Returning to America Rabbi Flanzraich continued rabbinic training at the Yeshiva of Far Rockaway, New York, and was ordained in Israel by Yeshiva Shaar Ephraim in Jersualem and the Israeli Chief Rabbinate. During his time in New York, he served as an assistant rabbi at the Sayville Jewish Centre and also assistant regional director of BBYO.

The rabbi recently became engaged to **Stacee Sokoloff** of Toronto and the wedding is planned for August.

PREMIER OF OSSSA

Michael Rubinoff, a Grade 12 student at Thornlea Secondary School in York Region, has been elected the 18th premier of the Ontario Secondary School Student's Association (OSSSA). This is the largest student organization in Canada. Michael represents Ontario's 800,000 secondary school students including, public, separate and francophone.

President of the Thornlea Student Association Council, Michael has been working actively on behalf of his fellow students at Thornlea and throughout York Region and the province. He was also a recipient of the York Region board's Excellence in Education Award in 1993.

Michael is a former member of BBYO and was a participant on the 1994 March of the Living. He is a member of Adath Israel Congregation.

WELLESLEY HOSPITAL APPOINTMENT

Dr. Bill Seidelman has joined The Wellesley Hospital as medical director of HIV Ambulatory/Primary Care Program. The HIV Program is part of the hospital's expanded Department of Family and Community Medicine.

Dr. Seidelman

A native of Vancouver, Seidelman holds a degree in medicine from the University of British Columbia. He practised in the REACH Clinic, a community health centre in Vancouver affiliated with the Department of Pediatrics at UBC. In 1976 he joined the Department of Family Medicine at McMaster University and the Family Practice Unit of the Hamilton General Hospital Division at Hamilton Civic Hospital.

In 1983 Seidelman was visiting professor of family practice at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and was scholar-in-residence at the University's Lord Immanual Jakobovitz Centre for Jewish Medical Ethics in 1991. He is an internationally-recognized expert on the subject of the history of medicine in Nazi Germany, its continuing legacy and the ensuing ethical challenges. Seidelman is currently a full professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto.

CHANGING THE GUARD

Photgraphed at the Association of Jewish Day School Adminstrators' changing of the guard for 1994/95 are (from left) Bernard Shoub, Board of Jewish Education director of school finances, secretary-treasurer; Steven Hacker, United Synagogue Day School adminstrator, vice-president; Alan Steinfield, Netivot Hatorah Day School adminstrator, newly installed president; Sonia Shron, Bialik Hebrew Day School administrator, immediate past president; Arthur Tannenbaum, Associated Hebrew Day Schools executive vice-president, past president; and Joe Goldwasser, Eitz Chaim Day School retired executive vice-president, past president.

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The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

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Jewish Community Centre Toronto New Leadership Program presents its **6th annual Tu B'AV Festival Party** Thursday July 28th, 7:30p.m. outdoor field North Y Branch, 4588 Bathurst St. featuring **Rick Levine Band and Times Square Entertainment Group** . COR BBQ, vendor booths, **Allan Nackan magician, Yuk-Yuk's Comedians: Michael Gelbart and Greg Eckler,Sylman Photographers, video by Video Affairs** and fabulous door prizes including Danier Leather outfit, 2 tickets to Showboat,contributed by Metro Toronto Singles. etc. $18 in advance, $25 at gate. For info./ tickets call 636-1880 ext. 358. This is the largest singles fund raising party in Toronto attracting over 1,100 people.

Metro Toronto Singles presents our largest party of the summer Mid-Summer Night's Dream Party Sunday July 31st 8p.m. at the **Berlin Nightclub** 2335 Yonge St. (11/2 blocks North of Eglinton) Grand door prize Bottle of **Don Perignon Champagne.** Cover $12. 222-7111. The next day is Civic Holiday Monday so don't miss this party.

New Image 50+ Singles is having a dance Saturday July 23, at **Earl Bales Community Centre**. 8 p.m. DJ is **Don Del Greco.** Refresh ments and prizes. Members $5, guests $6. Come and enjoy!!!

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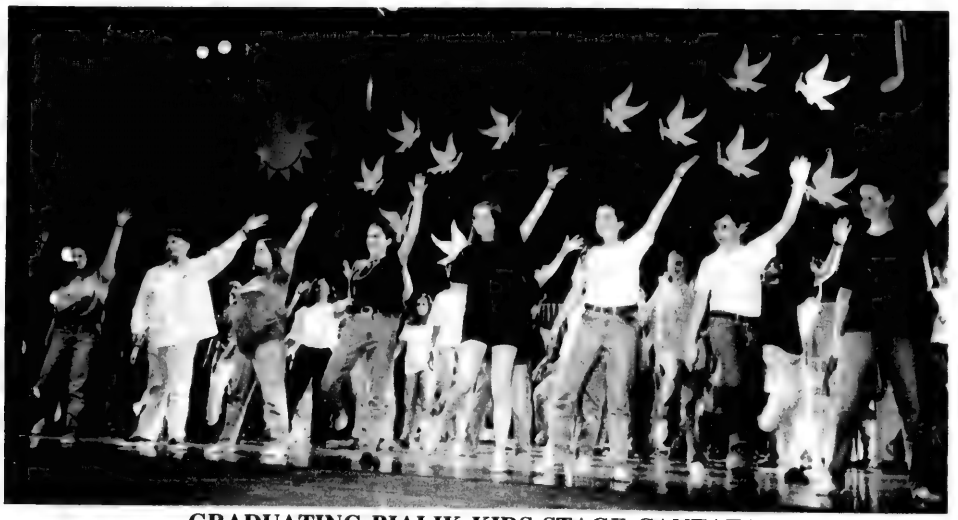


GRADUATING BIALIK KIDS STAGE CANTATA

Bialik Hebrew Day School's Grade 8 graduating class of 43 students recently presented a musical cantata, "Israel Reflected by its Poetry" at the Leah Posluns Theatre. Four of the grads delivered a farewell to their 10 years at Bialik in the four languages taught at the school, English, French, Hebrew and Yiddish. Pictured is one of the "peace" songs and dances from the performance. [Mollie Rothman Photo]

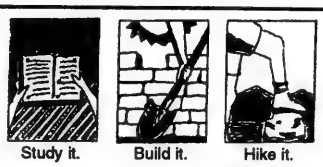
Rotman gets honor

TORONTO — Merchant banker, oilman and philanthropist Joseph Rotman was recently awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Toronto.

Rotman, chief executive officer of Clairvest Group Inc. and founder of Tarragon Oil and Gas Ltd., recently endowed the university's Faculty of Management. The faculty's new home on St. George Street, to open next year, will bear the Rotman name.

That name is also attached to the Rotman Research Institute of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. The institute, opened in 1989 to study behavioral changes during aging, was proposed and funded in part by Rotman.

His other community commitments include serving as president of the Board of Trustees of the Art Gallery of Ontario, as a director of the Toronto Hospital Foundation and as a member of the National Council of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs. He is past chair of the Canadian Friends of the Israel Museum.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Congress to lobby to change legislation

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Responding to arguments that the current practice violates the equality provisions of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Dubin cited the Supreme Court of Canada decision in the Bill 30 reference. The High Court ruled in that case that the Canadian constitution permits the extension of funding to the higher grades in Catholic schools.

"The constitutionality of the public funding of Roman Catholic separate schools was upheld even though such funding was unavailable to private religious-based independent schools, or to any other private school," Dubin stated. "I see no suggestion in that case that the government of Ontario was under an obligation to fund such schools."

The chief justice also noted as a factor "the additional cost to the public to fund private religious based independent schools." He said that cost could go as high as $340 million per year.

The Appeal Court also turned down a request for school health support services for students with disabilities.

Segal said in addition to considering an option in the courts, Congress will continue lobbying political leaders for a change in legislation. He said with an election coming up, Congress' political liaison committees will meet with candidates to discuss the funding issue.

Echoing those comments, Guldemond said "we've got our campaign strategy far developed to go after politicians during the election." He said the Alliance will also embark on a public education program to garner support for government funding.

But if the comments of Liberal leader Lyn McLeod are any indication, Congress and the Alliance could be in for disappointment should the Grits be elected.

Interviewed by *The CJN* during a nomination meeting for Wilson Heights MPP Monte Kwinter, McLeod said "funding costs" and "financial constraints" are factors that a future Liberal government will have to contend with.

She said the recommendations in a 1985 report by Bernard Shapiro, which suggested bringing independent schools under the public school board umbrella, is an approach she would favor — subject to the funding constraints. She said the Liberals are philosophically committed to a "single tier" system and she opposed funding independent schools otherwise.

Kwinter said he favored a system in which parents who send their children to independent schools would receive an exemption from paying school taxes.

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Okanagan Jews participate in Kelowna Folk Fest

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

KELOWNA, B.C. — Blintzes, cheese cake, bagels and cream cheese were among the favorite foods sold by the Okanagan Jewish Community (OJC) at Kelowna's recent annual Folk Fest.

The OJC was amongst a dozen ethnic communities participating in the event.

In addition to having a food booth, the OJC showcased Israeli dancing on stage. The stage troupe was organized by Karen Stein, while the food booth was organized by Nancy Henry and Kathy Teal.

The on-stage performers included Gloria Golbey, Donna Rubadeau, Paul Henry, Lisa Diamond, Robert Levin, Leah Jewall, Michael Mendelsohn, Steve Finkleman, Leslie Finkleman, Ilana Finkleman, Sigal Stein, Rifka Stein, Sue Chernovsky, Rebekah Wittenberg and Carol Goldsein.

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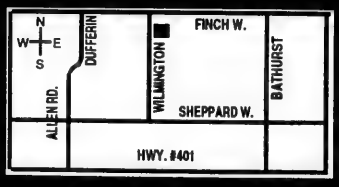

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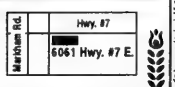

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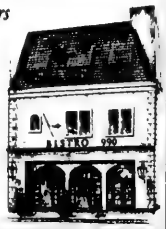

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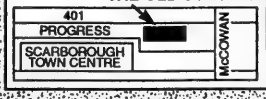

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Arts

Youth orchestra offers stirring recital

By JACK KOHANE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The Nahariya Youth Orchestra, one of the world's most brilliant youth ensembles, performed at a sold-out concert recently at the North York Performing Arts Centre's Recital Hall.

Toronto played host to the launching of the orchestra's cross-North America tour that includes Calgary, New York City, Washington D.C., and a number of major concert venues in the Eastern United States.

Since its establishment in 1973, the Nahariya Youth Orchestra has earned international acclaim under the skillful guidance of its founder and chief conductor, Arie Kfir.

The orchestra toured Europe in 1980 and was awarded third place at an international competition held in Valencia, Spain in 1989.

Of the twelve young Israeli musicians chosen to represent Israel at the Interlocken Music Camp in the United States, five of the students were members of the Nahariya Youth Orchestra.

According to Kfir, dozens of his past proteges have gone on to carve out professional musical careers for themselves.

"These graduates of our program, many of whom are considered to be child prodigies, are now contributing to the arts as music instructors, players and performers with the Boston Pops Orchestra, lecturing and studying at the Juilliard School in New York, and attending the Manhattan School of Music."

Kfir was born in Nahariya in 1951 of parents who immigrated to Israel from Romania. The town of 45,000 is located eight kilometres south of the Lebanon border and has been subjected to frequent katyusha missile attacks over the years.

"I recall the time during the Gulf War," says Kfir. "Because of the threat of SCUD missile attacks from Iraq, we spent weeks of rehearsal times with gas masks always ready."

Today, he is the Principal of the Nahariya Municipal Conservatory of Music, which currently has 400 students and 20 teachers. The Youth Orchestra is considered the jewel in the Conservatory's crown.

Sadie Miller (left) accepts a Golden Giver Award from Danielle Bader for her lifestime of involvement with the Unitd Jewish Appeal. [Stephen Epstein photo]

The presentation at the Recital Hall was sponsored by the Golden Givers Program of United Jewish Appeal (UJA) and the Israel Government Tourist Office.

Kfir dedicated the performance to the many who have contributed to UJA for 25 years or more.

Wendy Eisen, co-chair of Toronto's 1995 UJA campaign echoed Kfir's thanks: "In 1994, the Jewish agenda is once again being revised. Now, we at home are concerned with ensuring Jewish continuity ... and Israel faces new challenges in its search for a just and lasting peace. We remain certain that [all] our Golden Givers will remain steadfast in their support and committed to the survival of the Jewish people."

Among those honored with Golden Giver Awards were Sadie Miller and Michael Rosenberg.

After Eisen's remarks, the 48-member Nahariya Youth Orchestra rocketed into its stirring recital. Baton slashing the air, Kfir led the skilled 11- to 17-year-old musicians through a medley of marching tunes by John Philip Sousa and a selection of memorable scores by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

The performance was highlighted by remarkable solo performances on clarinet by 15-year-old Assaf Karmi, whose rendition of *Freilich* stole the show.

"I have been playing the clarinet for six years, and been with the orchestra for five years," Assaf said proudly. "This stop in Toronto is one of the most important in our tour. We have looked forward to visiting this city for a very long time and it is certainly the most pleasant cultural experience we have encountered."

The performance of *My Yiddishe Mama* was the concert's high point, leaving not a dry eye in the house.

The orchestra closed with songs from *Fiddler On The Roof*, including *If I Were a Rich Man* and *To Life*. The packed house responded with unrestricted clapping and singing and a prolonged, appreciative standing ovation.

Sherman tackles heated subjects

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Are the writings of Philip Roth or Mordecai Richler good or bad for the Jews?

It's a heated subject and one that's relevant to the work of award-winning Jason Sherman, a young Toronto Jewish playwright.

Two of Sherman's four short plays in *Stop Slowing Down*, recently at the Fringe Festival, raise the question anew of why Jewish content is a hot item on the current theatre scene.

In *Confess*, an actor (Michael Healey) questions his right to act the part at the Shaw Festival of a Marrano Jew confessing his secret faith to an agent of the Spanish Inquisition. He steps out of the role to tell the audience that on the eve of his own bar mitzvah, he nearly strangled his six-year-old brother to death.

Life and art are too closely linked, he intimates, for him to play the Shaw Festival role. The sketch is weakened by gratuitous references to Christopher Newton, the Shaw's director.

In *The Merchant of Showboat*, a black woman, a politician (Marium Carvell) crticizes an entrepreneur (Martin Julien) for staging *Showboat*, and threatens to boycott the production. The promoter is facile and cunning. There is no doubt where the playwright and audience stand in this debate. But in the light of how this explosive issue has wracked the black and Jewish communities here, is a dramatic spinoff valid?

In two other short plays without Jewish themes, Sherman displays the virtuosity and talent which won him a major award for *The League of Nathans* and an award nomination for *Three in the Back, Two in the Head*. The power of langugage used by the director (Healey) in *Equity Rules* to convince the auditioning actress (Melissa Bell) to strip naked if she wants the part, is absolutely frightening, director Ian Prinsloo skilfully bulding an overlay of tension.

In *Field* a Toronto man (Julien) travels the 401 highway to the street where he and his brothers grew up in Montreal, unable to remember whether it was 311 or 313 Emerson where he lived, and realizing that the vacant field where he captured frogs and grasshoppers is gone forever. His wife's eagerness to capture the "homecoming"on a camcorder only adds to the angst.

In *The League of Nathans* the motives of a young Canadian Jew making aliyah are suspect, while his friend, who opts to stay in Canada, is characterized in a heroic mould.

In my review of the play, I recalled a comment by Arthur Miller that he never identified a character as a Jew if there was chance it could play into the hands of anti-Semites. Without endorsing this broad concept, I do raise the question of whether playwright Sherman is unwittingly pandering to a negative interest in things Jewish in the alternative theatre scene.

Jason Sherman

BILL GLADSTONE'S EYE ON ARTS

Welcome to the Summer Literary Column. This week's Eye on Arts is devoted to literature and the printed word.

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Writing Thru Race Conference: Much ink in the *Globe & Mail* and elsewhere has been devoted to discussing the controversial gathering of non-white members of the Writers Union of Canada, which was held in Vancouver on the Canada Day weekend. Even before the contentious meeting, debate about it almost tore the WUC apart at its annual general meeting in Toronto — until members agreed to disagree until next year.

"The Union has no prejudices against any writer," proclaimed author Pierre Berton, a longtime outspoken foe of racial intolerance of any kind. "Anyone who has written a published book in this country — no matter if his skin is pink or green or yellow — is eligible to join this Union." Despite some heckling, Berton went on to say that the union, of which he is a founding member, cannot officially support "any organization that excludes people from certain things because of the color of their skin."

Writer Roy Miki was chair of the racial minority writers committee at the Writing Thru Race Pre-Conference Event. Miki explains in remarks that were quoted in the July issue of *Quill & Quire*, Canada's foremost literary journal, that "writers of color" have many common issues to discuss, such as the "tyranny of grammar" and how editors deal with one's mother tongue. "What if there are no white characters in your novel? What are the consequences of these things? You can't get the answers from mainstream white writers," Miki argued.

Perhaps not, but was it really necessary to cause such a stir by depriving whites of the opportunity to attend the discussion? The unfortunate exclusion of anyone based on skin color is an inexcusable form of cultural apartheid. Bravo to Vancouver writer and WUC member Evelyn Lau, who boycotted the Writing Thru Race Conference, explaining in the *Globe & Mail* (July 9): "I don't want to have opportunities based on my color separating me from the equally struggling white male writer next door."

Dark mysteries

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Summer Reading: E.L. Doctorow's latest novel is called *The Waterworks*. It's a dark mystery set in New York in the 1870s. The story concerns a newspaper editor's attempt to find his ace freelance scribe, Martin Pemberton, who disappears after seeing his father alive on a trolley months after his supposed funeral. The writing is evocative of Edgar Allan Poe in its dark moodiness, Henry James in its occasional obscurities, Nathaniel Hawthorne in its moral sense, and Charles Dickens in the range of lively, colorful characters that spring forth from the pages. With this book, it's clear that Doctorow, whether intentionally or not, is painting a sweeping historic sketch of New York City with his collective works: consider such wonderful novels as *Billy Bathgate*, *World's Fair*, *Ragtime* and *The Book of Daniel*. *The Waterworks* may not be Doctorow's best, but I found it an intriguing page-turner none the less. Random House, $31.

It's hard to put down the pre-eminent American-Jewish author Philip Roth, whose latest offering — *Operation Shylock: A Confession* (1993) — I finally got around to reading. Until I put it down, that is, after about 100 pages. The story, which reads like a combination of fiction and non-fiction, involves Roth's attempts to track down and put a stop to someone impersonating him, an imposter who gives lectures in Israel to promote a bizarre reverse exodus of Jews from Israel back to the Diaspora. The opening sections are dazzling for inventiveness and sheer fun, but the narrative unfortunately gets bogged down when a woman enters the picture. This is as one might expect from the author of *Portnoy's Complaint*, *The Breast* and *Goodbye Columbus*. To be fair, the first part of the book shows so much promise that I intend to pick it up again the first chance I get. Vintage, $16 (paperback).

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Richler's back

Coming In The Fall: Mordecai Richler has a new book coming out in September. *This Year in Jerusalem* (Knopf Canada, $27.50) is to contain autobiography, history and social commentary. "From the Montreal of his adolescence to his present-day travels in Israel, Richler shares his experiences and thoughts on Zionism, Judaism, and the relationship of Canadians and Americans to Israel," reports *Quill & Quire*. A chapter entitled *I Was a Teenage Zionist* appears in the July issue of *Saturday Night* magazine. It's vintage Richler at his cynical best.

Toronto author Jack Kuper, who wrote the bestselling *Child of the Holocaust*, has written a sequel. *After the Smoke Cleared* (Stoddart, $24.95) is due for release in October. In *I Remember It Like Now*, due for publication in September (Black Moss, $18.95), Jo Atkinson tells the odyssey of Chaim Goldberg, a Polish Jew who left Warsaw when Germany invaded in 1939 and circled the globe before war's end.

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BOOKS

By BERNARD BASKIN

Modern Poems On The Bible: An anthology: Edited by David Curzon (Jewish Publication Society, $30 US).

The 170 poems in this excellent and evocative collection all relate in one way or another to personalities and events in the Hebrew scriptures. The pieces are by both Jews and non-Jews and some are translated from Hebrew, Italian, Yiddish, Hungarian and Polish.

Taken together the poets make up a galaxy of eminence. They range from John Hollander, Dan Pagis, Primo Levi, Robert Graves and Nelly Sachs to Czeslaw Milosz, Marianne Moore, Thomas Hardy and Yehudah Amichai.

The editor, an economist by profession, and a sometime poet by inclination, regards these poems as a kind of midrash, in which the poet imaginatively fills in the empty spaces and completes the picture when the biblical narrative or description remains ambigious, terse or elusive. Thus, we can learn why Lot's wife turns back, how Jacob felt upon hearing the reported death of his son, Joseph, the remorse of Delilah after her betrayal of Samson.

Curzon's object is to reach a wide audience with these readily comprehended poems and at the same time enhance recognition of the biblical text. He succeeds in both aims. This is a book to cherish.

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I Keep Recalling, by Jacob Glatstein (Ktav Publishing (no price indicated)).

Born in Lublin, Poland, Jacob Glatstein (1896-1971) emigrated to the United States at the age of 18. Over the years he won recognition as one of the most talented and accomplished Yiddish poets of our time.

This bilingual volume, with the Yiddish superbly translated by Barnett Zumoff, brings to readers in both languages Glatstein's Holocaust poems. They are a lament for Jewish suffering and to what was lost in Eastern Europe, and an uncompromising challenge to the implacable God of Israel.

Many of the poems excoriate the Germans. "Only you alone, with the help of your philosophers,/ Can explain the hellishness of your bestial punishments,/ Can reveal the inherited rot/ Of murder in your bones."

The poet is certain that one day God will punish "Those that have laid waste Your house,/ Turned Your silent sheep into smoke,/ And made pigsties of Your synagogues/ Will die a hundred times/ Before Your revenge,/ The timeless, patient revenge,/ Grows and blossoms."

In the poem entitled *I Keep Recalling*, Glatstein enumerates the ordinary, daily activities and concerns of his native village, the members of his family, the strong collective devotion to Jewish learning and culture. "I remember how the whole dear living Bible/ Became a moving aquarium/ With such many-splendored, flickering iridecence/ That the Bible sparkled/ And became surrounded/ With precious gems,/ Ringed with the clarity of Rashi's commentary,/ Till it became the interpreted/ And lucidly-sung history of my own people."

This treasure trove of imagery and creative imagination enkindles our emotions and probes the depths of our humanity.

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Old Roots New Trees, by Judah Denburg (Mosaic Press (no price indicated)).

This paperbound volume, subtitled A Personal Midrash, is the work of a member of the medical faculty at MacMaster University, Hamilton, where he is director of immunology and allergy. He is a graduate of Yeshiva University, fluent in Hebrew and conversant with traditional and secular Jewish literature.

His poems are rich in imagery and metaphor and explore biblical themes, the relationship between the generations, the world of nature, memories of the Jewish past, and the replenishment power of love.

In *Golden Songbirds* the poetry recalls the Israelites wandering in the wilderness, "when the honeydew of heaven/ was given to refresh our palates/ craving the taste of flesh in goshen/ we begged for water unrepentant,/ staring at mirage and anger—/ it was then glory struck us,/ we left the feast to listen/ to the golden songbirds of spring/ somewhere in sinai hidden,/ we heard your voice again/ promising eternal sustenance—/ and now where is that song/ lost, ineffable/ like dream flown?"

In *Song* the poet declares, "I want to sing you a song,/ deep and clear/ icy pools of melody/ heart evanescent/ in a dream./ I want to play with an image/ like a sculptor in prayer,/ until it is molded / into life/ impossible to hold/ I shall use my words carefully/ join letters/ create numbers/ to encode a message/ or symbol of love/ cryptic, understood."

These lovingly wrought pieces bear rereading for proper appreciation of nuance and meaning. The book is available in Toronto Jewish bookstores.

Author's struggle with cancer told with verve and humor

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

Fanny Gaynes

TORONTO — How do you *not* judge a book by its cover when that book is *How Am I Gonna Find A Man If I'm Dead?*

The title alone amply hints at the frankness and naughty humor to be found within Fanny Gaynes' account of her struggle with breast cancer. The book itself reads like a heart-to-heart with a friend you've known since high school.

A photo of Gaynes on the dust jacket shows a woman with masses of shoulder-length curls and a broad smile made complete by under-eye laugh lines.

An award-winning ad copy writer who grew up near Detroit, Gaynes changed her name to Fanny at the age of 42 in an effort to prolong her life. (According to Jewish belief, changing the name of a seriously ill person is a way to fool the Angel of Death.)

Gaynes' elderly great-great-aunt had changed her own name to Chaya Bella at the same age after being told she had six months to live.

Gaynes used meditation to help her "see" her new name. "Fanny!" she wrote. "It surprised *me* as much as it did everyone else."

Although Gaynes died last year at the age of 47, 12 years after being diagnosed with breast cancer, she notes in the introduction to her book that her story is "much less about dying than it is about coming alive.

"If anything in my story helps one person..., I'll know why it is — besides sunsets and shopping and sex — that I lived to tell it," she declares.

"Fanny Gaynes tells her story with such verve and humor that the reader is left rooting for her and feeling better prepared to deal with his or her own problems. A touching and inspiring book," reads the dust jacket endorsement by Rabbi Harold Kushner, author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People.*

Gaynes' problems included a volatile marriage which ended shortly after her diagnosis. Her subsequent romantic and sexual escapades add spice and poignancy to a story shaped in large part by her medical condition and treatments.

Shortly after beginning a regimen of chemotherapy, Gaynes was invited on a blind date by "the kind of guy it takes me ten years to find."

When she accepted on condition the date be "right away," he asked why. "I couldn't tell him, 'Because my hair is scheduled to fall out in two days and I want to have just one last normal unfettered date with someone who has no idea I have cancer, before I leave for the planet Ming.' So I said, 'Because my sister's coming to town...and after that I might be traveling.' Not *entirely* a lie," she writes.

From the outset, Gaynes made an effort to understand and have a say in her medical treatment. "The second doctor at least asked the right questions," she says about an oncologist to whom she didn't return. "Trouble was, he asked the wrong party — 'So when did we discover the lump, Richard?' "

Despite chemotherapy, two mastectomies and an experimental bone-marrow transplant, all of which played a part in her battle, Gaynes retained a relish for making the most of each day. Her very personal take on life makes her book, published by Morgin Press Inc., a worthwhile read.

Israel visit inspired play

By GERRY MORRIS
Special to The CJN

NEW YORK — The play *Milk & Honey* first opened in 1961.

It heralded the Broadway debut of composer-lyricist Jerry Herman (*Mame, Dear World, Mack & Mabel, La Cage Aux Folles*).

The original version was inspired by Herman's long visit to Israel where he meshed the sounds and colors of this young nation into a joyfully melodious score. A spirit of youthful sponaneity and adventure reflected a more simple time in the history of the American musical theatre.

The original version was a big winner. It starred the imcomparable Molly Picon, Mimi Benzell and Robert Weede, and featured a large chorus, a tuneful score and imaginative choreography.

Both Herman and the State of Israel were young, and intensely alive.

A scaled-down revival can now be seen on stage at off-Broadway's American Jewish Theatre, and in some ways this wistfully amusing story surpasses the original production.

The story concerns a bus load of Jewish-American widows visiting Israel, hoping to catch husbands along with the sights. The dramatic expression stems from four story lines cleverly incorporated into the altered text that now focuses more fully on problems of loneliness, true love and emigration.

The production is imaginatively directed by Richard Sabellico, and he is blessed with some strong actor-singers. Ron Holgate acquits himself handsomely with a commanding voice, first-rate acting.

Chevi Colton is a standout among the widows and along with Jeanne Lehman is most graceful and gracious. Avi Hoffman, Lori Wilner, Katy Selverstone and James Barbour are solid as the various troubled lovers.

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Members of the Nahariya Youth Orchestra of Israel recently performed to a capacity audience of 1,100. [Stephen Epstein photo]

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Bon Echo provincial park offers mystical ties to the past

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

What natural feature gives Bon Echo provincial park, in northeastern Ontario, a special reputation among campers? We arrived here late one June afternoon without knowing the answer — but we soon found out.

After pitching our tent, we set off on a hike through the tangled forest, threading through stands of birches and pines along a pine-needle path. Then we saw something shining through the trees ahead.

It was of great size and luminescence, and seemed to grow brighter as we approached. Breaking through the trees, we came to the water's edge and confronted Bon Echo's majestic secret.

We stood before a large, peaceful body of water — Lake Mazinaw — and before the enormous rock that juts out of the lake at a sheer angle, towering 100 meters. Because the rock is directly illuminated by the afternoon sun, its pink, gray, ochre and quartz tones seemed to sparkle with light, reflecting as pastels in the shimmering water.

Mazinaw Rock has been called "Canada's Gibraltar." It possesses all the mystical power of the desert buttes of the American southwest or Ayers Rock in Australia. In ancient days, aboriginals painted an array of some 135 red-ochre pictographs on the rockface.

In awe of the cliff, we followed the coastline and soon came to a narrow beach, a lagoon, motorboat and ferry docks, and a wide sandy beach. The air was filled with the whoops and cries of swimmers, castle-builders, beachcombers. After a refreshing swim, we took the ferry across the lagoon, and climbed a cast-iron staircase of 180 steps to the lookout on the rock's summit.

We overlooked a panoramic vista of forest. The sun was nearing the western horizon and the lake reflected the pale gold of the sky. Because of the extreme declension of the sun, each pine ridge was articulated from its neighbour; we could easily adduce where camp was by the blue haze of smoke.

According to legend, a horde of Indian gold and silver is hidden atop Mazinaw Rock. Another legend tells of fierce battles fought atop this rock by rival bands of Algonquin and Iroquois, with slaughtered Iroquois combatants falling dramatically to their deaths.

Lake Mazinaw has many bays, inlets, fingers and islands to challenge canoeists. After breakfast on our first morning, we rented a canoe at Bon Echo Villa, a cluster of stores outside the park. Then we paddled across the lake at its widest, scouting in vain for a suitable landing site on the opposite, jagged shore.

Aurora dances in starry sky

One spot seemed safe enough, but subsequently proved so slippery and treacherous that we were forced to paddle a hasty retreat. Finally, landing upon a small rock bereft of vegetation, we took a refreshing swim, then rejoined the canoe, covering ourselves with towels like desert wanderers to escape the hot sun.

Recrossing the lake, we returned to the great cliff. Above us, straight from the pages of Mark Twain, groups of rock-climbers were diving into the water from impressive heights. Manoeuvring around other canoes, we passed some Indian pictographs, painted only a foot or two above the water-line.

We also came upon an enormous rockface inscribed with a remarkable inscription, dedicated to the American poet Walt Whitman: "My foothold is tenon'd and mortised in granite; I laugh at what you call dissolution, and I know the amplitude of time."

Suffragist and spiritualist Flora MacDonald Denison, who lived in Bon Echo, commissioned this carving on the centenary of the poet's birth in 1919. Denison ran the Bon Echo Inn, which at its zenith between 1910 and 1920 attracted rich and famous visitors from Canada, the United States and Europe.

Relaxing along a small public beach, we noticed dark clouds sailing over the pine ridge and set off for the rental establishment three miles away. The air darkened and quivered but the storm held off until the white dot along the water, a marker of our destination, grew into a full-sized Esso sign.

That night, after the storm had passed, the aurora borealis danced in a sky full of stars, and we went walking with a flashlight. We had not gone too far beyond the campground when we felt the imaginary eyes of wolves and bears upon us, and thought it prudent to return to the safety of our comforting cluster of humanity.

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TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

Best Travel Guide to Israel: Detailed information about kosher restaurants, hotels, youth hostels, Chabad houses, kosher bed & breakfasts and tourist sites in Israel is available in *The Best Jewish Travel Guide to Israel*, a 352-page paperback written by Oscar Israelowitz. The 1994 edition is available in Jewish book stores. It is published by Israelowitz Publishing (718-951-7072) of Brooklyn, which also puts out guides to Jewish Europe, Canada, the United States, the Catskills, the Lower East Side, Brooklyn, New York City, et cetera.

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For Kosher Travellers: *Kashrus Magazine*, a journal for kosher consumers, is published five times yearly out of Brooklyn. Its June issue contains the 1994 *Summer Kosher Travel Guide*. It's supposed to be a comprehensive guide to kosher travel in Israel and Eastern Europe, as well as to five cities in the United States, but its 11 pages seem far from comprehensive, offering only a few lines of advice on how to find kosher food in each place. The *Kosher Travel Guide* is available separately for $3 US. Kashrus, P.O.B. 204, Brooklyn, NY 11204.

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E-Mail Trip to Israel: The Embassy of Israel in Ottawa is inviting users of the internet electronic highway to "visit Israel without even leaving your home!" Just log on to the National Capital Freenet (modems 613-564-0808 or 613-564-3600), come in to the SHALOMail ON ISRAEL (by entering "go Israel"), then browse all you like, 365 days a year.

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Bus Trip to Holocaust Museum: Thomas Cook Ltd. is offering a five- or six-day Washington and Holocaust Memorial Tour by motorcoach from Toronto, beginning Oct. 13. The trip includes a stop in Lancaster, Pa., a guided tour of the U.S. capital, tickets to the Holocaust museum, transfers and transportation, all luggage handling, hotel and most meals. Cost is $669 single, $579 twin. Contact Sandy Burns at Thomas Cook (Eaton's) in the Promenade Mall, (905) 771-7170.

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Disney Sparks Civil War: How would Jews like it if the Holocaust Museum had been built by a private commercial organization known for its appealing showbusiness productions that are often whitewashed to be palatable to family audiences?

The Walt Disney Corp. plans to build Disney's America, a $650-million Civil War theme park outside Washington. The project would include a Norman Rockwell-style family farm and an unspecified presentation on slavery. Some African-Americans are understandably concerned that Disney can't handle serious and dark social issues that don't necessarily have happy endings.

Disney chair Michael Eisner reponds that critics are unfairly prejudging the company's plans. Unless Congress gets involved, Disney seems ready to go ahead with the development; municipal officials seem eager for the jobs and other benefits it will generate. If it succeeds, Disney's America could make up for the EuroDisney debacle. The Disney theme park outside Paris has performed poorly since opening several years ago.

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Canadian Pacific Hotels: The large and historic CP chain of hotels and resorts across Canada is offering "unforgettable" summer packages in Eastern Canada that start at $85 per night. Properties include the Chateau Halifax (from $89), Hotel Beausejour in Moncton ($89), the Prince Edward in Charlottetown (from $105), the Queen Elizabeth in Montreal ($109), the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa ($99), the SkyDome Hotel and Royal York in Toronto (both from $109), and the Deerhurst Resort in Muskoka (from $210).

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Travel Around Britain: *Stay at an Inn*, a publication of the British Tourist Authority, lists dozens of establishments offering accommodation in Britain, many dating from the 17th and 18th centuries. By contrast, *City Apartments* provides a listing of fully-equipped flats, luxurious penthouses and other pied-a-terres within London and other British cities. BTA, 111 Avenue Rd., Suite 450, Toronto M5R 3J8. (416) 961-8124.

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Hot Spot for Tourism: Why does Branson, Missouri, a town with only 3,743 permanent residents, receive more than six million visitors each season? Nestled in the rolling Ozark hills, Branson has become a musical magnet with all the draw of Nashville. Andy Williams, Tony Orlando, Bobby Vinton, Moe Bandy, Roy Clark and the Osmond Brothers are some of the stars who have opened multi-million dollar showcases here. Branson boasts more than 30 nightclubs and theatres in which performers who once toured now perform, night after night, and let their publics come to them.

Store offers free consulting service to plus-size women

By MARLA KAY
Special to The CJN

Jo-Anne Walter was tired of shopping for "over-sized" or "plus-size" clothing in small areas of large department stores, or going to specialty shops that all carried the same styles.

For the past two years she has owned an exclusive and wonderfully stocked boutique specializing in women's fashions size 14 to 24 called The Answer Salon, at 3200 Yonge St., Toronto.

"I want to offer the plus size woman the opportunity to look fashionable at affordable prices," states Walter. "We carry different stylings that suit any and all occasions including dressy, casual and business."

Walter constantly attends shows and travels to the United States on buying trips to add new lines to The Answer Salon collections."

"Andrea Jovine," says Walter, "is a very fashion-forward designer when it comes to plus size apparel. She incorporates more knits and fewer prints in her creations. She emphasizes solids with attractive detailing. Danskin has just introduced an exciting plus-line of aerobic wear that is brand new to Canada and they will also be generating a line of casual wear in the fall. Our European collections include HMC and Mamut from Germany."

What's new for summer at The Answer Salon?

"We're showing a lot of natural fibres," says Walter. "Silks, cottons and linens are the big favorites in neutrals, blacks and navy. Palazzo pants and pattern on pattern dressing are providing our plus size clinetelle with a fluid look that is both elegant and flattering."

One of the unique services that The Answer Salon provides for customers is a free consultation with a professional image consultant, Lina Addesi of Essence of Style. Addesi periodically provides consultations in the boutique.

"Our goals at Essence of Style," says Addesi, "are to help the clients project their desired images, one that they feel comfortable with. We provide them with a competitive edge through the image that they portray. We ensure that the client's choice of clothing for all occasions is made easier and worry free and we reduce the client's wardrobe expenditures by reducing unnecessary purchases.

"Society's heightened emphasis on image has created the need for professional image guidance for all members within the business or social community. The clothes you wear not only make a statement about yourself but can contribute to your career advancements by creating a positive image. It is important that the image you project remains consistant and true to your personality and your aspirations."

Walter's customer's have shown their appreciation for this and other personalized services that The Answer Salon provides by their frequent and repeated visits to the store.

KISS flaky lips goodbye

Suffering from dry flaky lips? Now, thanks to COLOURINGS Make-up by The Body Shop, you can have smooth, luscious lips with a unique and new product called Lipscuff. COLOURINGS Lipscuff looks like a textured lipstick and is designed to gently exfoliate your lips so that they'll look and feel great immediately. And like all Body Shop products, COLOURINGS Lipscuff is packed with natural ingredients and is not tested on animals.

"Lipscuff is a natural exfoliator and moisturizer that leaves your lips feeling simply sensational," says Karen Munro, COLOURINGS manager for The Body Shop Canada. "It's the perfect pre-lipstick scrub and a must-have for your make-up bag."

New COLOURINGS Lipscuff contains a unique blend of natural ingredients, including blue corn and walnut shell powder to exfoliate, a pineapple fruit acid to gently dissolve dead skin cells and rejuvenate the skin, and refreshing peppermint oil.

Footcare tips from Scholl

To help create a healthy regime not only for summer but also throughout the year, the experts at Scholl have the following suggestions:

- Clean feet daily with soap, scrubbing lightly in and around toenails and between toes. Rubbing in one direction only, use a pumice stone or callous file on thick, dry, flaky skin on heels and soles. Dry feet thoroughly, especially between toes where trapped moisture encourages bacteria growth.
- A liberal dusting of foot powder keeps moisture at bay and cools hot, tender feet.
- Apply a daily foot moisturizing cream to keep skin soft and supple and to condition dry, cracked skin.
- Trim toenails after showering when they are softest. Clip straight across with a toenail clipper to prevent ingrown toenails. Do not round off corners. Trim slightly longer than tip of the toe.
- Treat your feet to warm footbaths with soothing oils. Avoid soaking feet in salt-based solutions since they can have a drying effect on skin.
- Put your feet and legs up whenever possible. Elevating them higher than heart level improves circulation.
- Massage feet regularly to relieve tension and improve circulation. Using a refreshing moisturizing cream, begin kneading at the ball of the foot and work along the sole up to the heel. Gently push each toe back and forth to relax tired, tense muscles.
- Keep feet healthy and fit by exercising them. Walk whenever possible, keeping feet parallel to each other and pointed straight ahead. Tone and strengthen muscles by performing simple foot exercises such as toe flexes, trying to pick up a pencil or towel with your toes.

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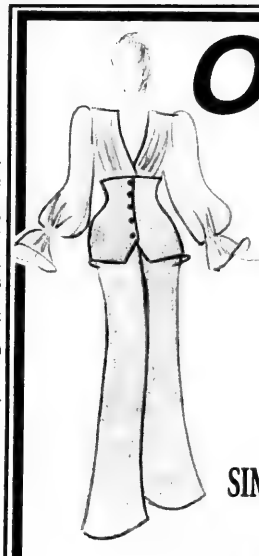

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Business & Finance

Family farm a beehive of activity

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "Farming is the only industry that I know of where the farmer is expected to take another job — work off the farm — in order to support it," says Bill Redelmeier, owner of Southbrook Farms, one of Ontario's largest roadside markets and pick-your-own produce farms.

And he should know.

In 1939 Willy Redelmeier, Bill's grandfather, emigrated from Holland to Canada. A year later, the family, including Bill's father and uncle, founded Don Head Farms (later changed to Southbrook), and the clan used the nearly 1,000-acre setting as a summer home. At the time, Major Mackenzie Drive was nothing but a dirt road and Maple 55 was the telephone exchange.

From the 1940s through to the 1970s, Don Head Farms had one of North America's top Aberdeen Angus beef cattle herds and Southdown sheep flocks; it was also the site of Canada's largest Jersey dairy herds.

Given the size of the operation and the length of time the farm was in business, it was surprising to learn that Don Head Farms never made any money.

Bill explains that the pride and enjoyment the family derived from the day-to-day operations of the farm was payment enough.

However, he candidly points out that he, as the third generation, was a source of conflict for the family. Bill said he didn't want to follow in his family's footsteps. "I wanted it [the farm] to be a money-making success."

The solution was to split the farm in half and in 1983, Southbrook was born.

Sitting in one of the 100-year-old barns that has been renovated into part of the winery founded in 1991, Bill clearly shows his pride in his accomplishments.

He talks about changes in the farming industry. When he graduated from the University of Guelph in 1979, his year had the highest percentage of graduates who were going back into farming. Today, Bill only knows of four or five who are still in the business.

He summed up the industry's woes when he said, "It's called a cash crop because as soon as you plant it, it begins costing you money."

From the beginning, Bill, along with his wife Marilyn and farm manager Derek Barnett, knew if they were to survive and succeed, a market niche would have to be determined. Today, one of their claims to fame is the fact that Southbrook offers only Ontario produce.

It's also a place where city folk can go to participate in "the farming experience."

Bill Redelmeier is pictured here in his winery.

Southbrook draws people for different reasons. During the week, the farm attracts customers who have come to look at the market as a stop on their weekly shopping tour. Saturday, although the numbers are smaller than Sunday, customers still spend money.

On Sunday, the farm's busiest day, families look to Southbrook for entertainment.

Bill says that they come to look at the beehives, pick the fruit-of-the-week, take a wagon ride or visit Max the bull.

Throughout the season, the Redelmeiers offer a variety of entertainment — be it the Strawberry Festival (held at the end of June) or the Third Anniversary Celebration (July 30 - August 1) that will feature winery tours, music, a barbecue and more. Part of the proceeds are donated to Toronto's Sick Children's Hospital.

Southbrook wines and baked goods are not listed with the Kashruth Council, but many of the ready-made sauces, honey, jams and herbal combinations sold in their retail store are kosher under rabbinic supervision.

Among the fresh fruits and vegetables grown on the farm are strawberries, raspberries, peas, beans, currants, cucumbers, corn, tomatoes, peppers and squash. Pumpkins are Southbrook's biggest draw and the last Sunday before Hallowe'en is the farm's busiest day of the year. Bill attributes this to the fact that Hallowe'en is what he considers "the only non-religious, non-negative holiday."

The winery was launched in 1991. A year prior to the opening, Ian Hanna, president of John Hanna & Sons international wine importers, joined the team. In May 1992, the winery opened to the public with 4,000 cases of wine produced in 1991; in 1992, production was up to 5,000 cases.

In its first year, Southbrook won 10 medals, including two Intervin (New York) and three at England's Wine challenge. Southbrook's Framboise and Dry Reisling are among the official wines served at Canadian embassies around the world.

Bill says the move to incorporate wines into the business was prompted by the fact that good food deserves good wine.

Another feather in Southbrook's cap is that it has been chosen by Knives & Forks, the alliance of organic food advocates as the site for the annual Feast of Fields, to be held Sept. 11.

Bill describes the event as "a mile-long edible path." Participants are given a plate and a glass and are let loose to sample 50 chefs' gourmet dishes, accompanied, of course, by wine. Unfortunately, this event is not kosher.

Bill and Marilyn have created a daytime destination for the whole family. In recognition of Southbrook's progressive philosophy, Bill was elected a director of the York region of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture in 1988.

In 1992, he was elected president of the Ontario Farm Fresh Marketing Association, a group of 150 equally-progressive farm markets located across Ontario.

In the past, Bill has established the Farmer's market at Nathan Philips Square, held on Wednesday, and most recently, he has founded a similar market at Mel Lastman Square, held every Thursday.

Looking around the 285-acre farm, Bill admits that his lifestyle was altered considerably when the first child of the fourth generation came on the scene. His son Andrew was born, fittingly enough, on Hallowe'en day two and a half years ago. With another child on the way, it's sure to change again.

"It's fun," Bill say, "but then again, if it wasn't we wouldn't be where we are today."

L'Oreal donates $1 million to fund campaign in Israel

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — L'Oreal, the world's largest cosmetics company, will donate $1 million (U.S.) to support a new campaign in Israel to combat traffic accidents.

The goal of the campaign is to change the behavior of both Israeli drivers and pedestrians, according to Paris-based L'Oreal executives.

L'Oreal's donation comes against the backdrop of its often rocky relationship with Israel.

Twice in the last three years, the French cosmetics giant has been accused of complying with the Arab economic boycott of Israel.

Civil suits against the company have been filed in the United States and France by two French brothers, Jean and David Frydman.

The suits allege that L'Oreal bribed Syrian authorities to get off their blacklist after the company's chairman, Bernard Dalle, entered into a business arrangement with Jean Frydman, who also holds Israeli citizenship. Frydman had been a L'Oreal director in France.

There have been reports that L'Oreal initiated discussions with Israeli officials last year to help smooth over relations between the company and the Jewish state.

In May of this year, L'Oreal announced that it had made a $7 million investment in Israel, acquiring 30 per cent of Interbeauty, Israel's principal distributor of L'Oreal cosmetics.

Smooth relations

In an attempt to end the unprecedented carnage on Israel's roads and highways, the L'Oreal campaign's organizers have enlisted the aid of dozens of children, who will appear in advertisements geared toward both adults and children.

Last year, more than 500 Israelis died in road accidents, one-third of them pedestrians.

Since the founding of the state, almost 20,000 Israelis have been killed on the roads — about the same number that have died in wars and terrorist attacks.

The ad campaign will focus on the behavior patterns of children and youth as pedestrians and future drivers. The children in the ads will also call their parents' attention to the importance of safe driving.

At a news conference this week announcing the L'Oreal donation, Knesset member Avraham Burg of Labor, chairman of the Knesset Education Committee, said research shows that changing the driving habits of many Israelis requires real behavior modification.

"The support we are getting from L'Oreal and a host of Israeli public figures is going to allow us to get the safe-driving message out in a new and powerful way," Burg said.

Canada-Israel free trade pact talks proceed

JERUSALEM — There has been considerable progress in negotiations over the Free Trade Agreement, Canadian Ambassador Norman Spector said this month at the Israel-Canada Chamber of Commerce annual general meeting.

Spector emphasized the important developments in trade relations between Israel and Canada, adding that there are signs of a breakthrough in defense trading. Spector said Canada and Israel have already signed a $6 million research and development agreement.

Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish said there is a huge potential for mutual trade between Israel and Canada.

He emphasized the dramatic developments in allocation of land for new industries due to the increasing demand for investments, especially by foreigners.

The minister said the NIS 170 million originally earmarked for the purpose of allocating land has already been spent, and another NIS 170 million was recently approved for further development in the field.

David Reichman, chair of Darcom, emphasized the possibilities for success in developing new businesses in Israel, citing himself as an example.

At the annual meeting, the chamber's president, Yehuda Levy, who is also president and publisher of the *Jerusalem Post*, completed his term. A new president will be elected in the near future.

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Stock Market Losses

JERUSALEM — Shares traded on the Israeli stock market have lost some $20 billion since the beginning of 1994, with losses particularly heavy during the past couple of months.

In an interview with the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz*, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said the market did not reflect the state of the economy which, he said, was growing by six and seven per cent annually.

Rabin said that no one could satisfactorily explain why the stock market was performing so poorly, but there have been repeated statements in the Israeli media by financial experts that the stocks were overvalued.

In an editorial, *Ha'aretz* echoed the advice of economic experts: Investors who have the patience and the means to wait out the current downturn will avoid taking losses.

The present low, the newspaper pointed out, is a mirror image of an exaggerated high last year, which the Governor of the Bank of Israel, Jacob Frenkel, described as "a financial bubble."

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BB Launches Investment Plan

JERUSALEM — B'nai Brith International recently launched an Israel investment program which the group said symbolizes the changing political climate in the Middle East and the changing relationship between Diaspora Jewry and Israel.

B'nai Brith has helped arrange for a new mutual fund package slated to be available to U.S. investors in about two months.

One of the nine funds in the package will be the Israel Opportunities Fund Inc., an open-ended investment company aimed at long-term capital appreciation by investment in securities on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE).

For many years the thrust of the American Jewish relationship to Israel has been philanthropy, Kent Schiner, international president of B'nai Brith said as he unveiled the plan.

While B'nai Brith still supports philanthropy, the new investment program reflects an emphasis on partnership and investment, Schiner said.

It offers "direct involvement and investment in Israel's economic development," he said.

Indeed, the program comes amid calls by some Israeli leaders for a realignment of the Israel-Diaspora relationship based on partnership.

The inauguration of the fund's sales is planned for the international conference of B'nai Brith in Chicago in August.

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$3 Million For Health Research

TORONTO — Women's College Hospital and the University of Toronto recently announced that $2 million in donations have enabled the two institutions to establish a joint chair in breast cancer research and an additional $1 million grant will contribute to funding a joint chair in women's health research.

The donations have been financed by major gifts to the Hospital with $1 million of the $2 million necessary to finance the chair in women's health research coming from the Atkinson Charitable Foundation.

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Smoke-Free Eating

NORTH YORK — The demand for smoke-free dining has prompted the North York Public Health Department to compile a directory of 90 North York restaurants and cafeterias who have voluntarily gone smoke-free.

The directory is the first of its kind in Canada to offer consumers a comprehensive list of where to find smoke-free dining with in a city's borders.

The directory is free to all who call 395-7602. They are also available at North York City Hall, North York Parks & Recreation facilities and North York libraries.

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Chinese CPA Firm Admitted

TORONTO — Horwath International (HI), a leading international network of accounting and management consultant firms has admitted the Chinese CPA firm Zhonghua Shenzhen as a member of its international organization.

The move, endorsed by the Chinese Ministry of Finance, represents a departure from the previous practice of international accounting firms establishing joint ventures with Chinese CPA firms.

Groups hail call to end Arab boycott

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — Jewish groups are hailing the call by the world's major industrial powers to end the Arab economic boycott of Israel.

The Group of Seven, meeting in Naples earlier this month, issued a communique that made two references to ending the boycott.

In one instance, the call to end the boycott came at the end of a paragraph that said "economic development is essential to underpin the peace process" and that referred to financial and technical assistance to the nascent Palestinian Authority operating in Gaza and Jericho.

The G-7 nations, which include Canada, also "called upon the League of Arab States to end their boycott of Israel" in a reference that also urged a "comprehensive settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute and wider process of peace."

Praising the communique, Abraham Foxman, national director of the U.S.-based Anti-Defamation League, said in a statement: "We hail the G-7 statement for its clear and unequivocal call for an end to the boycott, marking the first time the G-7 has urged its termination without linkage to other issues."

In the past, the G-7 statements have linked the termination of the Arab boycott of Israel with Israel's halting of settlements in the territories, according to Stacy Burdett, assistant director of the ADL's Washington office.

She said the Jewish community and pro-Israel groups have consistently pushed to have the boycott "delinked from the peace process" and viewed instead as an economic issue that hurts the G-7 nations.

Martin Raffel, associate executive vice chairman of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, also called the statement "an improvement from last year."

'Economic terrorism'

However, he said that given the context and brevity of the references, the G-7 call could be seen "as still linked to the peace process."

Raffel also said the G-7 did not go far enough in denouncing the secondary and tertiary boycotts, which blacklist companies that do business with Israel.

Raffel said that the G-7 "should embrace the U.S. position and insist on a total end to the boycott" including the second and tertiary boycotts, which has "never been achieved."

According to Burdett, the termination of the boycott will be difficult to achieve if other countries do not pass and enforce strong anti-boycott legislation similar to that which exists in the United States.

U.S. Rep. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), chairman of the Congressional Task Force to End the Arab Boycott, also welcomed the G-7 statement.

"The G-7 statement demonstrates that the major trading nations will not tolerate this odious form of economic terrorism," he said in a statement.

In a July 6 letter to U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor, Schumer, along with 72 members of the House of Representatives, had written that "an important way for the United States to take the lead in working to end the Arab boycott is to press for the G-7 nations to issue a stronger statement than last year calling for unequivocal opposition to the Arab boycott."

In the letter, Schumer and his co-signers also voiced their concerns about the Arab League's lack of action to end the boycott. The letter noted that a recent Commerce Department report showed that boycott-related activity is continuing at approximately the same rate as last year.

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Ed Mirvish is pictured here with a life-size reproduction of himself.

Mirvish's retailing gold mine is based on innovative ideas

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
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TORONTO — He did it his way. And he made a bundle.

In an interview with *The CJN*, Ed Mirvish said he bucked retail trends back in 1948 when he founded Honest Eds, the bargain emporium on Bloor Street.

At that time most retailers were offering customers services like credit, exchanges, and refunds.

But not Mirvish. He didn't even hire sales clerks. He said he skimped on overhead to keep his prices down, establishing the first bargain department store in North America.

It was a gold mine. Within five years of opening its doors the store's annual sales reached $2 million; by 1960, it was $12 million. Last year Honest Eds grossed $65 million.

Mirvish's innovative ideas on advertising and publicity — his corny ads and wacky promotions — attracted media attention. Honest Eds gained notoriety and Mirvish became a local legend.

Mirvish has been making headlines for almost 50 years. And he's making news again this week. On July 24 he'll be hosting a party to celebrate his 80th birthday.

Everyone's invited. There'll be food, prizes and entertainment for the public outside Honest Eds from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The birthday party, an annual tradition since Mirvish turned 75, usually attracts 25,000 people. Even if he gets a good deal on the food and prizes, Mirvish will still be shelling out big bucks for this event.

Not many retailers would go to such lengths for their customers. But Mirvish is not like any other retailer and Honest Eds is not like any other store. And that's just the way Mirvish wants it.

He said many people approached him about turning the operation into a discount chain store. But he said he never wanted to expand because chain stores lack character. "When you've seen one chain store you've seen them all."

Mirvish said he also stayed small — he owns all his companies — because expansion would have meant bringing in shareholders and he never wanted to be accountable to outsiders.

Mirvish said that without shareholders and partners he had more opportunity to be creative. "I'm not as inhibited . . . I can say whatever I want and I can still go back to work."

As a promoter he never lacked inhibition. He's always had a flair for entertaining people, said his childhood friend and right-hand man, Yale Simpson. "Everything he does is show business. Flamboyant is the word for him. He's always been that way."

Mirvish's flamboyance and business acumen turned out to be a winning combination. In his autobiography, *How to build an Empire on an Orange Crate*, Mirvish said his zany promotions — like the 72-hour dance marathon, the triplets fashion show and the pink elephant sale with a live elephant painted pink — drew crowds and free publicity. "Anything that's ridiculous I'm attracted to," Mirvish said.

Celebrates 80th birthday

He also got a lot of mileage out of his advertising. In his autobiography, he said the corny slogans or — "Ed-Lines" as they've come to be called — were idiotic, but they were eye-catching and gave the store character.

Slogans like "Honest Ed's a slob he's dropping prices everywhere" or "Honest Ed ain't upper crust, but his bargains will save you dough" are plastered all over the store, inside and out. The "Ed-Lines" still add to the store's panache, but today they sound dated and quaint.

Mirvish called the slogans homey, which is the atmosphere he said he tried to create in the store. The display tables are deliberately piled with merchandise so customers can pick through it, he said.

Many people feel comfortable because the store is self service, said Russell Lazar, the general manager of Honest Eds. "People have the freedom to do what they want . . . They're not afraid to touch things."

The store employs four full-time sign painters because the display signs are all hand-painted. Lazar said these signs fit in better with the store's image.

"The machine-made signs have a sterile look," he said.

A large sign with bold red letters, hanging outside the store, reads, "There's no place like this anywhere." And that's probably true.

Haimishness and schlock

The unusual ambience, a blend of haimishness and schlock — with flashing lights, crooked floors, narrow staircases, scattered clothes and corny slogans, along with the morning line-ups for the door-crashers, and the ethnic mix of staff and customers give Honest Eds its peculiar charm.

But will the charm and the bargains be enough ammunition for the store to ward off competition from Wal-Mart Lazar said many people have asked him about the possible impact of the U.S. retail giant on Honest Eds. "People were asking us those same questions in the 60s when Towers, Woolco and K-Mart came along," he said.

"I have a healthy respect for competition. But there are no miracles in retail," Mirvish said, in response to a comment about Wal-Mart's reputation for low prices and good service.

There is always a cost to providing service in retail and it's usually incorporated into the price of the merchandise, he said. "You can't be all things to all people."

Like Honest Eds. It's not like any other bargain store, because it's more than just a place to buy cheap goods.

Honest Eds offers a unique shopping experience. And it's summed up best by the message on its sales slips, "Wasn't that FUN!?"

Advertiser's Corner

Advertiser's Corner highlights the news, views and backgrounds of companies whose advertisements appear regularly in the CJN.

This week The CJN features . . . Yitz's Delicatessen

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — Ask Yitz Penciner the secret behind the success of **Yitz's Delicatessen** and he does not know where to begin.

Penciner, better known to all his customers as Mr. Yitz, has owned the deli at 346 Eglinton Ave. W. since 1972 and he has no foreseeable plans of expanding. "It's important to concentrate on one location so I can spend all my time at the restaurant and supervise everything that is going on. When food goes out, I want to know it's fresh, cooked to specifications and well-presented. That is one of the secrets of a successful restaurant."

A second secret, although when word gets out it will no longer be a secret, is that everything from the meat to the salads to the baked goods is prepared right at the deli.

"By pickling our own meat and baking our own breads and cakes, we have full control over the tastes so we can be proud of what we serve," says Mr. Yitz.

He knows that to keep customers happy, it is important for restaurant owners to keep pace with the times.

"People are now looking for healthy alternatives when they dine out," he says, "so we've added more choice to our menu. We have lots of salads with calorie reduced dressings and we bake such things as nine-grain bread. What is important to remember, however, is that we've remained a delicatessen rather than branching out into a general restaurant. When people come to us, they know they're getting traditional deli fare."

Mr. Yitz's great food is not restricted to his restaurant. Professional staff is always on hand to help cater a party for any number of people from an intimate dinner to a large gathering.

Although Yitz's Delicatessen is not supervised under the Kashruth Council of Toronto, many customers cater their Passover seders and Rosh Hashanah meals. Food is delivered in foil containers with complete heating instructions, so all hosts have to do is pop them in the oven and enjoy. If customers want, Yitz's can arrange for serving staff, bartenders and all rentals. "You can leave everything up to us," says Mr. Yitz.

Mr. Yitz, who has been in the food business for most of his life and has been everything from bus boy to owner says that he still enjoys coming to work every day. "I like to see people, I like to feed people and I like to see them happy. What better business to be in?"

He says that Yitz's Delicatessen is definitely a family restaurant — family oriented as well as owned by Mr. Yitz and his wife, Mrs. Yitz.

"We try to keep the atmosphere light, lively and casual and as a result, a lot of our clientele is made up of families who come back again and again. We greet our regulars by name and know their favorite foods. People often come in and ask us what they should order. Someone is always here with a friendly face and a friendly word."

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By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV — Interested in selling skis to the Saudi royal family? Or supplying medical equipment to war-torn Yemen? Or maybe building roads in the Gaza Strip?

For anyone thinking about doing business in the Arab world, there is a company that provides valuable information, contacts and tips. Its location? Not Amman or Cairo, not Riyadh or Casablanca, but a small office in the centre of Tel Aviv.

Here an ex-Mossad agent and a professor of Middle East studies have pooled their talents — and contacts — to establish Info-Prod Research (Middle East) Ltd., specializing in business research, analysis and consultancy for Arab markets.

While other firms provide information on general economic trends in the Middle East, Info-Prod is distinguished by its nuts-and-bolts approach to business.

"Do you want to sell ladies' shoes in Amman? We can tell you who to call," says Dr. Gil Feiler, the 34-year-old academic-turned-businessman who runs the company together with industrialist and former Mossad agent Moshe Wertheim.

Feiler switches on the desktop computer which stores the company's goldmine of information.

"Let's say you want to sell medical equipment in the Gulf," he says, scanning the computer directory. He stops at the appropriate heading, accesses the file and reveals the information on the computer screen: "Saudi Arabia; needs disposable medical syringes; $250,000 worth; within three months."

The name of the company or institution, contact person, phone and fax number are also listed. So are the numbers of the company's bank and bank manager. "So that you can check their credit rating of course," says Feiler.

"A lot of the information we have is very sensitive," he explains as he quickly hides the computer screen. But not before I notice a surprising heading for a Middle East business directory: Snow skis.

"Snow skis?"

"Yes," acknowledges Feiler. "It's for a member of the royal family in Saudi Arabia. He is interested in starting a ski business for the elite in the Gulf region."

How does Info-Prod obtain such detailed information?

Feiler answers coyly, omitting at least as much as he reveals.

As a Middle East scholar — who still teaches at Tel Aviv and Bar Ilan universities — Feiler has spun a network of academic contacts throughout the Arab world over the last decade.

"I got to know many Arab academics very well at conferences. Some of these people have now become ministers in governments," he explains.

In addition, Info-Prod has a staff of 12 full-time researchers, all fluent in Arabic, who regularly review the Arab press and trade journals.

The company also uses less conventional methods of information-gathering. To compile lists of potential partners for business deals, Info-Prod officials interview local money-changers to see who needs capital. Advertisements run by Arab auditing firms, and registration forms required of companies that want to import raw materials are other sources tapped by the Tel Aviv company.

And who are Info-Prod's clients?

Feiler is equally tight-lipped. But in general the clientele includes American, Israeli and European firms, as well as Palestinian and Arab business people from all over the Middle East.

A Canadian company used Info-Prod's services to find a market in the Persian Gulf for Israeli and American-made medical equipment.

An Arab concern interested in purchasing agricultural equipment from an Israeli company hired Info-Prod to run a check on the firm.

Another client from an Arab country ordered a report on the cement market in the Middle East.

Bank Leumi turned to Info-Prod to help identify the sectors and businesses in the Arab market most likely to do business with Israel. The information was needed for the bank's recently-established $500 million dollar mutual investment fund for Israeli companies likely to benefit from peace.

Most recently, Info-Prod completed a comprehensive study of cataract surgery in the Arab world for an Israeli-American concern. The report included such details as the number of cataract operations conducted at specific hospitals and even the amount of a certain fluid used in each operation.

Feiler is quick to stress that Info-Prod does more than provide names and numbers. "We are not just a Dunn and Bradstreet of the Middle East," he maintains.

"We don't merely sell information; we develop a business strategy." This includes advising clients on the best fields and the most reliable businessmen, identifying the key players and establishing connections with them.

"The personal touch is very important in conducting business in the Arab world — much more so than it is among Western businessmen," says Feiler, recounting the story of a Forbes 400 company that tried to contact a Gulf state entrepreneur to explore a possible business venture.

"For a year, the American executive sent letters and faxes to the Arab businessman, but got no answer," says Feiler. "Eventually the American company turned to us to establish the connection. Coincidentally, I knew the Arab entrepreneur personally. Within minutes we had a joint meeting set up in Europe," says Feiler.

"The Arab businessman later explained that he wouldn't do business with someone he knew nothing about. Once I told him that this American was 'all right,' he got the seal of approval he needed."

It was a matter of needing assurance about the other person's character rather than his credit rating, explains Feiler.

It may sound odd, if not downright unbelievable, that Arab businessmen would turn to an Israeli company to screen potential business partners. But Feiler sees it as natural.

"We speak their language. We understand their culture. We have much more in common with them than, say, the Swiss or Americans do."

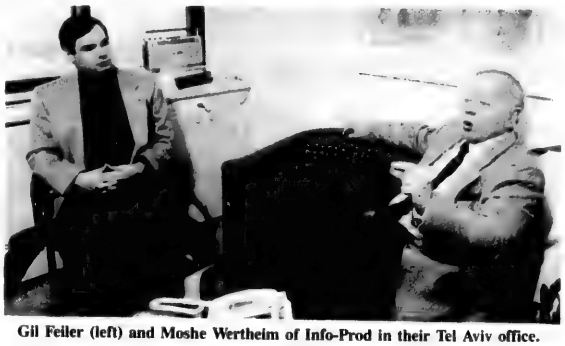
Whatever the reasons, this Israeli company is generating interest in the Arab world. In addition to a number of projects conducted for Arab clients — many of whom have visited the Tel Aviv office — there are other indications of Info-Prod's standing in neighboring countries.

There is, for instance, the front page article on the company that was recently in Jordan's largest daily newspaper. And there is the unusual curriculum vitae on Feiler's desk.

"It belongs to a Palestinian living in Amman who wants to be our representative in Jordan. He heard about us through the article in the Jordanian press," explains Feiler, who acknowledges having interviewed the potential employee recently in Tel Aviv.

Since signing of the Israel-PLO agreement, there has been a surge of interest in Middle East business ventures, says Feiler, estimating that the company has been getting about twice as many projects from Israeli and Arab entrepreneurs alike.

In the last few months, Info-Prod has acted as matchmaker in over 20 joint Israeli-Palestinian ventures.



Gil Feiler (left) and Moshe Wertheim of Info-Prod in their Tel Aviv office.

But the company was established in 1991 — long before the signing of the accord.

Wertheim, who is president of the firm that bottles Coca-Cola in Israel, foresaw the economic opportunities that the peace process would bring and recruited Feiler to join him in the venture.

The two had worked together previously when Wertheim commissioned Feiler to conduct a study on the Arab boycott.

Feiler estimates that, despite the boycott, there is approximately $400 million in annual trade conducted between the Arab world and Israel. Once there is full peace in the region — and an end to the boycott — trade could reach about $2 billion a year, he says.

In the meantime, the university professor and the ex-Mossad agent continue to hold discreet meetings with Arab entrepreneurs who are not waiting for a formal peace accord to do business with Israel.

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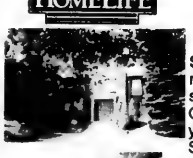

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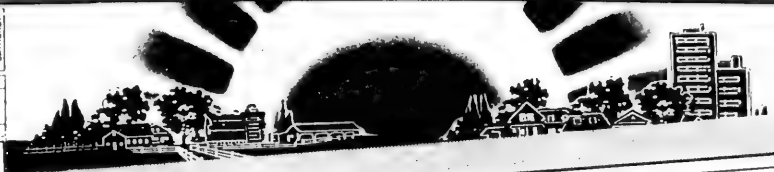

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Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin (centre) is flanked by Jordan's King Hussein (at podium) and U.S. President Bill Clinton at Monday's signing in Washington of a declaration of non-belligerency between Israel and Jordan.

Israel, Jordan sign historic Declaration

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein signed an historic agreement Monday, ending the 46-year state of war between their countries.

The non-belligerency pact — not a formal peace treaty — was signed on the South Lawn of the White House, just yards from where Israel and the PLO signed their Declaration of Principles 10 months ago.

Under a canopy that included the Jordanian, Israeli and U.S. flags, Rabin and Hussein described the Washington Declaration as a major step on the road to normal relations between the two states.

"Millions of eyes all over the world are watching us now with great relief and great joy," Rabin said. "Yet another nightmare of war may be over. At the same time, millions of eyes in the Middle East are looking at us now with great heartfelt hope that our children and grandchildren will know no more war.

"We have gone here a long way towards a full treaty of peace and even though our work has not yet ended it is my hope and belief that not long from today we shall return to sign a final and permanent treaty of peace.

"We and Jordan have chosen to speak to each other rather than to continue the state of war."

Referring to the Declaration, Rabin said "it bears witness to our ability in Israel and Jordan to accelerate our efforts towards peace, to overcome obstacles, to achieve a breakthrough and put an end to 46 years of hostility."

In his remarks, Hussein called the Declaration "a modest and determined beginning to bring to our region and people security from fears."

It marks a step on the way to "normal" relations between the two peoples, the Jordanian monarch said, adding that he hoped "it ends the suspicion, the bitterness and the lack of human contact."

Appearing on U.S. television last Sunday, Secretary of State Warren Christopher said Monday's event demonstrates how "the walls are coming down in the Middle East, and it's a very exciting time.

"Added to the event with [PLO Chairman Yasser] Arafat last year, it really is both symbolic and a matter of substance. It means that there's an acceptance of Israel and there's an acceptance of peace. I don't think things will ever be the same again in the Middle East after these historic events," Christopher said.

Rabin arrived here at Andrews Air Force Base early Sunday to begin preparations for Monday's meeting.

Rabin's delegation included Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Gur and Defence Ministry legal adviser Elyakim Rubinstein, who was the chief negotiator in the Jordanian talks since they began nearly three years ago.

Also accompanying Rabin were several soldiers who fought the Jordanians in the War of Independence and the Six-Day War, and relatives of soldiers who fell in those wars.

While Rabin and Hussein meet publicly for the first time in Washington, Jordanians will officially step on Israeli soil for the first time.

Jordanian officials were due in Israel Monday to meet with Foreign Ministry staffers and lay the groundwork for the next round of peace talks expected to begin Aug. 8.

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Buenos Aires relief fund

NEW YORK — B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee have established relief funds to help rebuild the Buenos Aires Jewish community offices destroyed in the July 18 bombing, and to aid families of victims and those injured.

Donations in the form of checks can be sent to:

- B'nai B'rith Disaster Relief Fund, Attention: Argentina Jewish Community Fund, 1640 Rhode Island Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, U.S.A. or
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According to the World Jewish Congress, the director of the Latin American Jewish Congress, Manuel Tenenbaum, has requested that letters of support be faxed to the LAJC in Buenos Aires "as an important morale booster."

The fax number is 011-54-1-963-7056. The mailing address is: The DAIA, c/o Congress Judio Latino Americano; Casilla de Correro 20 (Suc. 53) 1453 Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Bomb blast shocks Argentinian Jews

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BUENOS AIRES — Nothing will ever be the same for Argentina's Jews after last week's bomb attack on the community's headquarters.

On Monday, when the winter holiday is over, children were scheduled to return to school, and pupils at Jewish schools were to face tighter security than ever before.

For the first time, police cars are being stationed at the school doors, and as the children go inside, their school bags are being examined one by one.

And parents will soon hold assemblies in Jewish schools and clubs to decide what additional measures should be taken to beef up security.

Diana Katz, the mother of a girl who goes to the Scholem Aleijem School in Buenos Aires, said she will send her daughter to a non-Jewish school next year.

"I cannot live in fear. You never know what murderers may do," she said.

But Juana Kilzi, whose two grandchildren also go to a Jewish school, thought otherwise.

"We must not creep into basements" out of fear, she said.

But fear was nonetheless felt by many here in the wake of the July 18 bomb blast, which completely leveled a seven-story building housing the Jewish Kehilla, or Jewish community organizations.

The bomb struck one of the community's most important addresses. The building housed the DAIA, the umbrella organization of Argentine Jewry; the AMIA, the community's 100-year-old main social service agency for the poor and aged; a library of YIVO, the Jewish Research Institute; the archives on Jewish life in Argentina; and the Jewish Community Council, among other organizations.

At least 59 people are known to have died in the blast, and Jewish leaders are saying the toll may rise as high as 100.

The blast echoed the one that demolished the Israeli Embassy here in March 1992. No one was ever tried for that attack, which killed 30 and injured 250.

Ruben Beraja, president of the DAIA, has announced that Israeli companies and experts will be engaged to provide security for the 200 Jewish institutions in the country.

"We will have to invest millions of dollars to carry out this transformation, but we have no other alternative," Beraja said.

Delia Dordon, the headmistress of a Jewish school, explained what her first security measures will be.

"Even the crates with vegetables we receive will be opened. We will ask the janitors of the neighboring houses to cooperate so that no unfamiliar cars are allowed into garages. We will study the history of each one of the persons that we hire.

"Parking will be prohibited on the block where Jewish institutions are located, and every school and club will be searched four times daily, inch by inch," she said.

In spite of all the fears and difficulties with security, the Jewish community has made a unanimous decision: all Jewish institutions in Buenos Aires will open their doors for business as usual this week.

The Jewish resolve was bolstered after more than 150,000 people gathered last week in the city's Congress Square to repudiate the act of terror that had claimed so many lives.

The July 21 rally, occurring three days after the bombing took place, was described as the largest mass demonstration to take place in Argentina in the last 10 years.

Six blocks in one direction, two in the other, three blocks behind the platform, shoulder to shoulder, Argentines from all walks of life stood, mostly silent, many under umbrellas, in a cold and steady rain.

Rally repudiates terror attack

Banners of extraordinary length reading "Hoy somos todos Judios" — "Today we are all Jews" — were unfurled above the heads of scores of demonstrators.

Posters proclaiming the rally and urging all to attend and "stand up against violence" had been placed in stores throughout Buenos Aires.

"The trade unions collectively called for a work stoppage so that people could come to this event," said Jason Isaacson, an American Jewish Committee official who had flown here to express solidarity with Argentine Jews.

The Argentine government was shut down that day at 2 p.m. by presidential decree so that people could attend the rally, which began at 3:30 local time and lasted 90 minutes.

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Canada

Sweet sounds emanate from subway stop

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The notes of a Bach sonata for solo violin float above the platform inside the Bloor-Yonge subway station, rising sweet and clear over the clatter of the trains hurtling along the tracks.

Ezra Atsmon, slight, bearded, is at his favorite TTC spot, open case at his feet, playing the music he loves. "Bach is for everyone, for all time," he maintains.

At first Atsmon is in his own world; then he begins to tap his foot as if to say, "Look at me! I'm here! I want to share this with you."

Several people scurry past but a plainly dressed woman stops against an opposite wall. Long shining hair, obviously her pride, falls forward as she listens entranced. Atsmon finishes and starts to put away his violin but the woman darts toward him, drops a bill into the case, pleading, "Oh no, not yet!" She's a regular. He plays some Mendelssohn. Others pause briefly.

Atsmon was born on Kibbutz Dan near Israel's Syrian border, but his parents, Holocaust survivors from Poland, moved with their three children from one farming village to another.

He was given his first violin at age seven because his mother's 17-year-old brother, a talented young violinist, had been murdered by the Nazis and she was determined that her son would carry on the family's musical tradition.

Before long Atsmon was earning scholarships through Keren Hatarbut, the American-Israel Foundation, which fostered both Itzhak Perlman and Pinchas Zuckerman. He says that Zuckerman's teacher, who tested him, told him he could be another Zuckerman.

Ezra Atsmon

At 15, Atsmon was admitted to Talma Yalin School for the Arts in Tel Aviv. Four years later, in the wake of the Yom Kippur War, he was called up and served three years with the tank corps.

Upon discharge he was accepted at the University of Tel Aviv's Academy of Music and chosen to study in Hanover — "Germany, of all places," he says.

However there were problems, differences of approach, and he first returned to Israel and then wandered through several countries, playing in the streets, under bridges, anywhere.

Restless, unsure, he put away the violin, tried computers, spent three "miserable" years on a kibbutz and became severely depressed.

But the violin was part of him and when he eventually picked it up again it felt right.

Settling in Gezer, a predominantly North American kibbutz, he continued with his music but also expanded a previous kibbutz career in cattle management. And he met Patricia, an opera singer and volunteer from Canada. Five years ago when she returned here, he followed her. They married and have a son Shlomo.

Venues for violinists, especially newcomers to Toronto, are scarce.

Atsmon worked as a dishwasher, then a Greenpeace canvasser. Feeling unfulfilled, he started to play the violin in subway stations without a TTC licence (only 16 were granted at the time). Regularly hassled and humiliated, picked up and fined, he was always on the alert to grab his violin and run.

Finally he decided to stop paying fines and challenge the system. Appearing in court on a charge of operating a musical instrument without earphones, he explained that he didn't use an amplifier and therefore no earphones were needed. The case was dismissed but the judge noted that in the future he could be charged with soliciting.

Eight unpaid fines later he was back in court for soliciting. But this time he had help from Jeffrey Neiman, a young lawyer and classical music buff who had heard Atsmon's Bach in the subway and offered to defend him without a fee.

Neiman argued that there was no solicitation since Atsmon just played; he didn't approach anyone. The case was dismissed and this judge commented that buskers — street performers — add flavor to the city.

Since Atsmon considered the TTC's strict limitation of licences unfair, he organized Troubador Day, a demonstration by some 30 performers inside the Bloor-Bathurst subway station.

Even before Atsmon's second court date, TTC officials realized that this upstart violinist would not go away and they invited him in for a talk. Following Troubador Day he got his audition and his licence.

In short order the number of licences was upped frm 16 to 42. Today it stands at 75. Not everyone is accepted. Annual auditions are held and the standards are high. Performers must requalify each year.

What does it feel like, playing in the subway?

"In a lot of ways I like it," Atsmon insists. "I play to the people; I get feedback. I'm not on a stage separated from them, performing frozen music." But there's a downside. It's discouraging when he's ignored. "I get mad," Atsmon says, "but I have to keep quiet."

There can be unexpected encouragement. At the suggestion of an impressed bypasser, Atsmon will be showcased in a 20-minute segment of CBC Sunday Arts Entertainment called Busker's Bach, which will air on network TV in the late fall.

Atsmon doesn't want to make music underground forever. Clearly an individualist, he dreams of performing on his own terms as a respected artist.

Emerging from the subway into the sunlight, he passes a piper in kilts at the corner of Bloor and Yonge and quickly drops a coin into the man's open case.

Israeli MiA group joins Network to promote cause

Baumel seeks fate of youngest child

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — When Israel is at war it is taboo to ring doorbells. The sound of the doorbell usually means a military representative is bringing bad news from the front.

But Miriam and Yona Baumel, Americans who had made aliyah, didn't know this when they innocently rang the doorbell of friends in June 1982 during the early days of the Lebanon war.

They had unwittingly alarmed their friends whose son was at the front.

On a recent visit to Toronto as part of her campaign tour on behalf of all the Israeli MiAs, Baumel spoke at an informal meeting organized by the International Coalition for Missing Israeli Soldiers (ICMIS). She said the significance of the ringing doorbell became clear to her and her husband soon enough.

One afternoon in 1982 the doorbell rang at their Jerusalem apartment. The news was grim. Zachary, their youngest child, was missing in action (MiA).

According to Miriam Baumel, they have never received any conclusive information about the fate of their son despite their tireless campaign to find out. They have contacted politicians, secret agents, defence force personnel and even launched their own investigation.

In the past 12 years there have been leads and reported sightings of Zachary Baumel. And in January, Baumel said, PLO contacts returned half of his dog tag to government officials. But the Baumels are still no closer to knowing whether their son is dead or alive.

"It is a horror. Uncertainty is the worst thing a family can go through," she said.

Last December a group of students joined forces with the Baumels and the families of the other MiAs to form the ICMIS. Danny Eisen, a former Torontonian, was one of the founders of this organization.

At the same meeting, he said he had been interested in the plight of the MiAs for years. But when the peace process began and there was no mention of the MiAs, Eisen decided to muster more public support for them.

He and some friends joined with the Baumels last November to form the ICMIS. It's a one-issue organization with one basic platform.

Organizers want to make sure the political leadership will do everything in its power to resolve the situation with the MiAs as soon as possible.

"For the first time all the parties related to the issue are in direct negotiation," Eisen said. "And this represents the best and possibly the last opportunity to bring the missing soldiers home."

But he said time is running out, because the deals in the Middle East are being made now and to date the plight of the MiAs has not been a priority for the government.

The ICMIS is raising funds through the Jewish Students Network to support an advertising and information campaign to promote the MiA issue.

The campaign is aimed at Israelis, Eisen said, because they need to pressure the politicians to negotiate with Yasser Arafat.

A recent poll conducted by the ICMIS indicated 87 per cent of Israelis wanted the government to halt the release of Palestinian prisoners until Arafat provides more information about the MiAs.

Eisen thinks Arafat is the key to getting this matter resolved because Baumel's dog tag was recovered through PLO sources.

But the government, he said, lacks the political will to press Arafat for this information because they want to forge ahead with the peace process regardless of its cost to the MiAs and their families.

To date there are six MiAs: Baumel, Yehuda Katz, Zvi Feldman, Yosef Fink, Rahamim Alsheikh, and Ron Arad. The outcome of their situation is of great concern to many Israelis, Eisen said.

"We have had a very noticeable response from many Israelis, particularly students who are waiting to be drafted. They basically say, 'Is anyone going to come and get me if I go missing?' "

Miriam Baumel said she gets many calls from parents of children in the army, parents who are upset that Israel is not taking care of its own children.

Baumel said working for her son's release helps her cope with her situation.

Miriam Baumel (centre) with Danny Eisen and Elli Kagan. [Barbara Silverstein photo]

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Prospect of Charbonneau candidacy upsets Jews

By JANICE ARNOLD
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MONTREAL — The prospect of the Liberal candidacy of Yvon Charbonneau has shocked many members of the Jewish community.

Charbonneau is the Quebec union leader who visited Libya at the invitation of Col. Muammar Khaddafy and was an outspoken critic of Israel through the 1970s and early 1980s.

By the end of last week, Charbonneau's candidacy in the northeast Montreal riding of Bourassa was awaiting the confirmation of Premier Daniel Johnson. The riding is now held by Liberal Louise Robic, a former cabinet minister.

Charbonneau, well-known for his left-wing politics two decades ago, was leader of the Centrale de l'Enseignement du Quebec (CEQ), the largest teachers' federation in the province. He openly called for anti-Zionism, particularly Israel's alleged war on the Palestinians, to be taught in the schools, and the CEQ formed close links with Palestinian spokesmen.

He was involved in a Libyan-based organization that declared itself opposed to all forms of racism and especially Zionism.

In 1983, he led the demonstration against a visit by Ariel Sharon, former Israeli defence minister and general of the Israeli forces' invasion of Lebanon.

Sharon, who was invited to speak at a fundraising dinner for Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital, touched off weeks of acrimonious exchange between those for and those against his coming here. The controversy culminated in two large simultaneous demonstrations, with protestors from each side kept apart by police in a one-block buffer zone.

In the mid-1980s, Charbonneau was named director of the Quebec government's Bureau d'Audiences Publiques sur l'Environnement by then environment minister Lise Bacon, who turfed out the widely respected Victor Goldbloom, who had not held the job for long.

Since that time, Charbonneau has not had a high public profile and has made no public comments on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Thomas Hecht, chair of the Quebec wing of the Canada-Israel Committee, who led the pro-Sharon forces during that controversial visit, said he was "shocked" by Charbonneau's unopposed nomination and feels it would be "insensitive to the Jewish community," if Johnson endorses his candidacy.

Hecht said he is most surprised that a strong nationalist like Charbonneau would run for the Liberals.

D'Arcy McGee independent candidate Robert Libman called Charbonneau's nomination "an outrage to the Jewish and anglophone communities" and asked Johnson to block his candidacy.

Libman pointed to a 1984 *Gazette* article detailing Charbonneau's association with the Libyan anti-racist group and the PLO, as well as to a column by Charbonneau in *La Presse* that year, in which he wrote that "as long as [Israel's] political and social system is based on discrimination, oppression, expansionism and confusion between religion and politics," there will be no peace.

Libman also recalled Charbonneau's one-time staunch French-only stance and his denunciation of Alliance Quebec as a "group of extremists."

"In light of Mr. Charbonneau's virulently anti-Israel and anti-anglophone views, it is astounding that Daniel Johnson would name such a person to represent the Liberal party at any level. This shows a blatant disregard for the sensitivities of Quebec's Jewish and anglophone communities," Libman said.

D'Arcy McGee Liberal candidate Lawrence Bergman declined to make any immediate comment on the matter.

The chair of the Liberal campaign, John Parisella, did not return calls from *The CJN* last week.

Parti Quebecois international affairs critic Andre Boulerice, who remembers well Charbonneau's flirtation with Khaddafy, was bemused by his new association with the Liberal party. Boulerice, the MNA for Ste. Marie-St. Jacques, sympathized with the Jewish community's distress over the party's embracing a person with such a history.

Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region (CJC-Q), however, has not become involved in the issue. Executive director Michael Crelinsten said CJC will not interfere with the nomination process.

Noting that Charbonneau has not done anything contentious in 10 years leads Crelinstein to believe he has "evolved in his attitudes.

"We're not going to jump in and condemn him now," he said.

A large sign heralding the coming of Moshiach stands outside the Rabbinical College of Canada, the Lubavitch yeshivah. [Howard Kay photo]

Montreal's Lubavitch community still vibrant after Rebbe's death

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The billboard outside the Lubavitch yeshivah on Westbury Avenue proclaims "Moshiach is on His way — Let's be Ready."

Montreal's Lubavitch community appears to have lost little of its zeal in working towards messianic times despite the death of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson in June.

However, it is at pains to explain to those outside the community how it can reconcile its belief in the rebbe's power to deliver them with the fact of his death.

"Our faith in the Rebbe's prophecy that we stand on the threshold of the messianic era has not changed. It is taking a different course, but the result will be the same," said Rabbi Moishe New, director of Lubavitch's Torah Centre, an adult education program in Montreal.

Rabbi New was one of the strongest proponents of the idea that Rabbi Schneerson was, indeed, the Mashiach. He continues to believe that Rabbi Schneerson, though physically removed from the world, is directing the Lubavitch movement and preparing the world for redemption.

"The rebbe is not reposing in paradise," Rabbi New said.

Montreal's Lubavitch community, founded over 50 years ago, claims about 3,000 members, making it the third largest in North America after New York and Los Angeles.

Among the 14 Lubavitch institutions are two schools, two camps and eight Chabad Houses, all operating on an annual budget estimated between $6 million and $7 million.

Rabbi New said his community's ability to cope so well proves that Lubavitchers were right in dedicating their lives to Rabbi Schneerson.

More than 1,000 attended the recent shloshim service at the Beth Israel Beth Aaron synagogue, marking the end of the 30-day mourning period.

Rabbi New and Rabbi Ronnie Fine, director of Chabad House — two of the local community's main spokesmen — share the opinion that the Lubavitch movement will not split or disintegrate with the loss of its leader.

"We have surprised the world by not falling apart, as so many people predicted," Rabbi New said.

Rabbi Fine said "the rebbe personifies the Torah and what being Jewish is all about. That has not stopped...We believe as strongly today as before that, as the rebbe said, the world is on the verge of a time of peace, goodness and godliness."

They both discounted the possibility of a new rebbe. "The rebbe's only successor is Mashiach," Rabbi Fine said. "And it will be soon." He said the Mashiach may come in a form not easily comprehensible to humans.

As for Rabbi Schneerson, Rabbi Fine said he was not revered because of his charismatic personality or as a "miracle maker," but rather because he "brought alive all of God's teachings."

Rabbi Fine likened the rebbe's passing to a death in the family that brings relatives closer together. If anyone has left the community, he said, it is likely their faith was not strong enough or they misunderstood the concept of Mashiach.

That 3,000-strong community includes some who do not wear "a black hat and beard," Rabbi Fine said, while many non-Lubavitch benefit from programs like its Hebrew classes and its anti-drug project conducted in public schools.

It also conducted a high profile Mashiach campaign, erecting billboards on highways welcoming the messiah and taking full-page ads in daily newspapers.

"On the whole, we do not feel we did anything wrong or foolish. We were following what the Torah dictates," Rabbi Fine said. "Certainly, the rebbe gave many hints and signs that it was he."

Rabbi New thinks the community may have gone a little too far in declaring Rabbi Schneerson as the Mashiach. "The rebbe did not tell us he was the Mashiach. We made some assumptions based on Torah."

The community intends to continue its outreach to other Jews, but will keep its message to "exactly what the rebbe said," according to Rabbi New. "We are finding a lot of inspiration and direction in his discourses and letters."

The sign outside the yeshivah includes the phone number for a multilingual tape message attempting to explain the "perplexing" moshiach issue. On one day, it speaks of the "quagmire of conflict" the world is in and how peace will reign during the messianic age.

But the narrator — a man with a voice of broadcast quality — warns that the rational person should be skeptical of any purported messiah who can "wave a magic wand." The Mashiach Lubavitchers await is a "fundamental concept in Judaism," who will lead mankind to realization of "our potential for self-transformation."

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Israel group to train young female leaders

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The founder and director of a fledgling Israeli project aimed at turning select young women into a generation of activists and leaders says that studying Quebec society has made her task easier.

Calanit Dovere took part in an international conference earlier this year on the development of young leadership held at John Abbott College.

But it was the obvious cultural diversity of Quebec that will help her to build her new organization, called Mo'adon Nisan, said Dovere, 23, a graduate of Columbia University who lives in Tel Aviv.

"The cultural diversity here is the kind of thing we can analyze and take back to Israel," Dovere, who holds a Master's degree in international law and human rights, said in a telephone interview.

The structure and general terms of reference of Mo'adon Nisan, in Dovere's view, sets it apart from other organizations in Israel geared for young people.

First, says Dovere, the project, launched just this year, specificially targets girls entering Grade 11 from all segments of the population. At seven of the Haifa high schools where the project is being initiated and is recruiting its first 28 participants, for example, four of the schools are Jewish, two are Arab and one is Druze. The program, conducted in Hebrew and Arabic, received over 100 applications, with acceptances based on consulations with school officials, academic achievement and personal interviews.

At the moment, the short-term focus of Mo'adon Nisan is on developing young Israeli representation for the fourth World Conference on Women, scheduled to take place August 30-Sept. 8 next year in Beijing, China.

The longer-term goal, she said, will be to build a new and informed generation of social and political leadership in Israel from all segements of its society.

In Beijing, representatives from Mo'adon Nisan will be part of the general Israeli delegation at a pre-conference forum for non-governmental organizations. But they will also meet with peers from all over the world to discuss the new organization during specially-designated "youth tent activities."

The preparation for the conference — as well as increasing the visibility of Mo'adon Nisan in Israel — will take the form of weekly, four-hour sessions, ranging from sessions on the status of women in Israel to leadership training workshops, independent projects and language-skills development.

Calanit Dovere displayed her Israeli colors at a recent conference in Montreal. [Susan Mintzberg photo]

Once the conference is over, Mo'adon Nisan participants will be expected to complete a series of independent projects and to evaluate and make recommendations for the Mo'adon Nissim groups that will be developed for the next year in Haifa and, hopefully, other parts of Israel.

"We are presenting our work as a model for young women to act together, to take initiatives, to change society for the better," Dovere says. "The eventual goal will be to expand the proram throughout Israel — for girls *and* boys."

Dovere herself seems to be the sort of person who could have graduated from the very program she just founded. Over the last year, she lobbied for the promotion of youth issues at a United Nations NGO conference in New York in March and took part at Israel's Commission on the Status of Women.

Her presence at the conference in Montreal was made possible through the sponsorship of the American-Israel Cultural Foundation.

Dovere, however, stressed that she does not run the Mo'adon Nisan project singlehandedly. Three women — Dahlia Berani, Ruth Ben-Artzi and Abir Igbaria — are the project's counsellors. In Haifa, participants conduct their activities at the Golda Meir Mount Carmel Training Centre.

The Hebrew term Mo'adon Nisan essentially translates into a "gathering place for new life," since Nisan "is the month of spring and new life in Hebrew and Arabic," the project's inaugural newsletter noted.

'Great Debate' fizzles as Rabbi Bulka withdraws

By RON CSILLAG
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OTTAWA — It was the Great Debate that never was.

Last week's much-touted verbal set-to here between Rabbi Reuven Bulka and fiery Muslim cleric Sheikh Ahmed Deedat of South Africa fizzled, as Rabbi Bulka withdrew at the last moment.

Instead, the controversial Deedat, president of the Durban-based Islamic Propagation Centre International, spoke solo to at least 1,000 people, mostly Muslims, at Ottawa's Civic Centre.

The July 19 event, billed as The Great Debate — Islam or Judaism: which has the solution to world problems?, would have pitted the two religious leaders in an adversarial environment.

That was precisely the problem, according to Rabbi Bulka, spiritual leader of Congregation Machzikei Hadas.

"I was originally approached on the basis of a debate," Rabbi Bulka told *The CJN*. "I said, 'Absolutely not.' I did not want a debate. I wanted a discussion."

Rabbi Bulka said he was under the impression the event would be a dialogue on how to improve relations between Muslims and Jews.

" I had no problem with that. In the end, the publicity got huge and it became a debate."

Rabbi Bulka backed out the morning of the debate. In a letter to Ottawa's Islamic Information Centre, he said the evening was intended "not to be a debate, but a dialogue ... Unfortunately, the hype for this event, over which you had little control, has escalated this into a debate.

Rabbi Reuven Bulka

"Whilst I have never feared debating people in general, the matter of our communities working together is too important for me to risk it in an evening that may send off sparks of discord and enmity.

"In a time when peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors is moving ahead, albeit slowly but nevertheless inexorably, debates are retrogressive," the letter stated.

Mahmoud Abbas of the Islamic Information Centre told *The CJN* he understood Rabbi Bulka's decision in the wake of tensions arising from the Buenos Aires bombing.

"But it would have been a great dialogue," he added.

Deedat plans to offer Rabbi Bulka a fully-paid trip to South Africa to have the debate, Abbas noted.

He said Deedat ended up speaking to about 2,000 people at the Civic Centre. Asked whether the sheikh said anything inflammatory about Jews, Abbas said, "not at all."

A different view was taken by a Jewish woman who attended the event.

She told *The CJN* that Deedat, in a 90-minute address, mocked Judaism, saying it is "headed for destruction." She said he quoted rabbis out of context.

"His remarks were inflammatory, offensive and denigrating, not only to all Jews but particularly to Rabbi Bulka," said the woman, a Holocaust survivor who did not want her name used.

"I remember hearing speeches like this by Hitler, exactly as sweeping and enticing."

She said the wide applause at the end of Deedat's speech made her "sick at heart."

Last week in Toronto, Deedat made another controversial appearance in which he told thousands that Jesus Christ was not crucified.

In a debate with Christian evangelist William Wakefield, Deedat questioned why Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb. "Mark tells us, 'She went to to anoint Him' ... I'm asking, do Jews massage dead bodies after three days?"

Canadian Jewish Congress says it has extensive files on Deedat and examples of anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist statements he has made in the past.

Finta fallout concerns Jewish groups

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — *Hitler must not be handed a posthumous victory.*

Strong words at any time, but even more so when made in response to a decision of the Supreme Court of Canada.

Nevertheless, it was a decision by Canada's highest court, in the case of accused war criminal Imre Finta, that strained the patience of some Jewish groups and prompted the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association (CHRA) to circulate a petition calling for changes to the Criminal Code pertaining to war crimes.

The court's ruling "would exonerate persons committing war crimes and crimes against humanity based on 'obedience to superior orders,' " the petition states.

That situation must be corrected by parliament's passing legislation to make Canada's law consistent with its international obligations to prosecute war criminals, the petition adds.

At the same time, B'nai Brith Canada has announced that it intends to file a complaint over the Finta case with two United Nations organizations: the Human Rights Committee of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

Both Jewish organizations argue that the Supreme Court's ruling, while upholding Canada's war crimes legislation, makes successful criminal prosecutions virtually impossible.

The decision permits the use of the defence of obedience to orders of a superior — a defence discredited during the postwar Nuremberg trials, said CHRA vice-president Sabina Citron.

It also allows an accused war criminal to argue he did not think his actions were illegal, since society at the time believed that Jews were unsympathetic or hostile to the state. The Supreme Court has, in effect, permitted an accused war criminal to raise a defence of racial prejudice, B'nai Brith and the CHRA say.

Similar arguments were advanced by the Justice Department's war crimes unit, which joined B'nai Brith, CHRA, Canadian Jewish Congress and Interamicus in asking the High Court to convene a special hearing to clarify part of its judgment. The Supreme Court turned down the request without giving reasons.

The Supreme Court's judgment "implies that adverse propaganda against an oppressed minority can be used to inflict further persecutions," Citron said. Strong community support for legislative change is necessary to influence the minister to act on the petition, she added.

But not all Jewish groups agree the legislation needs change. While Congress believes the judgment makes it more difficult to prove an accused's "guilty mind," the defence of superior orders would not be effective in a situation where the accused war criminal's activities were particularly egregious. Had Finta been accused of mowing down Jewish civilians with a machine gun, these defences would not come into play, said Jack Silverstone, national executive-director of Congress.

Finta, a former captain in the Hungarian gendarmerie, was charged with robbery, forcible confinement, kidnapping and manslaughter, in connection with the wartime round-up and deportation of 8,617 Jews in the southern Hungarian city of Szeged. He was acquitted on all charges.

The Ontario Court of Appeal and later the Supreme Court turned down appeals by federal prosecutors and the interveners.

"Our position in the wake of the Finta decision was not pessimistic," Silverstone said. " We felt [it] would not be an impediment to a prosecution where the acts were so egregious that a Canadian jury would be unlikely to acquit."

Silverstone reserved his harshest critique for the war crimes unit, which has launched only four criminal prosecutions and one denaturalization/deportation case in seven years.

Since Jacob Luitjens was successfully deported to Holland two years ago, the unit has not pursued that track at all, he said. "Years are going by and nothing is going forward. This points to the very credibility of the unit," Silverstone said.

Justice Minister Allan Rock has said he is studying a number of dossiers on his desk, but no new cases have resulted, he added.

Cyrus Reporter, a special assistant to Rock, said the minister "has instructed his officials to review the [Finta] decision and to consider whether legislative amendments are necessary or possible." Reporter declined to indicate whether Rock had approved or turned down any new prosecutions.

B'nai Brith legal counsel Marvin Kurz was also disenchanted with federal prosecutors. Examining the impact of the court decision in the context of 50 years of Canadian inaction on war crimes, he said, "I find it difficult to believe that any Nazi war criminals will come to trial."

In recent years, Kurz said, B'nai Brith has urged the war crimes unit to change tacks and employ the denaturalization procedure, which, due to its lower standard of proof, is more likely to achieve success.

Meanwhile, B'nai Brith hopes that by raising the Finta case before the UN groups, it may spur the government to amend its war crimes legislation.

At this point, given his pessimism about the prospect of Nazi war criminal prosecutions, Kurz said he is fighting for war crimes victims in Rwanda, Bosnia and Somalia.

However, he is not very hopeful.

"Finta has answered our worst fears of how the Canadian criminal justice system will deal with war criminals," he said.

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Canadian university presidents take part in unique Israel tour

By LEORA FRUCHT
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JERUSALEM — Dr. James Downey waited nearly 30 years to visit Israel.

His first attempt in 1965 was frustrated when Jordanian authorities would not grant him a visa to enter what was then the divided city of Jerusalem. Early this month, the University of of Waterloo president finally set foot in Jerusalem.

Downey was one of 17 Canadian university presidents who visited the city as part of a unique tour of Israel organized by the Canadian Jewish Congress.

"This is the first time that so many university presidents from any country in the world have visited Israel at one time," said CJC president Prof. Irving Abella, who led the delegation. "The purpose of the trip was to enable Canadian university presidents to meet with their Israeli counterparts, discuss common problems, and encourage joint research."

Met political leaders

During the week-long trip, the heads of universities from across Canada visited all seven Israeli universities, and met with several Israeli leaders, including President Ezer Weizman, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein, Immigration Minister Yair Tsaban, and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Ohmert. The whirlwind tour took them from Metulla to the Negev, and included visits to Christian and Jewish holy sites, a strategic tour of the Golan Heights, and a stop at Massada.

For many participants, it was their first chance to see Israel.

"I had planned to visit the country many times, but it never worked out," Downey said. "This invitation was a perfect opportunity."

Downey said he was especially moved by a visit to an immigrant absorption centre. "When we heard the stories of some of the Russian and Ethiopian immigrants, there wasn't a dry eye in the group."

For Wilfred Laurier University president Dr. Lorna Marsden, the highlight of the trip was meeting an alumnus in the Negev desert: a Bedouin social worker who completed his master's degree at the Kitchener university. "It was very gratifying to see him at work in his community, applying many of the models he learned in our faculty," said Marsden.

She said she would like to establish a scholarship program to enable other students from the Negev, especially Bedouins, to study at Wilfred Laurier.

Marsden, a former senator, has been to Israel several times. "But nothing stays the same here," she laughed. The most striking change? "The increasing equity of women in academia. Last time I was here, this subject wasn't taken seriously. Now it has become a real issue."

During meetings with Israeli leaders, military experts and academics — as well as Palestinian university officials — participants heard a variety of viewpoints on the Arab-Israeli conflict. "I found out enough on this trip to tell me how little I know," said Dr. Arthur May, president of Memorial University of Newfoundland. "This is a very complicated part of the world and anyone who makes quick judgments probably makes the wrong judgments."

The visit also provided an opportunity to see some of Israel's lesser-known universities. "The Hebrew University of Jerusalem is one of the great universities of the world. But I was very impressed by the high quality of Israel's other universities as well," said Dr. Marcel Hamelin, president of the University of Ottawa. "Ben-Gurion University was especially striking for the contribution it makes to its milieu, the Negev desert.

"What was really amazing was how similar Israeli and Canadian universities are," he said. "We are preoccupied with the same problems: preserving the autonomy of the university, raising the level of teaching and meeting the budgetary challenge."

That sentiment was echoed by many of the university presidents.

"It was clear that we, in Canada, have more in common with Israeli universities than with American ones," said Dr. Susan Mann, president of York University. "The part-public, part-private nature of universities is exactly the same. And so is the problem of insufficient government funding."

"The way Israeli universities see themselves — as both teaching and research institutions — was interesting to us because this is now the subject of a major debate in Canadian universities," said Dr. John Stubbs, president of Simon Fraser University. "I saw a lot of colleagues taking notes."

Some participants found specific areas for future collaboration with their Israeli counterparts. A Ben-Gurion University medical expert was intrigued by Memorial University's use of interactive television to reach remote parts of Newfoundland.

Medical data

"We transmit medical data, such as X-rays, over long distances instantly. That enables a community physician to consult with a specialist 500 miles away," explained Memorial University president Dr. Arthur May. "We then use same equipment to teach algebra and other subjects to students in four different locations simultaneously.

"A community doctor at Ben-Gurion University thought this system might be very useful in the Negev desert, so I plan to put him in touch with the people who run the program at Memorial."

Nearly all participants expressed interest in expanding joint research and exchange programs between Canadian and Israeli universities.

"We hope to convince the Canadian government to start a joint research fund for this purpose," said CJC president Abella, noting that Israel already has such arrangements with several other countries, including the U.S. and Germany.

During the trip, the group visited the University of Haifa, the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, Bar-Ilan University, Tel Aviv University, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, the Weizmann Institute of Science and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Dr. Robert Pritchard of the University of Toronto (standing) was one of the presidents of Canadian universities taking part in the Canadian Jewish Congress mission to Israel held early in July. He is seen here at Tel Aviv University, addressing a luncheon of academics. With him are, from left, Prof. Irving Abella, president of Congress; Prof. Yoram Dinstein, president of Tel Aviv University; and Dr. Geraldine Kenny-Wallace of McMaster University.

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Israel, Jordan sign agreement

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Rabin, Hussein and their respective delegations arrived at the White House Monday morning and signed the official guest book. Each group met for 10 minutes with President Bill Clinton.

With only journalists and diplomats attending, Clinton presided over a brief Rose Garden welcoming ceremony, in which each of the leaders spoke for two minutes. The three leaders then adjourned to the Cabinet Room for an hour-long meeting.

At the same time, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton met with Leah Rabin and Jordan's Queen Noor, who is American-born.

Clinton, Hussein and Rabin then addressed 500 invited guests on the South Lawn. Rabin and Hussein publicly shook hands for the first time.

The choreography of the handshake had been carefully worked out over the past few days, a White House official said, with advisers trying not to precisely duplicate the September 13 Rabin-Arafat handshake.

On Monday evening, Clinton was to host the first White House dinner honoring Israeli and Arab leaders.

On Tuesday morning, Rabin and Hussein were to address a joint session of the U.S. Congress. Foreign heads of state have addressed Congress before, but two have never appeared together.

Federation, JCC agree to new bailout plan

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto has come to the rescue of the Jewish Community Centre — again.

Reprising a role it played last April, the Federation last week agreed to a new plan that will see it bail out the JCC and put the community centre on the road to a sounder financial footing.

The new arrangement is similar to one that had been negotiated last spring between the JCC, the Federation and the Bank of Montreal, but which fell through when the JCC did not meet the financial conditions set by the bank, its principal creditor.

Under terms of the plan agreed to unanimously in a recent meeting of 19 Federation officers, the Federation will lend the JCC $5 million, $4.5 million of which is to go towards payment of the JCC's $9.5 million bank debt. The remaining half-million dollars will go towards operating expenses of the JCC and the Federation will guarantee the bank $500,000 at the end of five years.

In return, the Federation will get a first mortgage on the property at 4588 Bathurst Street.

In addition, the community Endowment Fund will advance $1.8 million to the JCC as a loan *prior* to closing the deal. Of that amount, $700,000 has already been allocated — $300,000 to make part payments on the JCC's water, gas and hydro bills and to meet its most recent payroll. A further $400,000 was allocated earlier to pay some of the JCC's creditors.

The JCC will retain ownership of the buildings on Bathurst Street but a new corporation will be established to operate the facilities. The Federation will appoint 50 percent of the board of that non-profit entity and have right of approval over the remaining 50 percent, giving it de facto control over management of the JCC.

The modified agreement does not affect plans for the Bloor Street and Northeast Valley branches of the JCC. Both will see membership groups embark on fundraising campaigns to raise money that will go towards paying the bank debt — $3 million from the Bloor branch, $1 million from the Valley. Users groups will take over ownership of the branches.

The current agreement differs from the aborted April deal in a number of key respects. The Federation has determined it will borrow the $5 million it will lend the JCC, said Howard English, a spokesman for the Federation and the JCC. The United Israel Appeal (UIA) will co-sign the loan and the UIA will pay the interest on the loan, he added. Under the earlier terms, the money was to be taken from funds that had been earmarked for the UIA.

Instead of the Federation's obtaining ownership of the Bathurst Street facilities, it will take back a first mortgage on the building.

And instead of advancing the $1.8 million *after* closing, that is, after the JCC had satisfied the Federation it would provide the building free and clear of all charges, the Endowment Fund will do so *before* closing.

That puts the Endowment Fund money at some risk, English acknowledged, because "if the deal doesn't close, there will be no way to recover the money. But we are very confident the deal will close."

English said that Revenue Canada, which is owed about $700,000, has been "extremely patient and understanding. It will have to be paid at some point," he said.

Federation president Bernard Ghert said it was imperative that the Federation act to protect the facilities for the community.

"The JCC wanted to do it this way and we're trying to remove as many obstacles to getting it done," Ghert told *The CJN*. "We had to get it done quickly. We need to get the community confidence back."

Ghert said the reputation of the JCC in the community was deteriorating, making any future marketing plans a hard sell.

In addition, the Federation was experiencing a drain on its resources as it employed staff and laypeople in trying to help resolve the JCC's problems. Federation people have been working on marketing and renovation plans, among other tasks, Ghert said.

"This way, we will show the Jewish and financial communities that the Federation has done everything we could to save the facilities and to ensure that the financial institutions are not at risk," he said.

The deal was the best that could be arranged under the circumstances, Ghert added. "The reason we're doing this is that it's an important facility for the community."

He said he expects the deal to be finalized by the end of August.

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Correction

In our story last week titled, Toronto JCC Gets Last Minute Reprieve, Helen Finder-Guttman was described as chair of a three-person committee that oversees JCC operations. In fact, the committee consists of three equal partners and has no chairman.

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An IDF official helps load a military jeep on board a special Israel Air Force flight to Buenos Aires. [IDF Spokesman photo]

Bomb shocks Argentinian Jews

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While the entire Jewish community seemed to be there, they were nonetheless outnumbered by non-Jews, and were joined by scores of Jews from other countries.

The crowd first sang the Argentine national anthem. Then came *Hatikvah*, the Israeli national anthem, though most in the crowd were not able to participate.

Isaacson, director of government and international affairs for AJCommittee, attended the rally with Jacobo Kovadloff, an Argentine who represented AJCommittee in Argentina until 1973.

Kovadloff then moved to New York and is AJCommittee consultant for Latin American affairs.

He had gone home to find death and destruction and unbearable sadness.

Isaacson, who had never been in Argentina, found a country in mourning. But he said he was deeply moved that the news of the bombing was being covered by all newspapers, with pages upon pages of text and photos and editorials.

Roxana Rizzo, a young Catholic girl in the crowd, had a Magen David pinned to her chest, because, as she explained, "Today, I'm also Jewish."

Close by, Yang Baek, a Protestant from Korea, carried a sign in her own language, which she translated: "Let's clean up the garbage."

"We Koreans have also closed our shops today. In the Once district (the city's traditional Jewish neighborhood), the Jews are our neighbors and we get along fine," Yang said.

Argentina's president, Carlos Menem, who has a friendly relationship with the Jewish community, was booed when he appeared. He did not address the rally, but other government figures and Jewish leaders did.

Many in the Jewish community here believe that the government has not done enough to protect Jewish institutions. They remember the failure of the government investigation into the 1992 attack on the Israeli Embassy that killed 30 people. Many believe that if the terrorists had been found, this latest attack would not have occurred.

Beraja of the DAIA reflected this feeling when he spoke at the rally:

"Terror comes to those societies where justice is weak and where the systems for prevention and punishment are not efficient," he said.

Meanwhile, the survivors of the attack and the relatives of the dead and missing await an explanation.

Salomon Belgorovski is still searching for a reason for the death of his wife, Dorita.

Belgorovski, who worked in the treasury department of the community building, jumped into the inner yard when he felt the floor move, the furniture fly and the ceiling collapse.

He called out to his wife, who also worked in the building, but there was no answer.

Rosa Montagno, pregnant with her third child and on her way to the doctor, passed the ill-fated building just as the blast occurred. Her 6-year-old son, Sebastian, was killed instantly. Montagno is recovering in the hospital.

Perhaps the most dramatic story was that of Jacobo Chemanuel, the man in charge of the building's coffee shop.

Twelve hours after the attack, firemen heard his voice under the rubble. Saving his life became a national obsession as his rescue was broadcast live. Removing stones and beams to reach him, firemen made a tunnel to put coffee within his reach and talked to him so he wouldn't fall asleep.

A full 31 hours later, Chemanuel was rescued and rushed to the hospital to undergo two operations. Later his right foot was amputated. But with it all, Chemanuel, a diabetic with a heart condition, was fighting against the odds. His heart failed and Chemanuel died last Friday afternoon.

In a search for answers to the tragedy, Isaacson and Kovadloff met last Friday with leaders of Jewish groups, Israeli Embassy personnel and with Argentine Foreign Minister Guido di Tella and Interior Minister Carlos Ruckauff.

When Isaacson asked if the attack could have involved tie-ins among former Nazis who found haven in Argentina and other South American countries, neo-Nazis and Islamic extremist groups, he was told: "It's a possibility."

The Jewish leaders were also told it was possible that Muslim extremist groups were operating in Argentina.

A southern Lebanon-based Islamic group, calling itself the Supporters of God, has claimed responsibility for the July 18 attack.

Little is known about this organization, but the group reportedly issued a statement three months ago from the Lebanese town of Sidon promising all-out war against Israel.

If their claim proves true, it would bear out Israel's assertion last week that a Middle East terror group was behind the bombing.

Isaacson said he was told by many that "Argentina is a sieve; that it is not difficult to get either contraband or undesirables into the country and out again."

There have been some reports from other South American countries that there were or would be attempts on Jewish or Israeli targets in the region.

In Uruguay, a prominent newspaper confirmed a rumor that had been circulating in February that a Lebanese terrorist, Ahmad al-Maked, had come to the country to try to poison meat that was being exported to Israel.

The report said that Uruguayan security sources foiled the attempt.

Also, Chilean authorities were reportedly alerted more than a month ago to "information about a possible attack in the region" on a Jewish or Israeli target.

According to reports, this information was not passed along to higher-ups in the Foreign Ministry or to other countries.

Meanwhile, synagogues throughout Argentina held special services last Friday night.

— With reporting by Susan Birnbaum in New York City.

Explosion downs Panamanian airplane

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

PANAMA CITY — Emanuel Attie was on his way to meet his daughter at the Shevet Achim synagogue in Panama City to set a date for her wedding.

Solomon Chochron was also headed for the synagogue, hoping to make it in time for afternoon prayers.

Neither man ever made it.

The two were among the 21 victims of last week's deadly plane explosion that took the lives of 12 members of Panama's small Jewish community.

Panama's president-elect, Ernesto Perez Balladares, visiting Washington last week, said the crash "was not an accident, but a planted bomb inside the plane."

The day after the July 19 crash, thousands of the close-knit 7,000-member community turned out to bury their dead — and to worry over the motive that downed the commuter plane en route from Colon, a commercial free-trade center about 80 km from Panama City.

"Shock and fear have clearly set in," Mitchell Drimmer said.

Drimmer, a New York purchasing agent for department stores in Panama, has developed close ties with the Panamanian Jewish community over the years. He flew south as soon as he heard about the plane crash.

"You come for the weddings and bar mitzvahs," he said. "You have to come for the tragedies, too."

Because it occurred just one day after the devastating explosion that rocked the Jewish community's headquarters in Buenos Aires, many feared the Panama plane crash was yet another terrorist attack aimed at Jews.

However, speculation in the Jewish community and elsewhere in Panama has shifted to the belief that this "wasn't political, but drug-related," according to a source in the community who asked not to be named.

One of the victims, Saul Schwartz, reportedly was under investigation by Italian authorities for links to the Colombian-based Medellin cocaine cartel.

Last year, Schwartz, a gold dealer, was kidnapped and later released, according to Drimmer. A month ago, Schwartz's cousin allegedly attempted to assassinate him by attaching a hand grenade to the steering wheel of Saul Schwartz's car. The grenade went off and Schwartz was injured.

Fueling speculation that the plane bomb was motivated by drug-related crimes rather than anti-Semitism is the fact that there were "better" sites to bomb if Jews alone were the target, according to one source.

He cited Panama City's three synagogues, its Jewish community centre and even the next flight out of Colon, which would have carried more than 50 Jewish passengers.

Despite the widespread belief, as one source put it, that the explosion "has all the makings of a Colombian hit," Panama's Jews continue to feel uneasy over the incident.

"We will not sleep until we know if this is an act of anti-Semitic terror or drug-related narcotics terror," Drimmer quoted one community leader as saying.

Adding to speculation that the bombing was the action of a terrorist group, according to Drimmer, was the fact that one of the bodies found in the wreckage had been registered on the flight under an Arab name. So far, the body has not been claimed by any family or friends.

Drimmer also noted that a bullet hole had been found in the fuselage of the aircraft.

"We don't know what it means," he said, adding that it was still a question whether "the bullet was from the ground coming in or from the inside going out."

Drimmer noted that there were reports indicating that officials from Mossad, the Israeli intelligence service, were in Panama helping with the investigation. But officials with the Panamanian government and the Israeli embassy would not confirm the reports.

Panama's Jewish community, meanwhile, is doing its best to cope with the lack of hard answers.

Joseph Harari, chairman of the Latin American section of B'nai Brith International and an uncle of one of the victims, said, "First we wish to bury our dead. Then I think we will pressure the local authorities to take the appropriate action, and insist that they find" the cause.

Harari had, ironically, been asked by B'nai Brith officials to travel to Buenos Aires to represent the organization at a July 21 rally to protest the July 18 bombing, which killed dozens of people.

Regardless of the cause or motive, the downed Panamanian plane left families and friends in Panama's wealthy, influential and mostly observant community in deep mourning.

For Miriam Harouche, the crash signaled the end of her family as she had known it. She lost her husband, Mauricio, and her son, Isaac. Now her daughter-in-law intends to return to her native Colombia, taking her children with her.

"I've lost my husband and son, and soon I will lose my grandchildren," Harouche lamented.

The funerals for most of the Jewish victims were held late at night on July 20. At a mass funeral at the city's Sephardic cemetery, eight of the victims were buried in adjoining graves at the edge of the burial ground.

Two of the victims, Schwartz and Chaya Jaaker, were interred at the Ashkenazic cemetery.

The victims also included two Israelis. With its free-trade zone, Panama had apparently attracted hundreds of Israeli businesspeople. In fact, it was the Israelis who started the trend of flying, rather than driving, back and forth between Panama City and Colon.

— With reporting by Susan Birnbaum in New York.

German skinheads rampage

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BONN — Ignatz Bubis, head of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, has sharply criticized "the light hand" with which German authorities handled a group of skinheads, who on Saturday night rampaged through the former concentration camp of Buchenwald.

The 22 skinheads arrived at Buchenwald by bus from the nearby towns of Erfurt and Gera in the central German state of Thuringia. They soon started running wild through the camp, chanting Nazi slogans and throwing stones.

When one worker at the camp's memorial site tried to stop them, they threatened to burn her to death. No one was hurt in the rioting but several monuments were lightly damaged.

The worker managed to summon the police, who interrogated the group, and later released all but one.

Bubis said police released the suspects because, from the start, officials handled the case as merely a "disruption of public order."

He added that if police had handled the case as a "severe disruption of public order" — as it is phrased in German law books, or as one involving the use of Nazi slogans or threats of violence — all 22 suspects would have remained in custody.

Bubis charged that authorities were wrong to handle the case as the mere "foolishness of a few youngsters."

Israel sends aid to Rwandan refugees

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Israel dispatched a medical-aid team to the Zaire-Rwandan border Sunday night as part of the international effort to alleviate the Rwandan refugee crisis.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin decided on Friday to send eight Hercules aircraft, loaded with medical peronnel, food, water, antibiotics and a fully-equipped MASH (Mobile Army Surgical Hospital), which will include an operating room and intensive care unit.

The 77-member team, including reserve soldiers who agreed to the assignment on just a few hours' notice, will be headed by Environment Minister Yossi Sarid.

Chief IDF Medical Officer Brig.-Gen. Michael Weiner will oversee the deployment of the field hospital, to be set up near Goma, Zaire, not far from the Rwanda-Zaire border, Health Minister Ephraim Sneh said, adding that the request for the unit came from United Nations relief workers.

"We feel a need and obligation to help and do something. I am sure that this is the feeling of all Israeli citizens. So we are doing everything we can," Sarid told Israel Radio Saturday night.

"We are probably the last people in the world who can be indifferent in the face of such a disaster," he said.

German politician defends his views

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

DRESDEN, Germany — Steffen Heitmann claims he spoke for most Germans when he suggested that Germany should not be held hostage to the Holocaust.

Heitmann, the minister of justice in the eastern state of Saxony, was pressured to withdraw his candidacy for the German presidency late last year following comments he made in an interview with the Munich daily *Suddeutsche Zeitung*.

Touching off a political storm both in Germany and abroad, his statement underlined the extreme sensitivity with which the Holocaust is still viewed in this country, nearly 50 years after the destruction of the Third Reich.

"I believe that the organized deaths of millions of Jews in gas chambers was unique indeed — just as there are many historically-unique events," he told the newspaper. "History in any event does not repeat itself. But I do not believe that a special role for Germany should flow from this until the end of history. The postwar period finally ended with German unification, and the time has come to put this event in perspective."

Herbert Lappe, a Jewish community leader in Dresden, told *The Canadian Jewish News* that Heitmann's ruminations were ill-conceived because they coincided with the growth of neo-Nazism in Germany and, therefore, created a "social climate" for extremists.

Although Heitmann's remarks were widely condemned by politicians throughout Germany, they were conspicuously endorsed by the German People's Union, a far-right, anti-Semitic party.

In an interview in his office last month, Heitmann said he had no regrets. Nor, he noted, did he feel like a sacrificial lamb.

Yet he hastened to add that his remarks in the *Suddeutsche Zeitung* had been taken out of context and thus misinterpreted. As a result, he lamented, he was portrayed as "a monster" and "a racist."

A 49-year-old Protestant theologian with a knowledge of Hebrew, Heitmann insisted that, contrary to reports, Chancellor Helmut Kohl had not asked him to step aside. In fact, he did so voluntarily, in the interests of national unity. "A campaign was launched against me, and nothing positive could come out of it."

Heitmann said he could have been Germany's president today had he not withdrawn his candidacy.

Judging by the thousands of supportive letters he has received since then, Heitmann thinks that the majority of Germans share his opinions.

"I don't believe that most Germans are tired of hearing about the Holocaust," he said. "But they shouldn't be confronted with it. The Holocaust shouldn't be pushed aside, but there should be an open debate."

Every generation, he argued, has to work out its own view of history, "and that includes the Holocaust."

Forgetting is not a means of dealing with the past. But the fixing of "a certain postwar viewpoint is not possible."

Heitmann reiterated that the Holocaust — a "singular, unique event" — must "remain in our consciousness. The story of the Holocaust will always be a part of German history."

Steffen Heitmann

However, he pointed out, the Third Reich was but an episode, albeit horrible and catastrophic, in the long course of German history.

After the Holocaust, Germans want to get on with their lives. "The people of Europe — and the world — can do a lot to help us. It isn't good if Germans are compelled to live according to a special self-definition."

Heitmann, a member of Kohl's Christian Democratic Union party, said he does not have the impression that the Jewish community in Germany is exploiting the Holocust for its own ends.

Holocaust education in German schools, he declared, is "absolutely necessary."

Heitmann, who was 20 when he met a Jew for the first time, called for more meetings between Jews and Germans. "In this way, prejudice can be eliminated."

Turning to the upsurge of right-wing radicalism in Germany since unification in 1990, Heitmann maintained that the federal government is doing its best to combat neo-Nazi violence against foreigners, asylum-seekers and Jews.

In Saxony, the effort by police to crack down on neo-Nazi gangs has been particularly successful since the firebombing of a foreigners' hostel in the town of Hoyerswerda in 1991.

Heitmann said his father was a train guard during World War II, and died in captivity in the former Soviet Union.

Heitmann initially heard about the Holocaust from his grandfather, who, he said, was partially responsible for saving a half-Jewish friend from deportation to a concentration camp.

As a Protestant minister, Heitmann learned Hebrew, Latin and Greek. He can read Hebrew, but cannot converse in Hebrew.

He has never visited Israel, but hopes to do so in the future.

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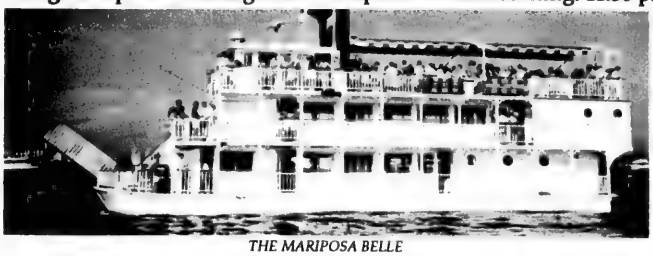

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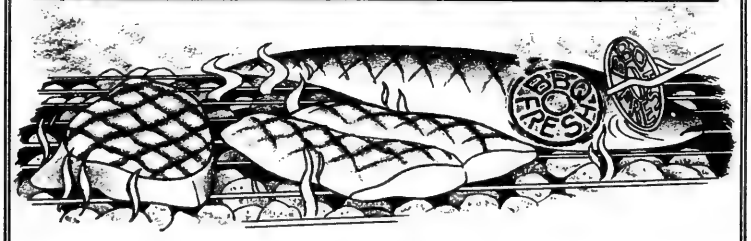

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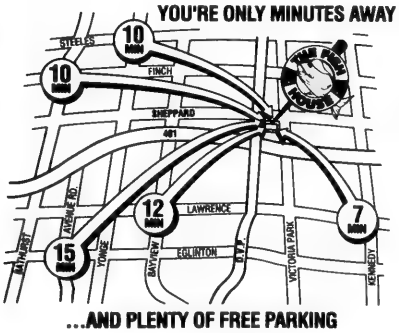

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Joseph Kerzner elected Vice-Chairman, Board of Sy Syms School of Business

Philanthropist Joseph Kerzner has been elected Vice-Chairman, Board of Directors, Sy Syms School of Business, Yeshiva University.

Kerzner is President of Kerzner Properties Incorporated, a developer of shopping centres throughout Canada. He has served as the Board's Treasurer since 1992.

Kerzner established the Sarah Rivka Kerzner Memorial Scholarship at Stern College for Women in memory of his mother, and the Joseph Kerzner Chair in Management at the Syms School. The chair is currently held by Dr. Harold Nierenberg, Dean of the School.

He has served as President of Beth Tzedec Synagogue; member, International Board of Governors, Shaare Zedek Hospital, Jerusalem; and as Fellow of Brandeis University. He also has been in the leadership of State of Israel Bonds, Mount Sinai Hospital and Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

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In 1986, Kerzner received an honourary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at the University's 62nd annual Chanukah Dinner and Convocation in New York.

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Rabbinical Reflections

By RABBI LEIGH LERNER

The central feature of this month of Av is its ninth day. The ninth of Av, Tisha b'Av is a day of mourning, an all-day fast and an affliction of body and soul.

Av's beginning, therefore, is sombre. The first days set the tone for Tisha b'Av, when the very traditional Jews will not wear leather shoes, will not eat, wil not study Torah, will not sit on a soft chair, not do things which remind them of happiness or rejoicing. The Book of Lamentations is read in the synagogue and many prayers of lamentation, called kinot, are offered.

A poll of contemporary Jews might discover that only a small percentage fasted or observed Tisha b'Av in the fullness of its practices. How did we come to observe the ninth of Av in the breach?

In the 19th century, Western European Jews wanted to become citizens of their countries. By being a citizen, a Jew could vote, hold office, attend university, could, in short, carry on a normal life outside the ghetto. Many Orthodox Jews adopted the idea of Torah Im Derekh Eretz, the Torah combined with an appreciation for the ways of the land where we live. This was an idea of Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch, a German traditionalist who urged his fellow Jews to take hold of Western culture, even as they remained observant of the traditional mitzvot.

Some Jews, on the other hand, felt that mourning for the fall of the Temple was no longer logical. They expected no return to Zion in the early 19th century. Instead, they felt that a world of freedom and human rights was as close as anyone could come to the messianic age. They simply rejected the idea that the Temples needed to be mourned, since a return to what was then the savage and wasted Land of Israel would not make them better off, but worse off, while remaining as full citizens in Berlin, Paris, London, and ultimately New York would improve their lot. So why mourn the Temple? Let it be a memorable part of the past.

Jews of Eastern Europe, on the other hand, faced extreme anti-Semitism. They had no hopes of citizenship in Poland and Russia. Millions left for North America, expressing their belief in human rights by heading for these shores. Tens of thousands believed that making aliyah to rebuild the national homeland in Palestine was the answer, and Zionism emerged in strength. Today the State of Israel exists. Its existence also calls into question the need for Tisha b'Av.

So now we have two reasons why Tisha b'Av is not so widely observed: most of us live in lands of freedom with no desire to reconstruct a sacrificial cult in Jerusalem. Millions live in the Land of Israel, considered by many to be the new Temple of Jewish existence. No wonder, then, that Tisha b'Av has lost some of its power to attract the Jewish soul. We are asked to mourn for what we do not believe is lost any longer. For many, the power of the day has waned.

There's another day in Av, a day of joy that is no longer observed, the 15th, the full moon of Av. It served as a matchmaking holiday, when unwed and eligible young maidens would go out dressed in white. All the girls borrowed clothes from each other so that no one looked as if she were poor. They danced together in the vineyards outside Jerusalem and called on the unwed boys to consider their virtues.

The 15th of Av is also forgotten. Once it was a day like Yom Kippur, a day of forgiveness of sin. Once it was a popular day for marriages, and of course, for matchmaking. We do not lament its passing. We live with it as a memory, but not as a day of deeds.

So its is possible for holidays in Judaism to come and go, wax and wane, based on need and on history. Perhaps the ninth of Av will continue to wane, and in its place, Yom Hashoah will gain. Perhaps the desperate need for Jews to find other Jews to marry will make Tu b'Av, the 15th of Av, a popular holiday again.

We Jews have renewed our faith time and again. In our own age we added Yom Hashoah and Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day.

Av brings testimony to the shifting power of Jewish holy days to shape our lives, and of our power to shape the holy days so that they might have meaning.

Rabbi Leigh Lerner is the spiritual leader of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom in Montreal.

Rally held on Tisha b'Av to protest peace accord

Jewish Telgraphic Agency

NEW YORK — With shouts of "Rabin is a traitor" for punctuation, some 250 people marked the fast day of Tisha b'Av here with a rally for the unity of Jerusalem and, in large measure, against the government of the State of Israel.

In 86-degree heat, speakers on Sunday, July 17 connected the destruction of the temples in Jerusalem 19 and 25 centuries ago with the events in the wake of what Rabbi Simcha Krauss, an Orthodox rabbi from Queens, called "the terrible handshake of Sept. 13."

"We are witnessing the beginning of the betrayal by the government of Israel of Jerusalem, the holy city," said New York State Assemblyman Dov Hikind, a Democrat from Brooklyn.

Somber day

Activist Rabbi Avi Weiss, who was heckled for saying "I do not believe Rabin is a traitor," warned that reports concerning the possible internationalization of Jerusalem mean "a torch has been lit," threatening the city.

The somber day was accorded a hint of the festive, with balloons taped to street lamps proclaiming, "Shame on Rabin, Shame on Peres," colorful signs declaring "Jewish history is in Hebron, not Tel Aviv" and at least one button bearing a photograph of Dr. Baruch Goldstein, an Israeli settler who killed 29 Muslim worshippers earlier this year.

Sponsors of the rally included the Coalition for a Secure U.S.-Israel Friendship, Emunah Women of America, Jerusalem Reclamation Project, Jewish Action Alliance, National Council of Young Israel Rabbinical Alliance of America, Vaad Harabonim of Flatbush and Vaad Harabonim of Queens.

Also participating were Kahane Chai, the Jewish Defense League, and the Coalition for Jewish Concerns-Amcha.

Front Line

Sinai archeological artifacts now on display in Israel

By MICHELE CHABIN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Just weeks after Israel captured the Sinai Peninsula from Egypt in 1967, Israeli archaeologists began a series of groundbreaking excavations that continued until the country's withdrawal from the area in 1982.

Digging in a region that had been virtually ignored by the international scientific community, the Israelis unearthed a wealth of artifacts and skeletons, many dating back over 5,000 years.

In a few months, Israel will return the last of these archeological treasures to Egypt, under the terms of the 1979 peace accord between the two countries.

To usher out the end of an era, the Israel Museum has launched the exhibit, "Sinai: A Farewell for Peace." Scheduled to close on Sept. 12, this exhibit marks the first — and possibly last — time that the Sinai artifacts will be displayed to the Israeli public.

Thanks to the region's dry climate, many of the finds are in remarkably good condition.

Foremost among these are hundreds of cloth and basketry fragments from the 14th century CE; painted funerary masks from the 4th-5th century BCE; and a group of "nawamis" — round stone structures that served as burial tombs. More than 5,000 years old, they are the oldest structures in the world to have survived with their roofs intact. Some of the structures contained the remains of entire families.

During a press tour of the exhibit prior to its opening in July, archaeologists recalled their "love affair" with Sinai and the unique discoveries made there.

Avner Goren, the archaeologist in charge of Sinai excavations for some 15 years, noted that the initial excavations were borne out of practical necessity.

When Israel gained control of the peninsula, it immediately began to build an infrastructure. "One of our main goals was to protect sites from being destroyed when roads were constructed," Goren said, "and another problem was curious tourists who explored half-exposed ruins. Truthfully, our work began as a salvation excavation."

At the time, Goren added, the Israeli excavators felt like pioneers. "Sinai was virtually unknown to archaeologists. Very few sites had been excavated. There was St. Catherine's Monastery and a few places, mostly along the main road."

During the archaeologists' 15 years in the Sinai, "we got to know the place and fall in love with it," Goren said. "It was a wilderness, but with a human touch. Bedouins live there. My children grew up among the Bedouins."

It was the Bedouins who helped the Israelis identify potential sites, Goren noted. "They are familiar with the area and helped us very much," he said.

Once a possible site had been identified, the archaeologists employed a number of high-tech research tools, including satellite mapping, to determine what lay beneath centuries' worth of soil and sand.

In all, the Israelis — most notably teams from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, the Israel Antiquities Department and Tel Aviv University — excavated about 19 sites throughout Sinai.

Asked whether he and his colleagues feel some regret handing over the artifacts to the Egyptians, Goren replied, "I do, of course, have a personal attachment to these things, but you must remember that even if they stayed in Israel, I would not keep them in my home. They belong in a museum.

"When you find things, you want them to contribute to a bank of knowledge. When we were in Sinai, we had a small museum at St. Catherine's," he said.

"In a way, these things are going back to their rightful place," Goren added. "They belong to Egypt, and we were aware of it all along. We were working in Sinai like foreign archaeologists work here. Ultimately, the finds belong to the country being excavated."

In Israel to attend the exhibit's opening, Mohammed Abdul, general director of Sinai excavations for the Egyptian Antiquities Authority, stressed that the upcoming transfer is an outgrowth of the peaceful, cooperative relations that exist between Israel and Egypt.

Standing next to Goren, Abdul said, "We are not here only to take the objects, but to celebrate the opening with our dear friends and colleagues."

Before the Israelis had come to Sinai, Abdul said, "excavating in the area was completely zero." At present, teams of archaeologists from Egypt, France, Greece, the United States and Canada are working at more than 20 sites, most of them in northern Sinai.

He was quick to point out that many of the excavations currently under way were started by Israeli teams more than a decade ago. "These missions are possible because our colleagues here started a very good project," Abdul said.

Now that the peace treaty has been fulfilled, Goren and Abdul said they looked forward to the day — perhaps within a year or two — when Israeli archaeologists will be welcome to dig alongside their Egyptian counterparts .

"There is still a lot of research to be done," said Goren wistfully. "I hope, very much, that I will be able to go back to Sinai and work there."

Cities similar in name sow confusion

By CARL ALPERT

Mysteries are to be found in literature, in police and crime files and in television quiz programs. But Israel also has an unusual mystery in the form of two new cities which are now on the planning boards and are to be erected shortly. Both cities are to bear the same name — Irron.

Earlier this year, the minister of Construction and Housing, Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, announced that a new metropolis with a projected population of 250,000 was to rise in the Menashe hills, southeast of Haifa.

Some 7,500 acres of rocky land, unsuitable for agriculture, had been set aside for the city. It was intended to provide suburban homes for thousands of people who would be employed in Haifa or Hadera or other nearby centres; yet the new Irron would also have an industrial park of its own.

Strategically, the city is part of a master plan to set up a continuous chain of Jewish centres running down the length of the country, away from the sea, well within the Green Line, and parallel to the already thickly populated coastal strip.

There was a hint that, when Jewish settlers began to vacate their settlements in Judea and Samaria, they would find quality housing in Irron. Access would be via the new national superhighway now in the planning, which will run north and south, also away from the coast, and bypassing all towns.

The announcements were filled with optimism, but the precise location of the city was not clear, and some reports were conflicting. At any rate, the public was told that the town planning department of the ministry was already at work on the project. If final government approval is obtained, the cornerstone could be laid in two years.

Name of the new city: Irron, or Eiron.

Several months ago, four busloads of Jewish journalists from all parts of the world, who had been attending a conference in Jerusalem, were taken for a visit to a projected new city to be built in the centre of the country — in Wadi Arrah, where there is a large Arab population. At the moment some 86,000 Arabs and perhaps 10,000 Jews live in the area.

The purpose of the project is to bring about a closer, more friendly relationship between Jews and Arabs as neighbors, or so it was explained to the journalists who were taken to the site. Sponsors of the program? The department for rural and urban development of the Jewish Agency. And the name of the city — Irron or Eiron, depending on how the transliteration from the Hebrew is to be spelled.

Jewish Agency speakers described how the city is to be geographically interwoven among the existing Arab villages, allowing the latter independent status, yet making them obviously economically dependent on the services and facilities of the large city, their neighbor.

The program of the conference (sponsored by the Jewish Agency) was even more explicit, calling for a visit to the "site of the new Arab-Jewish town," with explanations by both Jewish Agency and local Arab officials.

Literature distributed among the journalists on the spot noted existing barriers to development, among them imbalance in the demographic situation and lack of communication between the Jewish and Arab sector, as well as the poor image of the area, which acts as a deterrent for new Jewish settlers, especially for security reasons.

Among the many objectives of the program as listed were the encouraging of joint business ventures and the fostering of a centre for Jewish-Arab dialogue. It was interesting to note that among the literature distributed was a leaflet promoting Givat Haviva's Centre for Jewish-Arab Relations, which happens to be located nearby and is supported by, among others, the New Israel Fund and the Kibbutz Artzi (Hashomer Hatzair).

The mystery: Is the Irron being planned by the Ministry of Construction and Housing the same as the Irron being planned by the Jewish Agency? If so, why do they sound so different, depending on who is providing the information?

We sought clarification. The Jewish Agency had already given us their side of the story. Yet despite repeated queries to the Ministry of Housing, the spokesperson of the ministry failed to answer any of our questions.

Problem of 1948 refugees yet to be addressed

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

At Jerusalem's Ulpan Beit Ha'am, where we studied Hebrew together in the summer of 1967, Ziad Abu Zayyad was by far the best student in the class. When the teacher was summoned away, the Jewish students by acclamation would call on Zayyad, a young lawyer from east Jerusalem, to take over the class.

He not only learned Hebrew but also came to understand the Hebrews. Last month, when he appeared on the popular Israeli television talk show *Popolitika*, it was not to debate the issues of the day as a PLO official, but to address a primal Israeli concern — the Palestinian demand for the "right of return" to the pre-1967 boundaries of Israel.

Zayyad, who heads the PLO delegation to the negotiations on regional security in the current peace talks, attempted to deliver a startling message to the Israeli public, but in the anarchical atmosphere of the television program it went virtually unnoticed.

The Palestinians understand that Israel cannot accept the mass return of refugees to the pre-1967 borders, he said, and therefore are willing to consider financial compensation instead. None of the Israeli participants in the program seemed to hear him.

In an interview last week, Zayyad elaborated on his remark. He said his comment reflected a view widely held in the PLO leadership. "In principle, the refugees of 1948 have the right to return to their homes and lands inside the green line.

"They were driven out of their homes, if not by physical pressure, then by psychological pressure. As civilians they have the right to leave a battlefield and the right to come back when the fighting stops.

"However, it seems obvious that the implementation of this right would be very difficult, if not impossible, because Israel is concerned about protecting its Jewish majority.

"It can be expected that Israel will not allow the return of these refugees because this would endanger its Jewish character and turn it into a binational state, which is something Israel would not accept."

The question of the 1948 refugees, Zayyad says, should be addressed within the framework of Security Council Resolution 194 which calls for resolving the problem by allowing the refugees back or paying them compensation.

"Many of these refugees are economically and socially well off where they are now and would prefer to stay there rather than become refugees again in their own homeland," Zayyad says. "Their situation will be, it seems to me, like that of the Jews in the world who choose to stay where they are but still support the idea of the Jewish State."

Many of the Palestinians inhabiting refugee camps in southern Lebanon, Syria and Jordan would not readily abandon their dream of returning to their former homes, he acknowledges. How, then, would he attempt to persuade them to accept compensation?

"There will not be a need to persuade," Zayyad says. "This will be a national compromise."

The level of compensation would, however, be an important factor in reconciling the 1948 refugees to life elsewhere, he says.

"If a refugee in a camp would be given enough compensation to start a new life with dignity and economic stability, maybe he won't need convincing."

Would Syria, Lebanon and Jordan agree to Palestinian refugees settling permanently in their countries?

"This would be part of an overall settlement and must be discussed by a committee made up of all the countries involved."

Some PLO officials put the number of 1948 refugees and their offspring today at four million, while Israeli officials talk of two to three million. The 1988 UN figure for refugees in camps in the territories and surrounding Arab countries was 2.3 million.

Zayyad makes a clear distinction between the 1948 refugees and those who fled during and immediately after the Six Day War. The latter, he says, must be permitted to return to the territories. But not immediately.

"About 300,000 left in 1967. Today their number is 700,000-800,000. If they were allowed to return at one time they would constitute a burden on the Palestinian national authority. But they should be allowed to return to the West Bank and Gaza during the transitional period ... They will not constitute a demographic threat to the Jews."

A third group which should be permitted to return immediately, he says, are the 17,000 - 18,000 persons who left the territories with Israeli permits but failed to return before their permits expired.

The main problem, however, remains the mass of 1948 refugees whose dreams of returning to places such as Jaffa and Lod constitute for Israel an existential threat. "If we negotiate in good faith, I am pretty sure we can reach a civilized solution," says Zayyad. "I have spoken with many leaders of the PLO and they share my views."

And Yasser Arafat?

"My impression is that he does not belong to the minority in this regard."

Zayyad objects to any attempt to offset Palestinian claims for compensation with counterclaims concerning property abandoned by Jews who left Arab countries for Israel. "We, the Palestinians, did not force them to leave those countries. Therefore the issue should be negotiated directly with the Arab countries those refugees came from."

For seven years he published a Hebrew-language newspaper, *Gesher* (Bridge), aimed at presenting Palestinian views to Israelis. More than most Palestinian leaders, he is aware of the Israeli mindset and the sense of existential threat that lurks behind the country's imposing defense establishment.

Israeli Arabists believe that Zayyad's remarks constitute a trial balloon worth noting.

"It is a signal from the pragmatic wing of the Palestinians to the Israeli public that the PLO will not cross red lines," says Dr. Ifrah Zilberman of the Hebrew University. "It is also part of a process of preparing the Palestinian public, because these sorts of statements are translated back by the Arabic media. I think what he said was important."

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Terrorism unleashed

The recent explosion at the offices of the DAIA, the Argentine Jewish community umbrella organization, shows that when Arab apologists make a distinction between Jews and Zionists, it is a distinction without a difference.

This terrorist act, along with the bombing of the World Trade Centre in New York City, also shows that Arab extremists are ready to victimize and murder not only Jews but anyone who happens to be in the way of their gruesome plans.

The tragedy in Buenos Aires, however, has a special poignancy about it. At this writing, 34 people are said to have died in the explosion; 150 more were injured by the blast. When the debris is finally cleared, it is feared that dozens more bodies will be extricated from the demolished building.

The perpetrators destroyed more than human life.

The DAIA building housed not only the business offices of the organization, a theatre and an art gallery, but also a huge library which contained archives dealing with Argentine Jewish history and files pertaining to the Nazi war criminals who entered Argentina (with the connivance of certain circles within the Vatican and the tacit permission of the government of the day) after World War II.

Much of the documentation on the Jewish history of Argentina was in Yiddish, the second language of the Ashkenazi Jews of the country. Those archives were a priceless depository of information about the Jewish immigrants who came to Argentina from the 1860s on, and who contributed so much to their new country's cattle industry and its manufacturing sectors.

It undoubtedly contained a wealth of information about the Jewish gauchos, the Argentine cowboys who worked in the cattle industry, and about the Jewish tailors, shoemakers and small tradesmen who contributed so much to the infrastructure of Argentina's economy.

If the terrorist bombers thought they would stop the peace talks through their violence, the steps which Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres took recently on Jordanian territory to initiate the new round of negotiations with Jordan's King Hussein gave the lie to those suppositions. The peace talks will continue and a modus vivendi between Israel and her Arab neighbors will be achieved.

Meanwhile, Jews everywhere must now redouble their efforts to ensure the safety and security of community buildings, including those in Montreal, Toronto, and every other city and community in Canada.

A moment of light

Far too many Germans embraced National Socialism and exulted in it. This is a fact, as well as an historic burden. But, as the film *Schindler's List* showed, there was opposition to Hitler's odious regime. Unfortunately, all attempts to overthrow his totalitarian government misfired or were mercilessly crushed.

The most ambitious and carefully planned effort to rid Germany of this blot on its civilization was undertaken 50 years ago on July 20. Gen. Klaus Naumann, chief of staff of the German armed forces, has described it as "a moment of light in a very dark period of German history." That it failed was a tragedy — not only for Germany but for tens of millions of Europeans, including Jews, under the yoke of the Nazi occupation.

The 50th anniversary of the plot to assassinate Hitler was marked last week by a ceremony in Berlin presided over by Chancellor Helmut Kohl. To shed further light on this event, the German Defence Ministry is sending an exhibition to the United States and France which also focuses attention on the groups, small though they were, whose objective was to eliminate the Nazi clique and return Germany to sanity.

The story of their heroic efforts is told in a new series of books translated from the original German and published by Westview Press in Boulder, Colorado. Entitled Dissent and Resistance in the Third Reich, these heretofore out-of-print volumes are among the most important works on the German resistance movement ever published. The titles are *The Secret War Against Hitler* by Fabian von Schlabrendorff; *The Von Hassell Diaries* by Ulrich von Hassell; *The Flame of Freedom* by Eberhard Zeller; and *Conscience in Revolt* by Annedore Leber.

These books not only pay tribute to decent and courageous German like Count Claus Schenk von Stauffenberg, Karl Friedrich Goerdeler, Sophie Scholl, Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Count Helmuth James von Moltke. They also underscore the fact that contemporary Germany, its neo-Nazi fringe notwithstanding, is trying to live up to the democratic ideals espoused by the doomed anti-Nazi resistance movement.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

GYPSY FARMERS

Re: "Germany remembers the murdered Gypsies" by Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut (*CJN*, July 7)

Having read Rabbi Plaut's interesting article, I would like to comment on his statement that Gypsies "were occasionally semi-settled (but) they never became farmers."

When I had been deported to a forced labor camp at the "Atlantic Wall" in Normandy, in German-occupied France, there were close to 100 Gypsy fellow-prisoners. Their families had been *settled as farmers* in East Prussia for about three generations. The Nazis had expropriated all and sterilized the males. Some of the inmates were in their 60s.

K. G. Roessler
Beaconsfield, Que.

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OPENING MEMORY'S DOOR

I am writing to thank you for publishing the article, "Transnistria, the forgotten cemetery" by Felicia Carmelly (June 23).

When I was old enough to start asking such questions, I used to ask my mother why I had no grandparents. She told me that her parents and her brother had died in the war. But she didn't know when, she didn't know where, and she didn't know how. She had heard vague stories that they had died, probably of starvation, in a place called Transnistria. And that's all she could tell me. She observes yahrzeit for her whole family on the day that an uncle of hers died.

When I learned more about the Holocaust I learned about places like Auschwitz, Bergen-Belsen, and Sobibor. But I never heard anything about this place Transnistria, and when I asked about it I usually received only blank looks.

My mother, who lives in Montreal, became very excited when she read the article in *The CJN*. I obtained the book, *Jagendorf's Foundry* that had been mentioned in the article, and sent it to her. I was pleased that finally, after more than 50 years, she (and I) may finally learn a little more about what had happened to her family. On her behalf, and mine, I thank you.

Ruth Getter
Toronto

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TRANSNISTRIA RESPONSE

Re: "Transnistria, at the forgotten cemetery," (June 23)

Between June 23 and July 8, I received 42 calls about the above article.

A group of Transnistria survivors from Toronto will be meeting later this summer. Some of the participants will be speaking in order to raise community awareness of the many Transnistria concentration, labor and death camps.

There might be a possibility of organizing a similar group in Montreal. There are many more Transnistria survivors there.

I apologize to the readers for the inconvenience resulting from omitting the area code for my phone number in Toronto, (416) 482-1813.

Felicia Carmelly
Toronto

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SEEKS NORMAN WALDEN

I am attempting to find Norman Walden, born around 1918 (or his descendants) son of Bertha and Harry Walden, and great grandson of Abraham Walkerwich. He is first cousin to Jack Hartstein, the great-nephew of the late Sarah Walkerwich (wife of Harris Herman) from London, England, and was last known to be living in Montreal. He had an aunt in Westcliffe, England and had a business connection with Coleman-Rickets.

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REACHING OUT TO JEWS

It was with considerable concern that I read the short piece written by a young Jewish woman regarding her difficulties in connecting with the Jewish community since coming to Toronto and her resulting fear of assimilation. Her message raises the issue of who should take responsibility for helping a fellow Jew, be it a newcomer, a native Torontonian, or a disabled person.

Responsibility is a two-way street, requiring the community to make every effort to reach out to all, especially newcomers, and the individual to make the best of their circumstances within the community. The latter is an issue which only the author can grapple with. Regarding the former, it has been my experience as a non-native to Toronto that indeed there are many kind and warm members of the community willing to extend a hand. In addition, there are a number of outreach organizations and families only too willing to reach out and help.

However, the contention that there is a lack of reaching out collectively and on an institutional basis should not be dismissed; rather it bears careful examination. After all, if our institutions were doing their job, why this plea, one which I have heard from numerous married and single people in Toronto?

The challenge is for all of us to make that extra effort to make all Jews in Toronto feel part of one large family, klal Yisrael.

Toronto has become the largest and most dynamic community in Canada in recent years. As such, this requires taking the responsibility of leadership. Today's leadership requirements, however, entail more than simply maintaining the physical institutions or organizing effective fundraising. It means caring and helping our people re-connect spiritually and emotionally, both with themselves as Jews and with the broader community.

Robert J. N. Gordon
Toronto

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TO UNDERSTAND JUDAISM

The issue of Jewish Continuity was dealt with in your editorial of July 7, and in an article by Barbara Silverstein in the same edition. The community leadership has determined that Jewish Continuity is no longer a given, and together with Jewish parents, is searching for ways to inspire young Jews to be proud of their heritage.

But, as Ms. Silverstein notes, it is virutally impossible to inspire our children when we ourselves are uncomfortable with aspects of Judaism which we feel to be tribalistic, archaic or sexist. As a student of Judaism, I have found that these criticisms are largely the result of a superficial knowledge of what the Jewish religion truly stands for.

The best way to ensure Jewish Continuity is for us to educate ourselves. Our own understanding and pride in our heritage will spill over to our children far more effectively than any after-school class ever can.

I personally know some talented rabbis and teachers who can introduce people like the Silversteins to a deeper understanding of Judaism, for instance Yisroel Idels, JEP/Ohr Somayach, (416) 785-5899.

Andy Rechtshaffen
Toronto

Dry Bones

MORE AND MORE JEWISH FAMILIES ARE CHOOSING TO STAY IN RUSSIA?
YUP.
IS THIS BECAUSE LIFE IS IMPROVING IN THE FORMER SOVIET UNION?
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Imagine Shylock in a Tel Aviv theatre

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

The Merchant of Venice has a bad reputation amongst Jews. Though by all accounts it is Shakespeare's most often staged play, there are many who believe that the Jewish caricature called Shylock plays a significant role in this popularity.

I hardly need to remind readers of the cultural stereotype which Shakespeare used and which he has helped to spread: the Jew as a usurer, who wants not only money from his debtor, but also a pound of flesh in case the debt is not paid.

For several hundred years that is precisely how Shylock was portrayed, and he, rather than Antonio (who gives the play its title), becomes the memorable character — this despite the fact that Shylock appears in only a few scenes. Yet it is precisely his figure that has made the drama famous and that makes Jewish communities highly uncomfortable when it plays in a prominent theatre in town.

Readers will also remember the unfortunate event which took place in Waterloo a few years ago when non-Jewish students began to harass their Jewish classmates after they had "studied" the play in school. "The money-grabbing, blood-thirsty Jew" is still a part of the stereotypical landscape.

Therefore, would one not suppose that the least likely place for the production of *The Merchant* would be a Tel Aviv theatre? Yet this play is being staged at the very moment I write. One of Israel's best known actors, Yossi Graber, is playing the role of Shylock at Tel Aviv's Municipal Cameri Theatre.

I was intrigued to read about this in a review of the play by Calev Ben-David, which appeared in the June 16 edition of the *Jerusalem Report*.

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The Tel Aviv production follows the example of earlier attempts to shift the attention from Shylock to the gentile characters and their misbegotten prejudices and deceits. John Gross, in his book on Shylock, writes that "the most effective way of making the play acceptable to post-Holocaust sensibilities is to underscore the prejudices of the Christian characters, and generally show them in an ugly light."

This is what the Cameri play has done (the characters speak Hebrew, but hearers can rent earphones with simultaneous English translation). The director is Omri Nitzan, who last year staged another Shakespeare play in an unusual format, when he presented a wheelchair-bound Richard III.

Shylock is dressed in a conservative grey suit with a small black yarmulke discretely hidden under his homburg, and is portrayed as a smooth businessman eager to be accepted by gentile society. After he loses his daughter to conversion, he rips his collar as a sign of Jewish mourning and returns to his Jewish roots, reappearing bearded and dressed in a prayer shawl and big white yarmulke.

Reviewer Ben-David compares this Shylock to people like Ivan Boesky or Michael Milken, big-time American financiers who ran afoul of the law and who in jail returned to their Jewish religious origins.

In the end, Shylock — forced at knife point to convert — remains what he is and proudly so, despite it all. "Shylock is my name," he says and for the viewers he is victim and avenger rather than villain.

Something like this kind of *Merchant* has been previously produced by Jonathan Miller and others, but never quite so pointedly. The victim-turned-avenger will always be a powerful metaphor.

Volunteer program helps Israeli Arab community

By JUDITH SUDILOVSKY
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

Sarah Clark, 18, is technically an English teacher.

But she's more than a teacher for her students at the Hadji High School for Girls in Umm el-Fahm, an Israeli-Arab village in the Galilee.

"I feel as if I'm on the same level as my students. We are more like friends," said Clark, who came from Norwich, England, for six months as a GAP teaching volunteer with 17 others.

Mohammed Qinwan, 15, a ninth-grade student at Razi Junior High School in Umm el-Fahm, where some of the teenage volunteers teach, says they definitely have had an influence. He is enthusiastic about the English language and during a telephone interview he spews forth a constant and fluent stream of synonyms.

Is he reading from a dictionary? Yes, he says, he likes the dictionary.

"I think the volunteers have the capacity, the ability to help us learn, help us improve our expression," said Qinwan. "They give us the freedom to express our emotions, our traditions. I'm improving my speech. The volunteer gives me help to develop. She gives us much inducement and is very enthusiastic."

His English has improved, he said, but it had been good to begin with.

This is the second year that teenage GAP volunteers have worked as teaching assistants in English classes in Israeli Arab schools. This month they will be finishing their volunteer assignments.

GAP, now in its 24th year, is a volunteer program for high-school graduates who want to take a year off before they start university. They go overseas and teach English, work in hospitals or do agricultural work. Some 750 volunteers are placed in 30 countries. The name GAP stands for the gap year the volunteers take before entering university.

The volunteers, who arrived in Israel in January, are teaching at the Haifa Arab Teacher Training College, and in schools in Umm el-Fahm, Sakhnin and Fassuta in Galilee, and in the Beduin villages of Aroer and Segev Shalom.

The local council is asked to provide housing, board and a bit of pocket money to the volunteers. Because in many places it is easier to find housing for young women, most of the volunteers are female.

"I like this idea of bringing students from abroad," said Ghada Abu Saleh, 20, in fluent English. A third-year student at the Haifa Arab Teacher Training College, she is from the Druze village of Majdal Shams in the Golan. "We benefit from their pronunciation. We learn many things about their culture . . . And they are also our friends and it is good to have friends from other backgrounds."

Saeed Ebgaria, the counselor for four volunteers in Umm el-Fahm, said he has seen improvement in pupils' English conversation skills, but noted volunteers often run into trouble when they need to explain grammar.

"Maybe it would be better if the volunteers were two or three years older," Ebgaria said, "but we still very much want them to be here."

No studies have been done on the program's impact, but Education Ministry inspector Wajeeh Awad sees only good coming from the program.

Arab students living in villages don't have the same exposure to English speakers as students in cities, he said, and having the volunteers living in the villages gives students and local teachers the chance to practise conversational English.

"The Arab students' only contact with the language outside school is through the television and that . . . is only passive exposure," he said. "Now with the volunteers, they have the opportunity to use their English . . . This will help them do better on the oral part of their matriculation exams."

Most of this year's GAP volunteers knew little or nothing about Israel before arriving.

Ever since Polly Osborn, 18, read Leon Uris's *Exodus* six years ago, she has wanted to visit. The Oxford resident has found that it is not quite like the kibbutz life depicted in the book.

"As a whole, I find Israel very exciting and stimulating, and the politics are very challenging. But I don't find myself pro-anything," said Osborn, who is teaching at the Haifa Arab Teacher Training College. "I'll have to come again to see the Jewish side."

"The only news I hear about is from friends in town, since we don't have a television," added Londoner Andy Ross, 18, who teaches at the Wadi Alnsoor Junior High School in Umm el-Fahm. "So we get a rather biased, one-sided view. I don't like to talk about my opinions, but it seems that, in general, the Muslims get misrepresented in the West through the media. They make all Muslims seem like fanatics. I'm trying to learn more about Islam."

The majority of the volunteers have had little opportunity to get to know Jewish Israelis, but would like to meet some.

The teaching program is coordinated by the British Council. The British Olim Society is responsible for the volunteer programs at kibbutzim and hospitals. GAP is funded by donations; volunteers must provide some of their own funds.

"At first we were worried that the teaching volunteers wouldn't be able to do what was expected of them," said Peter Sandiford, the British Council's Israel director. "But the proof is in the pudding. All the places which had them last year asked for more volunteers this year, and we also added a few new locations."

Next year, GAP will also be sending volunteers to development towns, mainly in the South, said Malcolm Johnson, British Council educational officer. But because of the time needed to recruit and screen volunteers, they probably won't be able to provide a large number of volunteers until the following school year, he said.

Before they were sent to their assignments, the volunteers were given one week of training in teaching English as a second language and then got a two-day introduction to Israel, along with a crash course in teaching English as a second language at Beit Berl in Kfar Sava.

The teaching methods here are similar to those in England and include group work and activities instead of just frontal teaching, said Sarah Clark.

Clark and Ross share a house with two other GAP volunteers - one woman and one man - although there are some people in Umm el-Fahm who don't approve of those living arrangements.

The two women have to be more careful about how they present themselves to the community. At first, they would meet with local youths, which was not acceptable to the villagers. Now, after Ebgaria persuaded the local council not to eject them, the young women are not calling on young men. "Here in Umm el-Fahm they have to understand there are limits," Ebgaria said.

One of last year's volunteers warned in a letter to Helen Harris not to teach in Segev Shalom if she was very feminist, but the 19-year-old from Worcestershire said she doesn't feel "too constricted."

She and fellow volunteer Irene Lambeth, 19, of Hampshire, live with a Bedouin family. While the Bedouin women are not free to go out in the evening or to sit with men, the community doesn't expect them, as Western women, to behave the same way, said Harris.

They have, however, felt frustrated in their role as teachers because of the low level of English knowledge in the schools, said Harris. She would have liked to receive more information about the Bedouin before coming so she would have known what to expect, she said. "They are given a tremendous amount of information on what to wear and how to behave - the British Council puts out a 20-page pamphlet - but still they are surprised when they come here," replied Sandiford. "After all, they are 18 years old and some have never been outside Britain. Going to live in a Bedouin village is quite a culture shock."

When a child gets hurt

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

My oldest daughter tends to get excited. When small things go wrong — a stubbed toe, a ruined dinner, a missed play date — she gets very upset, in true pre-teen fashion. Slammed doors. Yelled invectives. Dramatic scenes. Fun stuff.

None of it ever lasts very long, and she's such a good kid most of the time that we manage the flare-ups. But I did worry about what would happen, how she would handle it, if she had a real problem, as opposed to a minor glitch.

Then came the phone call from the school office the Monday of her last week of classes, the week that was to conclude with her long-anticipated journey to summer camp.

"Mrs. Rauzin, you'd better come to get your daughter. She hurt her arm."

I drove to school not quite knowing what to expect, and was greeted by my child, who was unnaturally calm.

"Mommy, look," she said.

I looked. She was holding her right forearm in her left hand and it didn't look so good.

'How do you feel, honey?" I asked her.

"Well," she said slowly, "it doesn't hurt too bad."

That's when I knew we were in trouble. If she'd been bruised, or had gotten a sprain, she would have been sobbing and distraught. This wan stoicism was scary, and so was her arm, which was cocked, crooked, bent part way between the wrist and the elbow, where arms are not supposed to bend.

Within a half-hour, she was X-rayed, her arm was reset, and she was fitted with a shoulder to finger-base cast. She had broken the radius, one of the two thin bones in the lower arm. It is a wonder she didn't break both of them.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

The whole time the doctor worked, she never shed a tear or complained about pain. She fretted about maybe missing camp, but she didn't whine. It was as if she had grown up in the second it took for the arm to break, the second she fell during the dash from second base to third base in a PE kickball game.

We went home with the cast and the sling, more than a thousand dollars poorer (and gasping from the fiscal blow). What if we hadn't been able to stomach-punch our savings account, what then, with a child hurt? There's the American health care funding issue on a gut level. The day after the arm injury, we filled out paperwork to drop our private insurance and join a different health plan.

Anyway, when we got home, we dealt with the issue of camp. The doctor had said to give the arm a few days and he'd X-ray it again on Friday. Not only was my injured daughter apprehensive, her little sister was a mess. My middle child, almost 8, had already been a little nervous about going to the farm camp with her big sister. The idea of going alone was extremely daunting.

After four days of jitters from both my girls, we took the second X-ray. The arm was healing beautifully. The doctor overwrapped the plaster cast with protective fibreglass and gave our injured soldier permission to go to camp. She can't get the cast wet or do anything that might lead to a fall, but that's much better than missing the whole show.

And in her camp trunk, sealed in a thick envelope, is a thin gray X-ray of a child's small arm and a note from the doctor with the names of two orthopedists in a nearby college town. I hope she won't even have to think about them. And if she can be calm, so can I.

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This morning on the local news radio station, the overly-dramatic announcer described a school bus fender-bender in which no one was seriously injured as "a parent's worst nightmare."

Not even close.

And neither, thank heaven, is a broken arm.

Features

Jewish angst in Germany

Reporting from Berlin, Bonn and Frankfurt, Sheldon Kirshner assesses the status of Jews in Germany today. This is the first of a series on Germany.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

"Has Germany once again become a dangerous place for Jews to live?"

This provocative question is starkly posed in the opening paragraph of a recent Jewish Telegraphic Agency dispatch from Bonn.

The story suggests that many Jews are "scared" by the upsurge of neo-Nazi-inspired xenonophobic violence and anti-Semitism that has erupted since the unification of Germany nearly four years ago.

There is no denying that attacks against foreigners, asylum seekers and Jews have caused angst. A survey released late last year showed that one-third of Germany's registered 43,000 Jews feel threatened by the rising tide of anti-Semitism, which has been steadily on the increase since 1992.

Addressing a conference near Bonn last month, Germany's interior minister, Manfred Kanther, acknowledged that anti-Semitic crimes have risen from 562 in 1992 to 656 in 1993.

Such assaults, capped by the fire-bombing of a synagogue in Lubeck last March, the first act of its kind since the Third Reich, pale in comparison to the number of attacks against foreigners and asylum-seekers.

And while Jewish leaders here are troubled by these outbreaks, and occasionally wonder whether the government is as zealous as it should be in trying to control and contain the small but vocal neo-Nazi movement, they are confident that the Jewish community is not in jeopardy.

Ignatz Bubis, chairman of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, is anything but smug.

A Holocaust survivor, he has expressed concern about the apparent discrepancy between Germany's treatment of the radical left and the extreme right, claiming that the police and courts have been far more lenient toward the right than the left.

He has also charged that anti-Semitism has ceased to be a taboo in post-war Germany, and that Jews are becoming increasingly worried about again being regarded as foreigners here.

Nevertheless, Bubis — a vocal and widely respected figure in this nation of 80 million — is sanguine. "I have faith in German democracy," he observed in an interview, noting that the number of right-wing extremist offences in 1993 declined by 15 percent over 1992.

And Bubis, who recently announced that he will not stand for re-election when his term expires in 1995, rejects comparisons between modern Germany and the ill-fated Weimar republic, which gave way to the long night of National Socialism.

Germany, he argued, is committed to democratic principles. It is an integral member of the Western alliance. It is no longer politically polarized, as was the case on the eve of Hitler's accession to power in 1933. At the polls, most Germans snub parties that appeal to base nationalism. And, in a series of nation-wide candle-lit demonstrations in reaction to neo-Nazi outrages in Hoyerswerda, Rostock, Molln and Solingen, Germans by the tens of thousands have carried the placards of tolerance.

Bubis cautions that neo-Nazis are capable of inflicting still more damage and anguish. But he hastens to add that they do not pose "a problem" for the Jewish community, and that Germany has "very strong" legislation to deal with racism in all its ugly forms.

Ignatz Bubis [Sheldon Kirshner]

Under German law, for example, the publication of anti-Jewish propaganda is strictly prohibited. Yet such literature makes its way to Germany via Canada, the United States, Britain and Sweden, among other countries.

Jerzy Kanal, the new chair of the Berlin Jewish community, the largest in Germany, dismisses neo-Nazi thugs as a numerically insignificant and uninfluential minority. But he fears that anti-Semitic populism, however artfully disguised, has become a "pillar" of the far right, particularly in the ranks of the Republican party, led by Franz Schonhuber, a former SS Wafen volunteer.

Furthermore, Kanal — a "graduate" of the Warsaw ghetto and the Auschwitz and Buchenwald concentration camps — is worried that anti-Semitism has surfaced as an "open" phenomenon.

Although Kanal doubts whether the government is "blind in its right eye," he charges that Chancellor Helmut Kohl did nothing to combat right-wing radicalism from 1990 to 1992.

Stefan Szajak, director of Frankfurt's Jewish community, does not minimize the cemetery desecrations and all the other manifestations of blatant anti-Semitism. "I don't want to underplay what is happening, but in this climate every swastika (painted or scrawled) on a wall is seized upon by the media."

He added, "Anti-Semitism here is not more serious than in France or the United States."

The big difference, of course, is that the Holocaust was conceived and planned in Germany by Germans. This colors any and all discussions about anti-Semitism, racism and xenophobia.

Still, Szajak, whose parents are survivors, hotly disputes the view, prevalent in some Diaspora circles, that dangers lurk for Jews in Germany. "This is absolutely exaggerated."

True, the Frankfurt community building is well secured and guarded by two uniformed policemen sitting in a van. But such precautions are and have been common in Germany and elsewhere in Europe for years now.

Despite the alarming statistics with regard to anti-Semitic-motivated crimes in Germany, Szajak contends that such vandalism has not increased in Frankfurt in the past couple of years.

With a wan smile, he shrugs off a report in the Anglo-Jewish press that the Jewish Agency of Israel has launched a comprehensive program to encourage emigration from Germany.

"That's why they're in business," he said. "They have to find new marketing techniques to encourage aliyah."

According to Szajak, "very, very few" Jews wish to leave Germany. Indeed, some 68,000 Jews from the former Soviet Union have applied for permission to settle in Germany.

In short, Szajak is confident of the community's future, though he is the first to admit that it's utterly dependent on imported teachers, rabbis, cantors and other professionals to service its network of schools, synagogues and social welfare agencies.

As for anti-Semitism, Szajak is of the considered opinion that it poses no real threat to the community's viablity — assuming that government institutions hew to democratic values.

Mordechai Lewy, Israel's outgoing consul-general in Berlin and soon-to-be ambassador to Thailand, has been a keen observer of the scene since 1991.

Right-wing extremism, though worrisome, does not threaten Jewish interests, he said. "Anti-Semitism is more open, but whether there are more anti-Semites is debatable."

In the past, he elaborated, the government did not always respond with due vigor to xenophobic mayhem. Today, the situation is quite different.

Anita Kugler, a reporter who specializes in Jewish issues for the left-of-centre Berlin daily *Die Tageszeitung*, believes that Germany is doing its utmost "to protect Jews and Jewish life."

As she said: "Nothing is more provocative to mainstream German politicians than physical attacks on Jewish property and institutions."

Kugler noted that right-wing radicalism, especially its neo-Nazi variant, tarnishes Germany's international reputation and thus affects foreign investment in Germany.

Despite Germany's current image as a nation beset by racist gangs, the fact of the matter is that anti-Semitism impinges on few Jews on a day-to-day basis.

"It's blown out of proportion," said Irene Runge of the Jewish Cultural Organization in eastern Berlin, a secular group which sponsors lectures, seminars, films, musical events and Oneg Shabbats. "We read about it in the newspapers. But I don't feel it."

Jerzy Kanal [Frank Schroder]

Hermann Simon, chair of a synagogue-renovation project in Berlin, tends to agree.

He and his wife, Deborah, who was born in Montreal and raised in Toronto, have never personally experienced anti-Semitism. But in a widely-held view, the Simons urge the government to enforce existing anti-racist laws far more vigorously.

Filip Goldscheider, a 24-year-old university student in Frankfurt, has felt the sting of implicit, or "indirect," anti-Semitism. "But I don't think the Germans are more anti-Semitic than the French. Anti-Semitism isn't something specifically German."

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Almost 50 years after the crash of the Third Reich, there are hardly any Jews in Germany who would describe themselves as full-blown "German Jews."

"We have Jews today who want to call themselves Germans," said Bubis, who was born in the then German city of Breslau in 1927 and returned to Germany after the war to amass a real estate empire. "But they're no more than 20 percent of the population."

Bubis himself is clear about his identity. "I don't recognize myself as a German. I am a German citizen of the Jewish faith." He feels at home in Frankfurt, where he lives. But he concedes that he is more at ease in Paris than in Offenbach, a city close to Frankfurt.

Originally a Polish Jew, whose parents perished in Treblinka, Kanal simply refers to himself as "a Jew in Germany," an appelation which the majority of Jews accept as a truism.

"To be a 'German Jew' is to forget the past a little," he said, referring to the Nazi era and Germany's central role in the Holocaust.

After World War II, Germany was practically Judenrein, bereft of Jews. Approximately 200,000 displaced Eastern European Jews passed through Germany in the aftermath of its defeat, bound for destinations like Israel, Canada and the United States.

Only a handful remained in Germany, stigmatized by their fellow Jews in the Diaspora. "Forty years ago," said Kanal, "virtually the only Jews here were survivors." Since then, the community has been gradually supplemented by Hungarian, Czech, Iranian, Israeli and, of late, Soviet Jews. By Bubis' count, 40 percent of the Jews in Germany are without German citizenship, which is normally difficult to obtain.

More than one-third of Germany's Jewish residents and/or citizens are of Soviet origin, and in the future the proportion is expected to be higher. In Berlin, at least half of those registered with the community are former Soviets.

Like most new immigrants, they have run into difficulties in adjusting to German society. But Szajak is sure they are here to stay, while Runge believes they have already changed the "demographic face" of the community.

As she put it: "The Jewish future in Germany is Russian."

The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

A sign of the times:

Ignatz Bubis, chairman of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, is receiving more hate mail than ever. Two years ago, he used to get one anti-Semitic letter for every 20 positive letters. Today anti-Jewish letters comprise about one-third of his mail.

And, he adds in an interview, letter writers are bolder. "In the old days, the anti-Semitic letters were anonymous. Now, they're signed."

On this basis alone, it is clear that anti-Semitism in Germany is on the rise.

More broadly, anti-Semitic crimes have jumped considerably since German unification in October 1990.

Werner Bergmann, a sociologist associated with the Centre for Research on Anti-Semitism at the Technical University in Berlin, says that post-war Germany has suffered through four anti-Semitic waves.

The first three occurred from 1949-1952, 1958-1961 and 1979-1981. The latest, which began in 1991, is is the most serious ever in terms of the number of incidents.

It's generally agreed that the overt anti-Semitism which has emerged here of late was triggered by xenophobia — which itself was spawned by the debate over German identity following unification and the still-burning issue of foreigners and asylum-seekers living in Germany. In Bubis' opinion, the intifadah — the Palestinian uprising in the territories — was also a factor.

According to Bergmann, cemeteries and Holocaust memorials have been the main targets of anti-Jewish vandals.

In 1992, 80 cemeteries were desecrated, as many as were pillaged from 1926-1931. In the same year, fire seriously damaged a barracks commemorating Jews murdered at the Sachsenhausen memorial, a concentration camp during the war. Two perpetrators, aged 19 and 22, were apprehended. In a subsequent trial, the judge acquitted them.

Former concentration camps in Furstenberg and Uberlingen, now housing museums or memorials, also have been attacked.

Anti-Semitic wave

Last March, Lubeck's sole synagogue was firebombed — the first such crime since Kristallnacht in November 1938. Ironically, it had been spared by the Nazis because they feared that an adjacent art museum would be burned down. Two months ago, four suspects, aged 19 to 24, were arrested. In the aftermath of the bombing, 100 artists opened an exhibit to raise funds for repairing the shul.

Anti-Semitic crimes range far and wide, says Robin Ostow, a sociologist who divides her time between Toronto and Berlin. In Munich, on the eve of Passover, residents of a Jewish seniors' home received letters containing neo-Nazi propaganda. In the Hohenschonhausen district of Berlin, anti-Semitic pamphlets were found.

Last January, the trial of two skinheads accused of beating a man to death whom they believed to be Jewish opened in Wuppertal. Three months later, 13 Jews in Nuremberg received a letter informing them of their imminent deportation. In May, seven drunken soldiers in Bonn shouted anti-Semitic slogans on a bus and beat up a passenger.

In the past few years, two right-wing radicals have been convicted for incitement, instigation of racial hatred and reviling the memory of the dead. Last month, Gunter Deckert, leader of the National Democratic party, received a one-year suspended sentence with probation and was fined. Deckert has sued Bubis for allegedly fomenting racial hatred against Germans. Meanwhile, Otto Remer, an old Nazi, was slapped with a 22-month prison sentence for denying the Holocaust.

Surveys suggest that a strong minority of Germans are hostile to Jews.

A 1992 poll conducted by *Der Spiegel* showed that 13 percent are hardcore anti-Semites, 48 percent are free of anti-Jewish attitudes, while the rest hold some anti-Semitic beliefs.

A 1994 study carried out by the American Jewish Committee found that one in five Germans are unfavorably disposed to Jews, while residents of the now-defunct East Germany are more tolerant toward Jews than their Western counterparts.

Volunteering comes naturally to new JWF president

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For Glenys (Glennie) Lindenberg, who was installed as president of Toronto Jewish Women's Federation (JWF) in March, volunteer work is "an integral part of living Jewishly."

The 40-year-old lawyer and mother of two traces her involvement with the organized Jewish community to the early days of B & P (Business and Professional Women's Network, a division of the United Jewish Appeal Women's Division), of which she was a founding member in 1981.

A recipient of UJA's Young Leadership award in 1989, Lindenberg has also served on the board of United Synagogue Day Schools.

In her current position, Lindenberg oversees the running of the umbrella group for 50 local Jewish women's volunteer organizations which represent a broad ideological spectrum.

"It's important to have organizations which can meet the needs of people at various stages in their lives," Lindenberg told *The CJN* recently at her downtown office.

B & P originally appealed to her because it was targeted at working women. Lindenberg grew up in a traditional home and went to Associated Hebrew Day Schools until Grade 12, but says, "I didn't realize how interested I was [in the organized community] until I got involved."

The Jewish community is about to face "a real challenge" in the area of accommodating women volunteers, more and more of whom are working full-time, she said. Lindenberg herself has had a full-time general law practice in partnership with her husband Nathan for the past 16 years.

With flexible hours, she is able to fit JWF meetings into her schedule more easily, but the demands of her practice and the needs of her children, who are now 11 and 9, remain constant.

"It is difficult sometimes," she said. "For women who work full-time in a more traditional job situation, it's very difficult if you don't have that flexibility. I think most volunteer organizations are looking for innovative ways to attract and maintain membership."

Because JWF tries to avoid duplication of services, Lindenberg is focusing on strengthening the umbrella group's connections with its affiliates so that members will feel connected to the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, of which JWF is a department, and to the Jewish community as a whole.

President's Council meetings, where leaders of the affiliate organizations come together, have been "excellent," said Lindenberg, and there is talk of reinstituting a "buddy system" between senior JWF leadership and leaders of the affiliate organizations.

Glennie Lindenberg

"It's not enough to say that Jewish Women's Federation is an umbrella organization," said Lindenberg. "[Affiliates] can look to us for education and advocacy, and as a resource for programming."

The issue of agunot [women whose husbands won't give them a Jewish divorce] has taken a prominent place on the JWF agenda. On such issues, JWF "can be a facilitator for Jewish women to speak with one voice."

The status of women in Jewish organizations is also an issue of concern to JWF, Lindenberg said. "Ultimately, enhancing the status of women [by offering equal opportunities for advancement to leadership roles] will benefit the community," she added, noting that there have already been positive changes in that area.

The theme of Jewish continuity underlies almost every issue Lindenberg mentions. "It's all intermingled. If an issue is important to JWF, ultimately it's important to the Jewish community.

"I think the progamming we do in terms of outreach to newcomers and Russian immigrants enhances Jewish continuity," she says by way of example. "If you connect newcomers to the Jewish community, then you are reinforcing their Jewish identity, which will in turn enhance their continuity within the Jewish community," Lindenberg said.

Continuity is an issue about which she feels strongly. A family trip to Poland two years ago, where she visited her parents' hometowns, has become "a personal metaphor for the responsibilities of leadership from generation to generation. That's what it's all about — passing it on."

JSC seeks leader

MONTREAL — The two-year-old Jewish Sports Congress (JSC) is looking for a new leader.

"The Jewish Sports Congress has come to a point where it needs the leadership and guidance of an active board chair," said Mike Cohen, the JSC's executive vice president.

The JSC is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization which uses sports to increase Jewish identity, pride, unity and connection to Israel, while helping to improve interracial relations.

The JSC was founded by Dave Kufeld with Marty Glickman as board chair. Sandy Koufax, Red Auerbach, Marv Levy, Fred Lebow, Mark Spitz, Bud Selig, Bud Greenspan, and famed sportscasters Howard Cosell and Marv Albert are some of the renowned sports personalities involved with the organization.

Among the projects already underway are the publication of *Jewish Sports and Fitness*, a tabloid newspaper celebrating Jewish sports achievement, the Jewish All-America awards, and the Olympic Martyrs Commemorative, in honor of the 11 Israeli Olympians killed at the 1972 Munich Olympic Games.

The JSC is also planning to launch the Jewish Sports Speakers Network and the Jewish Sports News Bureau.

If you are interested in the JSC, or know of someone who may be, please contact the Jewish Sports Congress by phone at (516) 482-5550, by fax at (516) 482-5583, or write to us at POB 4549 Old Village Station, Great Neck, NY 11023.

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TORONTO — Over 200 Jewish singles from Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Winnipeg, upstate New York, Ohio and Michigan danced a Sunday night away earlier this month in support of the New Israel Fund (the joint North American/Israeli venture which funds Israeli non-profit organizations addressing social and economic issues).

The dance was the culmination of the first annual Fabulous Jewish Singles Weekend, hosted by Sharyn Gunter of Sharyn's Singles Soirees at the Inn on the Park Hotel.

Gunter, a widow who ran Jewish Dateline in the early 1980s, is motivated to donate money by memories of the financial difficulties she suffered after her husband's death. "I desperately wanted to be able to give tzedakah, but it was just impossible during that hard part of my life. Now that I am on my feet and living a decent, albeit modest life, I feel that I want to give something back to the community," she said.

For information about upcoming singles events/fundraisers, contact Gunter at 416-733-9848.

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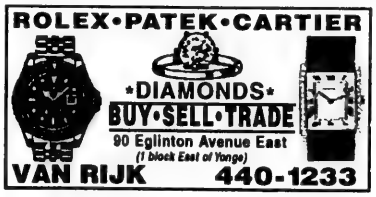

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Organizations and People

Russian artist finds his niche illustrating business articles

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When Belarussian-born artist Leon Zernitsky immigrated to Toronto four years ago, he had to translate newspaper headlines from a dictionary.

Since then, Zernitsky has established himself as a media illustrator, carving a career for himself illustrating business articles for publications such as *Canadian Lawyer, Financial Post Magazine*, the *Toronto Star* and the *Globe and Mail*. He has also done work for Hilton Hotels, Oxford University Press and TV Ontario.

Zernitsky's witty and sophisticated renderings have won him two gold and bronze awards from CAPIC, the Canadian Association of Photographers and Illustrators in Communications.

The Zernitsky family — Leon, his wife Lena, and their now-teenage daughter Ilana — arrived in Toronto from Italy, where they had spent a year awaiting Canadian immigration papers while Leon worked as a street portraitist.

Once in Canada — with minimal English and no business contacts — Leon set about finding work. Using Lena's better English, they scoured the Yellow Pages to target potential art buyers and slowly build a clientele. A series of odd jobs helped pay the bills. For seven months he worked seven nights a week as a security guard, sleeping in the mornings and devoting afternoons to his art. Lena, 38, a computer programmer by training, has been working in a bakery and studying for an insurance career in her spare time.

Before leaving the former Soviet Union, Zernitsky, as an artist, needed permission from the local Ministry of Culture for each piece he wanted to take out of the country. Most of his works were claimed by the government. "They were afraid that maybe I would be the next [Marc] Chagall," he quips.

Actually, Chagall hailed from the same region. Gomel, Zernitsky's birthplace, is a city with a centuries-old Jewish history. Although it was against the law to keep Jewish books, Zernitsky's grandfather kept a siddur hidden for use on Shabbat and Jewish holidays; his grandmother prepared her own kosher cheese and asked a rabbi-cum-shoichet to ritually slaughter chickens for her.

Leon Zernitsky

When he was in first grade, Zernitsky's artistic talents were noticed and he began taking private art lessons with a well-known artist.

After receiving a degree in Graphic Arts from Moscow Polygraphical University in 1973, he worked as an art director in a government advertising agency and illustrated 25 children's books.

A typical Zernitsky children's illustration, elegant in an old-world style and embellished with Russian calligraphy, depicts a smartly outfitted bear — complete with lorgnette — lifting his top hat as he struts away from an overdressed monkey studying herself in a hand mirror.

These days, it's just as likely for Zernitsky's art to reflect harsh economic times with dark colors and themes, but always with a sense of humor.

His recent CAPIC award-winner is a case in point: a cartoonishly scary man in a business suit is shown eating a smaller businessman against an ominous background. "It's a dark part of business when big companies eat small companies. Many people go bankrupt," said Zernitsky. But even when it comes to serious issues, he pointed out, what sells in Canada is "funny, innovative stuff, not boring.

"People here are hard-working. They want entertainment," he said.

Zernitsky has proven himself to be hard-working too, and he is happy with the turn his life and his career have taken.

An unexpected bonus of immigrating was finding Canadian relatives who looked him up after seeing an illustration of his in the *Globe and Mail* and noting the unusual surname. Leon's siblings and his mother have made aliyah; Lena has no relatives.

Leon works in a corner of the plant-filled North York apartment the family shares with Kesha the budgie and Freddy, a 9-year-old basset hound. "Even established artists tell me you'll never be rich in Canada," he says, "but you are free, you are doing what you like and you can pay your bills. For artists this is the main thing."

Yiddish for the young

TORONTO — For the first time in several years, Torontonians of all ages will be able to learn Yiddish this fall.

Free classes will be conducted at Associated Hebrew Schools on Finch east of Bathurst for students from junior kindergarten to Grade 9, with high school credit courses offered at Earl Haig Secondary School. At the post-secondary level, three Yiddish courses will be available as credits at the University of Toronto.

Informal conversation classes, for youths and adults at all stages of Yiddish proficiency have been planned, as well, in various locations. Organizers are promising only modest fees.

The Toronto Board of Education and the University of Toronto are the Yiddish education program's other sponsors.

For course dates and locations, call Sylvia Lustgarten at the committee for Yiddish (416) 635-2883, extension 155.

HONORARY DEGREE FOR HALBERT

Gerald Halbert, left, was presented with an honorary doctorate by Hanoch Gutfreund, president of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, as Yehoshua Ben-Arieh, rector, looked on at the 57th meeting of the university's board of governors. Halbert, who lives in Toronto, is chair of the executive and past national president of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University. He is president of the United Israel Appeal of Canada and has also served as president of the United Jewish Appeal of Metropolitan Toronto. Halbert is the 16th Canadian to receive an honorary PhD from the Hebrew University. Among the other eight people receiving honorary doctorates at the same ceremony were Israeli composer Naomi Shemer, British hairdressing mogul Vidal Sassoon, and Justice Richard Goldstone, a community leader in South Africa.

Golfers come out to play for charity tournament

TORONTO — Close to 200 golfers participated in the fourth annual charity golf tournament organized by the Toronto New Leadership Division of The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation.

Tournament chair Kelly Silverstein called it a huge success.

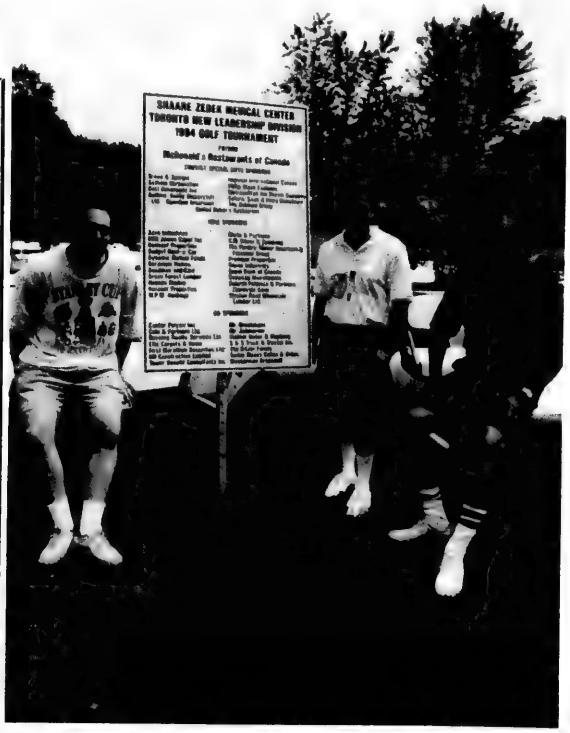
Proceeds of the event, which was held at the Kleinburg Golf & Country Club, will go to the pediatric cardiology unit in the new Comprehensive Heart Institute at Shaare Zedek Medical Center. The division has pledged $100,000 for the centre.

Approximately 50 businesses enrolled as sponsors, with McDonald's of Canada again serving as patron.

The winning foursome of the shotgun start tournament was made up of Shawn Goldenberg, Rich Kochman, Ken Weinberg and Lorne Cooper.

"We are looking forward to an even greater success next year," said division chair Michael Kerzner.

The 1995 tournament will be co-chaired by Mark Grammer and Joseph Young. For information call 781-3584.



Shaare Zedek golf tournament chair Kelly Silverstein (left), poses with Michael Kerzner, chair of the New Leadership Division, and co-chair Dov Altman at the Sponsors' Board of the 1994 golf tournament.

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Minyan held on Mirvish's 80th birthday

Torah portion same as at Honest Ed's bar mitzvah

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Ed Mirvish's 80th birthday was observed in a Thursday morning prayer service led by Rabbi Joseph Kelman in Ed's own office with a 300-year-old Iranian Torah for the scripture reading.

"It's the first time I've had tefillin on since my bar mitzvah 67 years go," said Mirvish.

Honest Ed read part of the service in faultless Hebrew and was called to the Torah for an aliyah, while about 30 friends and relatives attended.

"This is the sanctuary, and the banquet hall is upstairs," Mirvish joked, as he welcomed guests to the unusual surroundings. (A kosher beakfast was served in the upper part of the Honest Ed office.)

The Iranian Torah is one of two Mirvish purchased several years ago. It has a permanent place in his office; the other he donated to the Royal Ontario Museum.

Despite its age, the ornate Torah has perfectly visible lettering, though smaller than in some Torahs. Rabbi Kelman and his son, Rabbi Jay Kelman, who read the morning's portion, had to peer in closely and use the Torah's silver pointer.

"We express gratitude for the blessings that Ed Mirvish has received and given back to the community at large," said Rabbi Kelman, of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

Anne Mirvish, Ed's wife, read a part of the service in English, while son David Mirvish and cousin Russel Lazar were also honored with aliyahs. Sol Dennis, of Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, an old friend, was the reader, while Syd Greenstein of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue was the gabbai.

The senior Rabbi Kelman interspersed the prayers with cogent explanations particularly addressed to the non-Jewish friends attending.

Mirvish told *The CJN* that he and his wife are members of both Holy Blossom Temple and Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda. "That way we keep in touch," he said.

One friend who got a special welcome was Leonard Bernstein who came to Ed's office direct from the minyan at the Bloor Street JCC, a few blocks down the street, which he attends every day. "I got really worried that Ed is going to have a daily minyan in opposition to ours and would serve a better kiddish than we do," said Bernstein.

By a remarkable co-incidence, Rabbi Kelman said the portion of Torah read at the service was the same as the one read at Mirvish's bar mitzvah 67 years ago.

As to that event in 1927, Mirvish said it took place in a Cecil Street synagogue (he doesn't remember its name) and his father and mother could not close their Dundas Street fruit store to attend. "We had a Rabbi Dinkin who gave Hebrew classes upstairs of the store and he took me to the bar mitzvah," Mirvish said. "They threw a few nuts at me, and that was it, it was over just like that.

Others attending included Ruth Kelman, Ilana Kelman, Hilliard Conway (David Mirvish's father-in-law), Isaac Rics, Barney Barenholtz, Jack and Ralph Grossman, Rosalie Herman of Baltimore, and Dr. Robert and Mary Stein, of Easton, Penn.

On his 80th birthday, Honest Ed Mirvish was honored at a morning prayer service in his office where a 300-year-old Iranian Torah is permanently located. Conducting the service were Rabbi Joseph Kelman (right) and his son, Rabbi Jay Kelman. By coincidence, the Torah portion read was the same as that read during Mirvish's bar mitzvah 67 years ago. [Graphic Arts photo]

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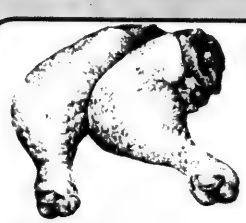

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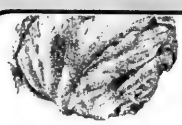

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Canadians heading to Kiev for world Yiddish conference

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The once-sputtering flame of Yiddish will blaze anew in the historic city of Kiev in Ukraine August 25-30, when the seventh session of the World Council for Yiddish is held.

Canadians have been prominent in the World Council from the beginning and this year will be no exception, as the National Yiddish Committee of Canada will be represented by Simcha Simchovitch, Toronto Yiddish poet, teacher, and former curator of the Beth Tzedec Museum. He will be joined by Ariel Koprov, Yiddish author and member of the Toronto Yiddish Committee, who also participated in the sixth session in Moscow.

The program includes a gala opening, six plenary sessions, performances of Yiddish theatre from Israel and Poland, and tours to sites of Jewish interest. Large delegations from Israel, Russia, Poland, France, Australia and Argentina are expected to attend.

A circular from the World Council states that there are 150,000 Jews in Kiev (450,000 in all of Ukraine), many of them Yiddish speaking, who are striving to re-establish their religious and cultural institutions, and a Jewish world gathering will greatly strengthen their confidence and efforts. The Kiev meeting was planned with the cooperation of the governments of Israel and Ukraine and the Union of Ukrainian Writers, in whose magnificent building the session will be held.

Simcha Simchovitch

The World Council for Yiddish and Jewish Culture came into being in Tel Aviv in 1976. Under the leadership of Itzhak Korn, former chair of the World Zionist Organization and deputy minister to Levy Eshkol, the Council tried to promote, often successfullly, Yiddish culture both in Israel and in the Diaspora.

During this period, a Yiddish teachers program, headed by a former Torontonian, Rabbi Gershon Weiner, was established at the Bar Ilan University in Tel Aviv, and Yiddish language and literature were introduced as electives in a number of high schools in Israel. Thanks to the endowment of the late Toronto philanthropist Ben Himel, Yiddish also became a subject of instruction in some Israeli elementary schools.

Yiddish speaking clubs and circles were formed in many cities in Israel, the United States and Canada. Many of them joined and supported the World Council for Yiddish and looked to it for leadership and guidance.

However, the activities of the World Council were hindered during the last few years by the prolonged illness of its chair Itzhak Korn, who died recently.

With the joining of the Israeli Yiddish Writers Union headed by the novelist and outspoken writer Mordchai Tzanin, the World Council was strengthened and revitalized. The reorganized Council moved to new quarters in the building of the Jewish Agency in Tel Aviv and began its activities anew.

The Yiddish committee at the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, chaired successively by J.B. Salsberg, Sam Lipshitz and Gerry Kane, was always supportive of the World Council. Large delegations from Toronto participated in the first session of the Council in 1976 in Tel Aviv and later, in 1982 in Montreal. In 1991, Judge Philip Givens, national chair of the Yiddish Committee of Canada, attended the sixth session of the World Council in Moscow.

On his return from the Kiev sessions, Simchovitch will report to the Toronto Jewish public on the situation of the Jews in Ukraine and on the proceedings of the Council.

Israeli educational program unites Jewish and Arab kids

By HILLEL YEAGER

GIVAT HAVIVA, Israel — Children Teaching Children (CTC) is the largest Israeli educational program seeking to foster coexistence, pluralism, and democratic values among Israel's Arab and Jewish citizens.

CTC recently ended the school year with almost 1,000 of its participants convening at the Jewish-Arab Centre for Peace, located at the Givat Haviva Institute.

Givat Haviva, located in northern Israel, is a 50-acre facility named after Haviva Reik, who perished after parachuting into Nazi-occupied Slovakia.

During the closing day activities, Jewish and Arab sixth-graders partook in various games, workshops, and folk dancing and sporting events. In discussion groups, students debated such topics as the status of women and the peace process.

During lunch, students ate together under a giant tent and program director Shuli Hartman addressed the gathering. She called on the Ministry of Education, one of CTC's government sponsors, to implement the teaching of Arabic in Jewish schools beginning at an earlier age. The program ended with musical performances by Jewish and Arab artists.

But with a far more lasting outcome than the one-day summit would provide, CTC's multi-faceted approach to learning gives children the opportunity to meet in a neutral setting, the classroom, where they are given an opportunity to talk, laugh, learn, and discover.

This is an interaction that Jews and Arabs are rarely afforded in Israel. CTC challenges stereotypes and generalizations by bringing Jewish and Arab youngsters face to face.

Before participating in this program, Jewish students indicated they were afraid to go to Arab villages. Overcome with fear of the "enemy," some did not want to board the buses. But the experience had a powerful effect. After the first few encounters, a visit to an Arab village was transformed from an ominous mystery to a simple routine.

In some cases, friendships were forged between Arab and Jewish children. After the Hebron massacre, Jewish students wrote letters of condolence to the Arab students, expressing their horror at the tragedy. The Arab students responded in kind following the bombings of Israeli buses in Afula and Hadera.

But the results of the program are not limited to Arab-Jewish relations. The program sparks the children's curiosity and whets their appetites to learn. In the end, almost no one remains unchanged though the views that emerge are complex.

Parents directly involved

Said one girl from the town of Misgav: "I used to think it was so easy for me to make ties with everyone. I learned that it is not always so easy."

Miriam Dagan, a CTC coordinator, said of the program's participants: "If it was easy, they wouldn't need us. Because it's difficult, the need for CTC arises."

For the teachers, who are also a mix of Arabs and Jews, aside from learning more about each other's communities, CTC facilitates the acquisition of different educational techniques.

Some of the teachers began participating in the program before the intifadah in the West Bank and Gaza Strip began. Throughout the intifadah and during the Gulf War, they continued to work together.

Each new challenge to Arab-Jewish relations is immediately confronted and discussed. The influence of the CTC project is also felt by the students' parents, who are directly involved throughout the entire program.

During the convention, it was clear that a two-year program could not fully erase the painful history of Jewish-Palestinian relations. At lunchtime, the Jewish youth sat in one group while the Arabs formed circles of their own. While the Jewish youngsters cheered the Hebrew songs, the Arab students were silent. Yet both accommodated one another and permitted the other group its space.

Shuli Dichter, a volunteer in the CTC program, stressed the ever-increasing importance of preparing the future generations for the sweeping changes ahead.

"We must prioritize the establishment and continuation of contact between Arab and Jewish children, especially since the future is here today," he said.

The program continues to grow and improve. 1994 marks the release of CTC's first handbook. It is a result of the teachers' response to the changes occurring in the Middle East on a daily basis.

Provided that CTC continues to meet its funding needs, the project aims to expand and reach even more children in the years to come. As historic handshaking and political posturing usher in a new era of hope, CTC continues to replace the politics of hatred and fear in Israel with those of understanding and compassion.

Hillel Yeager is a native of Toronto, Canada, and recently visited Givat Haviva.

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Government representatives from the State of Victoria in Australia, recently visited Baycrest Centre, their only Canadian stop on an around-the-world trip to consult with leading facilities on the care of the aged. Seen (from left) Rob Knowles, Victoria's minister for aged care and minister for housing; Dr. Michael Gordon, vice-president, medical services and head, geriatric and internal medicine for Baycrest Centre; Robert Solly, deputy secretary, housing, Victoria; Andrejs Zamurs, deputy secretary, aged care division, Victoria; and Stephen Herbert, president and CEO of Baycrest. The men conferred on innovative techniques and current issues involved in responding to the needs of an aging population. Each year, Baycrest hosts visits by dozens of government representatives, administrators of hospitals and nursing homes, health care professionals and social workers. Recently, Baycrest has consulted with groups from New Zealand, India, China, the British Isles, Europe, Japan and the Middle East.

Jabotinsky failed to see Canada's worth

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The late Ze'ev Jabotinsky, founder of the Zionist Revisionist movement, would have got more support here in the 1920s and 1930s if he had realized that Canada was different from the United States, said Michael Brown, a York University humanities and Hebrew-language professor.

Although Jabotinsky had many followers in Europe, especially in Poland, he had relatively few supporters in North America, said Brown.

He noted that Jabotinsky failed to pick up on the enthusiasm Canadian Jews had for Zionism and underestimated his Canadian followers on his three visits here.

In a letter written after his 1926 visit to Canada, Jabotinsky claimed that his Canadian followers were either "immature youths" or "people of the past generation."

"Had he had put a little more effort into Canada, I think he probably would have had more success," said Brown, the guest speaker at the recent 54th memorial service for Jabotinsky.

The service, presented by Herut-Likud and Betar Tagar of Canada, was held at the Toronto Zionist Centre. Cantor Yehudah Rottner of Beth David Synagogue sang the memorial prayer.

Jabotinsky was born in Russia in 1881 and died in the United States in 1940. After abandoning his socialist ideals, Jabotinsky organized the Zionist Revisionist movement, as a result of his dissatisfaction with the existing Zionist leadership.

Brown said Jabotinsky's militant message of mass aliyah was not as effective in North America, where most Jews aspired to middle-class status and "felt sort of at home."

He can see why Jabotinsky did not try harder to win more supporters in Canada, given that the Jewish community here was tiny.

"It was relatively poor in [financial] resources as far as the Jewish community was concerned. Jews were immigrants — they didn't have a lot of political clout — and in that sense maybe he was right to not put a lot of effort into this country," he said.

Jabotinsky had some disdain for North American Jews, Brown explained. Like many Zionists, he thought they were materialistic. He also thought they were whiners. In the '20s, Jabotinsky said that the problems in North America were just child's play compared to the difficulties in Europe.

During Jabotinsky's lifetime the majority of North American Zionists, who chose to align themselves with the left, rejected Revisionism. The movement succeeded decades later with the 1977 Likud victory in Israel, said Brown, after which the Revisionist message was more widely accepted in the Diaspora.

A man with a great deal of charisma and a gift for speaking, Jabotinsky was almost worshipped by his followers and demonized by his opponents.

"When he got up and spoke he could carry a crowd even if he said outrageous things," Brown told *The CJN*.

Winnipeg leader dies

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — When Saul Simkin was asked to be the 1993 honoree for the Jewish National Fund's annual Negev Dinner, he accepted only on condition that his sisters and brothers be honored with him.

That was typical of Simkin, who passed away on June 21 at the age of 78.

Except for a term as chair of the United Israel Appeal, Simkin eschewed the limelight according to his brother Abe, preferring to contribute to the community behind the scenes, where he was a major force in the Jewish and business communities.

The Simkin family's construction company, BACM Ltd., of which Saul Simkin was the chair and CEO, was one of western Canada's leading developers and builders.

Abe Simkin notes that the company was involved in the construction of every major airport and dam between Winnipeg and Vancouver. The company, now part of Genstar (of which Saul Simkin was a director) builds 5,000 houses a year and employs 10,000 people across the country.

Abe Simkin says his brother Saul was a major supporter of all Jewish charities, local and Israel-based, and many non-Jewish ones. He was a founder, lifelong supporter and major contributor to the Rosh Pina Synagogue (Winnipeg's second largest Conservative synagogue) and worked actively on many of the synagogue committees.

Simkin is survived by two daughters and his five brothers and sisters.

BEN-GURION BIOGRAPHER SPEAKS ON PEACE

In a public address at the Borochov Cultural Centre, Professor Michael Bar-Zohar (second from right) spoke on From Ben-Gurion to Rabin and Beyond: The Prospects for Peace. Others (from left) are Labor Zionist Movement of Canada President Julius Sokoloff, and Moshe Ronen, chair of the national Israel affairs committee of Canadian Jewish Congress. His speech was co-sponsored by LZM of Toronto and Congress. [Daniel Fine photo]

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BATHURST-CLARK LIBRARY

Two young observers take in Judaica displayed recently at the newly-opened library at Bathurst Street and Clark Avenue in Thornhill, just west of the Promenade shopping mall. As part of the library's multicultural celebrations, the Jewish community held a day-long program of events that included readings, poetry, film and booths representing various organizations.

Jewish educator says goodbye after 37 years in school system

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

Hana Warner presents Esther Gold with a "Megillat Esther", scroll of good wishes, on her retirement as Hebrew Studies principal of USDS.

TORONTO — She may have fallen into the profession by accident, but Esther Gold has become a fixture in the Toronto Jewish education scene.

She recently retired after 17 years as Hebrew Studies principal of United Synagogue Day School.

Relaxing in her Thornhill home, Gold reminisced to *The CJN* about coming to Canada from her birthplace, Tel Aviv. A graduate in sciences from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, she found herself overqualified for most of the jobs available through Jewish Vocational Service.

"So they took me upstairs (this was in 1957, at the old community services building on Beverley Street) to the Board of Jewish Education, and they asked me to teach at the new Neptune branch of Associated Talmud Torah."

Shortly afterwards, the late Dr. Levi Jacober asked her to teach at the Associated Hebrew Day School. She remained there until her son Ari was born.

While raising her children (Ari, now an endodontist, and Doron, who just graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School), she began to teach at Adath Israel. She stayed there for 15 years, nine as a teacher, six as principal.

In 1975, she returned to Associated as Hebrew Studies Principal at the Finch campus. In 1977, she moved to USDS as principal of the Hebrew Studies Department for the Bathurst, Bayview and eventually, the Richmond Hill campuses.

This is not to suggest that Gold is untrained, educationally speaking. It's just that, as she describes it, "first I did, then I got my degree. I was teaching before I got my teacher's certificate [at Midrasha]; I was a principal at Associated when I got my BA; and I was principal at USDS when I got my principal's certification.

"My courses really had meaning — it wasn't just theories."

Innovation has been a hallmark of her career.

While at Adath Israel, Gold began taking the 11- and 12-year-old students to visit the Lubavitch community in New York, something that was seen at the time as decidedly radical.

"I saw a value in these trips," Gold said. "It gave the kids the chance to experience Shabbat. Also, those kids from Conservative homes, who had never had any contact with Chassidism, came back with a lot of respect for them. It was a lesson in ahavat Yisrael."

She also instituted a sukkah project, in which a family in the school would undertake to buy materials to build a sukkah. The class would build and decorate it, and on Sukkot they would eat there.

Her high school students were involved in choosing the topics they would study so that their studies would be meaningful to them. "Now we are used to that sort of thing — then it was an innovation," she says.

She modestly gives credit to the other staff and students for the blossoming of USDS, but when pressed, she does admit to being especially pleased with her influence on the development of Hebrew language education.

"When I came, the level of Hebrew as a spoken language wasn't at the level I expected. I made it my mission to raise this level.

"I convinced the teachers that the way you learn to speak a language is to use it. If the kids have a choice [of what language to speak in class], they will use what's comfortable."

She believes "you have to have faith in your students. They are capable of rising to your expectations."

She incorporated the Bible contest into the school's enrichment program, not necessarily for the sake of winning the contest, (although USDS students have done well over the years) but "as a means to learn how to study Torah intensively."

She is proud that USDS offers "a broad Hebrew education, covering the whole scope of Hebrew knowledge."

She is also proud that the school is "for all students, not just the elite. We are proud of serving the needs of all youngsters, even those who struggle through the double curriculum."

Having been involved in both the supplementary and the day school scene, she notes that day school students don't necessarily come out with more Jewish commitment.

"In afternoon school at that time, there was a close tie between the school, the shul, USY, Camp Ramah and the tefillin club. All together they had quite an impact."

Gold believes that day school may affect the philosophy of life, but not necessarily observance.

She is touched by the marks of esteem and affection shown her on her retirement. The Board of Directors of USDS gave her a farewell party, at which colleagues, friends and family paid her tribute.

She was also honored by the staff of each campus and by several classes as well.

Among the gifts she treasures is a scroll of good wishes ("a real Megillat Esther") from the Bayview campus students, an embroidered challah cover, a poem written in her honor by colleague and friend Tzipporah Balter and a tile challah board fashioned by the senior kindergarten class at the Bathurst campus.

What now for the ever-active Gold?

First, she says, she wants to learn more about her new love, computers, and to work in her garden.

Then, she would like to take up her long-time dream of architectural drafting.

"I'd really like to to go back to doing architectural drafting with a computer. That would combine the two areas I'm excited about."

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Organizations and People

What's New

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, July 28, is deadline for August 11 issue, and Thursday, August 4, is deadline for August 18 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Thursday, July 28

CONCERT BAND

North York Concert Band presents a medley of tunes that includes big band, Broadway and classical music, 7:30-9 p.m. at Mel Lastman Square, 5100 Yonge St.

Monday, August 1

KESHET SHALOM PICNIC

Congregation Keshet Shalom, a congregation dedicated to meeting the needs of the Greater Toronto lesbian and gay Jewish community, is holding a Civic Holiday picnic at noon at Centre Island. Bring your own picnic lunch and refreshments. Look for signs or call Rainbow Line, 925-1408, for meeting location. Rain date Sunday, August 7.

BINGO FOR CHARITY

The International Centre, 6900 Airport Rd., Mississauga, is hosting a Monster Bingo. Cash prizes of $25,000 will be won, with proceeds going to benefit the Canadian Hearing Society, Peel chapter. Bingo Hall doors open 5 p.m. and games begin 7 p.m. Book price $50 in advance, $60 at the door. To order tickets, contact Bingo Hotline, (905) 677-9748.

TRIBUTE TO MORRIS TURK

Eva Fishman is presenting a concert in tribute to her late husband **Morris Turk** at the Barry Zukerman Amphitheatre, Earl Bales Park. The program features **Cantor Severin Weingort**, singer **Sarah Hertzberg** with the Morris Turk Orchestra conducted by **Neal Pupulin**, and the Scarborough Shoe Stoppers. Emcee is **Arnie Wishkin**. Box office opens 6 p.m., show starts 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Tuesday, August 2

WOMEN AND MITZVOT

The Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Study series, Just For Her — Women's Unique Place in Judaism, continues with Women and Mitzvot with **Faigie Itkin**, director of education, Chabad of Hamilton. Time is 10-11 a.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. For information and registration, (905) 889-6066.

CONCERT TIME

Earl Bales Seniors' Club is holding a concert at 7 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre, Members $1, non-members $2.

Thursday, August 4

GRANDPARENTING & DIVORCE

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering a workshop on Grandparenting Through Divorce to discuss how to grieve the loss of your child's marriage and how to maintain a climate of love and security for your grandchildren during this transition. There is a unique and important role for grandparents. Workshop takes place 7:30 p.m. at JF&CS Promenade branch. For further information, **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

And What Else Is New...

LEAH POSLUNS THEATRE SCHOOL

Leah Posluns Theatre School offers the very best in theatre training. Fall 1994 classes, introductory to advanced for children teens and adults, include Creative Drama for children; Novice Acting and Acting for Film and Television for young adults; Acting Techniques, Scene Study and Backstage Workshops for adults; and a six-subject Certificate Program accredited by Seneca College. Classes begin mid-September to October 1994. Call 636-1880, ext. 287/298.

SUCCESSFUL STEP-PARENTING

The Jewish Family & Child Service workshop, Successful Step-Parenting: Learning to Step Together, is a group for couples living together with other people's children to discuss the myth about step-families, building a solid couple relationship, guidelines and strategies for step-parents and helping children adjust to step-family life. Classes begin Oct. 4 for six weeks. Call **Pat Lieberman** at JF&CS, 638-7800, ext. 215.

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

Baycrest Terrace Reform Congregation will be holding High Holiday services. $30 per person. For information, **Victor Szold**, 782-3796.

VENDORS WANTED

Vendors are wanted for a craft and gift sale being held at Bayview Village Mall (Bayview and Sheppard) Monday, Oct. 10, (Thanksgiving Day), 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., under the auspices of Beersheba Club, Na'amat Canada. Over 100 boutiques will be set up. No admission charge for the public. Proceeds go to charity. Interested parties, contact Na'amat office, 636-5425 (days) or **Ruth Jacobson**, 493-1089 (evenings).

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

The Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., announces that registration is now open for fall courses for adults and teenagers in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced students. Morning courses run Mondays, Oct. 3-Jan. 9, 9:40-11:05 a.m. Evening courses run Tuesdays, Oct. 4-Jan. 10, 7:30-9 p.m.

All classes are conducted under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers. The promise is that beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew in 14 sessions. Free introductory private lessons are offered for beginners. Instructor for beginners' course is **Joseph Klinger**, well-known educator and founder of the Israeli ulpan method in teaching Hebrew in Toronto. For consultation and registration, call him at 787-0197.

PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL

A non-profit, professional performing arts day school for children in Grades 4-6, begins in September 1994. Artistic director **Ron Singer**, professor of drama at York University, has developed a pilot program curriculum for 12 children that will provide full-time training in acting, dancing and singing, combined with an academic program. It is sponsored by the non-profit Randolph School of the Arts. For information regarding interviews and fees, 586-0288.

YOUTH COORDINATOR

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Youth Department requires a coordinator for Shabbat morning junior congregation services (6- to 9-year-old participants). Applicant should have excellent knowledge of Shabbat prayers, customs and songs. Self-motivated and creative individual with previous experience working with children required. Interested applicants, send resume and references to Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Youth Department, Attention: Youth Director, 100 Elder St., Downsview, Ont., M3H 5G7.

ORPHAN'S HOME REUNION

A combined reunion of residents of two Jewish orphanages in Montreal, the Montefiore Hebrew Orphans Home and Montreal Hebrew Orphans Home, will be held in Montreal at Hotel de Fort, Sept. 17 and 18. The reunion will mark 58 years since the closing of the Montefiore Home and 52 years since the closing of the Montreal Home. Former residents from across Canada and the United States are expected to attend. For information, **Myer Gordon**, 14 Alonzo Rd., North York, Ont., M2R 1T5, or phone 221-3161.

ACADEMY FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

The Academy for Lifelong Learning, a program of the School of Continuing Studies, University of Toronto, provides self-directed daytime workshops, Mondays through Fridays, for adults interested in a new approach to learning. Among subjects discussed are Asian studies, Islam, economics, tomorrow's world, film, history, literature, contemporary art, philosophical anthropology, music appreciation and social issues. Workshops begin in September in the Bloor-Avenue Rd. area. For brochure and further information, 978-7756.

YIDDISH FOR ALL AGES

Torontonians of all ages will be able to learn Yiddish, starting this fall. Free classes will be conducted at Associated Hebrew Schools on Finch for students from junior kindergarten to Grade 9, with high school credit courses taking place at Earl Haig Secondary School. At the post-secondary level, three Yiddish courses for credit will be available at the University of Toronto. Conversational classes, for both youths and adults at all stages of Yiddish proficiency have been planned as well in various city locations. For information and pre-registration forms, **Sylvia Lustgarten**, Committee for Yiddish, 635-2883, ext. 155. Register early.

AT THE KOFFLER GALLERY

Wurmhole, an installation by Fastwurms that transforms the Koffler Gallery into the bridge of a futuristic starship, is on view through Sept. 18. Guest curator is **Carolyn Bell Farrell**.

Also on view through Sept. 18 is The Order of Things, the first Toronto exhibition of Vancouver artist **Lee Goreas**. The works, produced over the last two years, are comprised of a series of painted multiples — paintings of chalkboard erasers, upraised hands, paper airplanes with bent noses, and anvils.

BETH SHOLOM ADULT EDUCATION

Beth Sholom adult education programs include —

Art Class — Time to Explore the Artist in You, with painting and drawing, all levels, presented by Toronto artist **Terry Sugar Keyfeitz**, 10 classes Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m. starting Oct. 5 at the synagogue. Cost $50. Open to the community.

Book of Samuel — Starting with the period of **David**, conducted by well-known educator **Jacob Israeli**, every Thursday, 8-9:30 p.m. at the synagogue, starting Oct. 6. Don't miss this opportunity. Six classes for $40. Everyone welcome.

BE A SENIOR CARE VOLUNTEER!

Senior Care (Community Services to Jewish Elderly) volunteers are needed for both the kosher Meals on Wheels and Volunteer Visiting programs. Delivery of a daily meal or a weekly visit from a volunteer does much to alleviate the isolation and loneliness that many seniors experience. Two hours once a week is all it takes. Call **Arnold Foss** at Senior Care, 635-2860.

TORAH OHR HEBREW SCHOOL

Torah Ohr Hebrew School, Bayview-Steeles (Sundays only) and Bathurst-Major Mackenzie (Tuesdays-Thursdays only), is now taking registration for the 1994/95 school year for ages 5 to bar/bat mitzvah. Curriculum covers modern Hebrew language, prayers, reading, writing, Jewish history, holdays and celebrations. For information, 785-1161.

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY

The Community Integration Program seeks Canadian families to reach out to recently-arrived Jewish families from the former Soviet Union. Join the Family-to-Family program. Be an important link for a Russian family and help them discover their Jewish heritage. This is an opportunity to develop a special friendship with a Jewish Russian family. At present there are families from the former Soviet Union waiting to join this program. Call **Selena Kovshoff** at the CIP office at the JCC, 636-1880, ext. 261.

GAYS, LESBIANS SUPPORT GROUP

The Coalition for Jewish Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students holds weekly confidential support meetings facilitated by a social worker from Jewish Family & Child Service. Meetings are free and are being held throughout the summer 6 p.m. Wednesdays, Vari Hall, Room 2005, York University. Call **Claire** at Jewish Student Federation, 736-5179.

FUN AT THE LIBRARY FOR KIDS

Animal Finger Puppets at Centennial Library, 578 Finch Ave. W., Friday, July 29, 10:30-11:30 a.m. when children 3 and up can have fun and entertain their friends by creating wild animals with their fingers. There will also be time to relax and enjoy a movie. Call 395-5490 to register.

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PAVILION AWARDS

For the first time in its 16-year history, Jerusalem Pavilion, sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada, won two awards from Festival Caravan. The pavilion was the winner in the variety category for its outstanding and diversified entertainment, and community leader Monty Mazin was second runner-up in the category Mayor of the Year. From left are Jerusalem Pavilion chair Lorne Bernstein, Princess Leah Eichler, pavilion mayor Monty Mazin, and committee volunteer Len Berk.

YEAR END

The Institute for Jewish Learning celebrated the end of its year of studies with the annual Harry Posen Memorial Lecture and Siyum. Pictured are David Wolpe (right), the keynote speaker who spoke on Teaching Your Children About G-d: A Modern Jewish Approach; and IJL director Mark Charendoff [Ayal Leszcz photo]

TRIBUTE BREAKFAST

At Beth Torah's recent annual Minyanaires Tribute Breakfast, the congregation recognized the many years of dedication in preparing the Shabbat kiddush for the congregation by member volunteers Celia Genesove and Nathan Naymark, shown above. Appreciation plaques were presented to the honorees by Sisterhood co-president Sandy Cohen. [Mollie Rothman photo]

What's New

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Lavender's Blue, Wednesday, August 3, 11-11:30 a.m. at Central Library, 5120 Yonge St., for children 5 and under, including babies and toddlers, to enjoy songs, stories, fingerplays, nursery rhymes and films. Drop in.

Mr. Fripps, the clown, uses magic, balloon sculptures, juggling and lots of audience participation to present his own brand of clowning around for children ages 3-7, Wednesday, August 3, 7-7:45 p.m., Armour Heights Library, 2140 Avenue Rd. For information, 395-5430.

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Summer is your chance to enjoy a free walking tour of the University of Toronto. Tours are offered Mondays to Fridays until the end of August at 10:30 a.m., 1 and 2:30 p.m.. Tours depart from the Map Room of Hart House, just west of Queen's Park. For information, 978-5000, during business hours.

for seniors

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is now taking reservations for the 21-day November trip to Israel. Also, for the two Stratford trips — Sept. 29 to see *Twelfth Night* and Oct. 18 for *Cyrano de Bergerac*. For information on all programs and trips, **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events — dance with live band Sunday, July 31, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Earl Bales Community Centre (members $4, non-members $4.50); concert Tuesday, August 2, 7 p.m., Community Centre (members $1, non-members $2); overnight Windsor casino trip, Tuesday, August 9 (members $95, non-members $100); barbecue party, Sunday, August 14, 1-4 p.m., clubhouse (buy tickets in advance); trip to Niagara-on-the-Lake and the Falls, Tuesday, August 23 (members $18, non-members $20. For information on all activities, 395-7881.

Funtime Seniors invites you for a day away to Port Stanley with cruise, train ride, buffet lunch Thursday, August 11; and an overnight trip to Windsor including casino, sightseeing, Monday, Sept. 19. **Sylvia**, 730-0503.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). For information, 661-4689 or 783-9453.

LZA Seniors Club still has seats available for the Lake Simcoe day cruise Wednesday, August 24, and for the Stratford visit to see *Pirates of Penzance* Wednesday, Oct. 12. Also, a trip to Washington, D.C., is planned Oct. 30-Nov. 3. Miami registration is also available. Phone **Libby** 782-2059 or **Belle** 633-5841.

Young at Heart Seniors 10-day Catskills trip to Pines Hotel August 5-14, costs $975, same as last year except for medical. Anyone wishing a bus ride to the Catskills only is welcome, including children. A five-day trip to the Washington Holocaust Memorial and tour is planned for Oct. 16. Package deal is $484 Canadian, double occupancy. Call **Doreen** or **Helen**, 635-6343.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

A public affairs forum on How Does the Ontario Budget Affect Seniors' Benefits and Services? is set for Wednesday, August 3, 1:30 p.m. Guest panelists include **Charles Harnick**, MPP; **Bea Levis**, co-chair, OCSCO; **Jenny Carter**, MPP, parliamentary assistant to the minister of citizenship; and **Monte Kwinter**, MPP. Free of charge and open to the community.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre health lecture, The Gift of a Good Night's Sleep, features **Dr. Mort Mamelak** of the Sleep Disorder Clinic, Baycrest Centre, Thursday, August 4, 1:30 p.m.

The movie, *Only the Lonely* will be screened Sunday, July 31, 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members $1.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. For information, **Anna**, 225-2112.

About People

HONORARY FELLOWSHIP

At the recent board of governors meetings, **Sam Crystal** received an honorary fellowship from the University of Haifa. The fellowship was bestowed at a luncheon in his honor in recognition of his devoted service to the Jewish community of Canada and to the State of Israel and for his involvement and commitment as a member, vice-president and president of the Canadian Friends of Haifa University. Crystal has been a member of the board of directors since 1978 and was national president from 1991 to 1993.

Sam Crystal

Guest speaker at the luncheon was **Frank Stronach**, chair of Magna International Inc., who received an honorary doctorate from the University of Haifa that evening.

STUDENT AWARD

Torontonian **Rayna Litchen**, a first-year student at Yeshiva University's Wurzweiler School of Social Work, has received the Arnold Morrissey Student Award from the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry. This award is presented each year to a student in the Institute's continuing care division who demonstrates a high calibre of clinical achievement. Litchen received her BA degree in philosophy and psychology from the University of Toronto in 1972 and also earned a teaching certificate from Toronto Teachers College in 1973. She is currently enrolled in Wurzweiler's Block Plan which allows students to complete degree requirements for the master of social work degree in three summers of study in New York City, while working for social service agencies throughout the world during the academic year.

BETH ISAIAH APPOINTMENT

Beth Isaiah Congregation, a traditional synagogue in Guelph, has announced the appointment of **Cantor Gary Kessler** of Fort Worth, Tex., as its next spiritual leader.

Kessler, 39, comes to Guelph with experience as a cantor, Jewish educator and youth leader, having served eight years at Congregation Ahavath Sholom in Fort Worth, and two years at Tiferet Israel Congregation in Dallas.

Cantor Gary Kessler

At Beth Isaiah Congregation he will also serve as educator for adults and youth. He will provide chaplaincy services for Homewood Sanitarium and the University of Guelph as well as working in other intercommunal affairs and activities.

Kessler assumes the pulpit of Beth Isaiah August 1. He and his wife **Ruth** have three children, **Edna, Nathaniel** and **Chava.**

BBW 50TH ANNIVERSARY

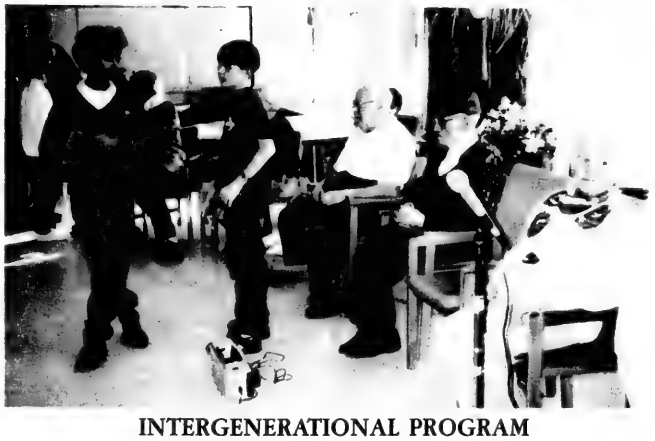
At B'nai Brith Women of Toronto's 50th anniversary celebration held at Beth Tikvah Synagogue recently, Mitzi Dickstein (left), president elect B'nai Brith Women of Canada and top fundraiser for B'nai Brith Women of Toronto, receives an award from Ethy Lebow (centre), president B'nai Brith Women of Toronto, and Helaine Finkelstein, immediate past president B'nai Brith Women of Toronto.

STRANGERS AND SISTERS

Pictured at the Jewish-Arab Women's dialogue Strangers and Sisters, sponsored by the New Israel Fund of Canada at Temple Sinai recently, are (from left) Daphna Golan, director, Bat Shalom in Jerusalem; Mariam Mari, director, Acre Women's Centre, Acre; Premier Bob Rae; Linda Silver Dranoff, moderator; Maurice Green, president, New Israel Fund of Canada.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Toronto Council of Hazzanim grants scholarship from Trust Fund. Pictured (from left) are Cantor Benjamin Maissner, Holy Blossom Temple; Cantor Glenn Kowarsky; Cantor Yehuda Rottner, Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, president of the Council; Eric Moses, scholarship recipient; Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum, Adath Israel. [Dale Studios photo]



INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAM

The sixth graders at Crestwood School are involved in an intergenerational program with Baycrest Centre, bridging the generation gap through letter writing and planned monthly visits. Some of the students are seen above with Baycrest residents during one of the visits.

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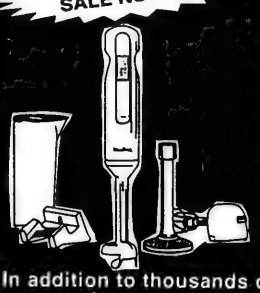

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Organizations and People

GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDALS

Ontario Lieutenant Governor Henry Jackman (left) recently presented the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship to 13 Ontarians, including Eugene Winter (pictured), a leader in Toronto's Hungarian Jewish community.

Benchetrit's right on track as afficionado of road racing

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Going into the finals of the Rolling Thunder Go-Cart Time Trial Challenge, Sidney Benchetrit looked to be in good shape.

In the semis, Benchetrit had clocked an impressive qualifying time, the second fastest among 35 competitors.

But in the final run on the half-mile track at Fun City, things began to change. He clocked a fairly slow 1:08 for his first lap in the two-lap go-round, well behind the 1:05.98 he registered in his qualifying heat.

Realizing he'd have to pick up the pace if he had any hope of finishing first, Benchetrit decided to go for broke. Unfortunately, going into a sharp turn on the indoor track, "the back tires gave out and I began skidding and I lost speed," he said.

The skid cost him any chance of finishing first; instead he had to settle for 14th place out of 15 finalists. The winning time was registered by Jason Bell, 18, whose best lap clocked in at 1:06.75.

Despite his loss, the race, sponsored by Fun City and Molson Indy Fest, has wetted Benchetrit's appetite for more go-cart races. "It was pretty nerve-wracking but fun too," he said.

A road race afficionado, Benchetrit was one of more than 400 racers who plunked down $2 to enter the competition. Proceeds from the registration fees went to the Molson Indy Festival Foundation in support of children's charities.

For Benchetrit, a 15-year-old student at CHAT, the Fun City Challenge was his first major competition against adults. A four-year "veteran" of the go-carting world, Benchetrit began racing the noisy vehicles during summer holidays at Wasaga and Jacksonville.

He immediately took to the sport, enjoying it's speed and technical aspects. "To be a good driver," he says, "you need a feel for the road and to know how to make good turns. You can't lose speed in a turn."

Truer words were never spoken as Benchetrit learned the hard way.

SINGLES EVENTS

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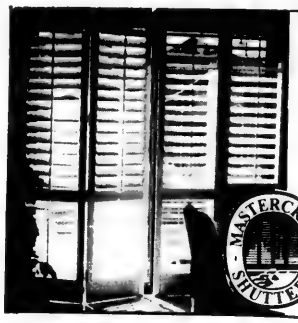

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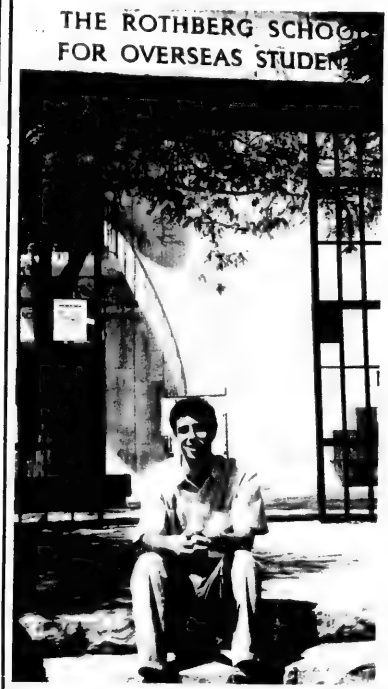

EXPERIENCING ISRAEL

Halifax student Robert Astroff is a young man who is determined to gain the maximum from his year abroad at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. In addition to his studies in the One Year Program at the Rothberg School for Overseas Students at the university, he was an intern at Israel's Ministry of Justice, working on human rights inquiries from abroad; traveled to Cairo; and participated in hikes throughout Israel with the school's hiking club. Aside from studies and seeing the country, Astroff says that "one of the most important things about being here is experiencing the country and being with Israelis." Astroff, who has completed his BA studies in political science and economics at McGill University in Montreal, will return to Halifax in the fall to study law at the Dalhousie University. After completing his law degree, returning to Israel to live will be one of the options he is considering. In the meantime, he plans to remain an activist on behalf of Israel within his own congregation, Beth Israel Synagogue of Halifax, and on campus as well.

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Fellowship awarded

By ROSE TOGMAN HEILBRONN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — On June 12, on the spot in Haifa where two years ago Mikhail Gorbachev accepted an Honorary Doctorate in Science and Technology, Toronto lawyer Arnold Recht, received an Honorary Fellowship from the Technion — Israel Institute of Technology.

Recht, the only Canadian of seven recipients, is president of the Toronto chapter of the Canadian Technion Society; vice-president of the Canadian Technion Society; and a member of the International Board of Governors.

Recht, 46, was born in Germany and emigrated to Canada with his parents when he was three years old. Raised and educated in Toronto, he received his BA from York University and his Law Degree from the University of Western Ontario.

A partner in the law firm of Danson, Recht and Freedman, he specializes in insurance litigation.

Recht first saw the Technion campus in 1971, at 23. He had been invited by Israel's Foreign Ministry on Hazbarah, which gave a two-week course for university students from around the world to familiarize them with Israel's policies and goals.

What impressed him, he says, was that "such a young society had turned to its future, knowing that its bedrock was science and technology."

In 1982 his involvement with Toronto's Technion Society began when he and his law partner Allan Freedman endowed a perpetual scholarship at the Technion in memory of a colleague who at 32 had died of cancer.

Since then, Recht has tried to promote the Technion to the widest possible audience.

He notes that for 70 years the Technion, Israel's primary technological university has been the country's largest centre of applied research.

Ranked among the ten leading technological universities in the world, the Technion prepares its 11,000 students at the undergraduate and graduate level in every major field of engineering, science, architecture and medicine.

Explaining the need for fundraising, Recht explains: "For an Israeli family to support a student for one year requires two months of a parent's salary. That does not include accommodation expenses. And every year government assistance shrinks."

Unlike some other organizations, Recht explains, the Canadian Technion Society has developed an aggressive young leadership division that is grooming a new generation committed to the Technion.

Recht, a child of Holocaust survivors, sensitized to Israel's role in Jewish continuity, attended a week of meetings in Haifa, honoring the Technion's 70th anniversary. He was joined by his wife Sharyn and sons Hershel, 15 and Michael, 12.

Among the 200 delegates from approximately 30 countries were Lord Marcus Sieff, founder of Marks and Spencer; Justice Shoshana Netanyahu (Likud leader Benyamin Netanyahu's mother), Justice of the Suprene Court of Israel; and Israeli military hero, General Amos Horev.

School to honor Singer

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —Shmuel Zahavy Cheder Chabad, an Orthodox boy's day school, is honoring Rhoda Singer with its Woman of Valour Award.

The award will be presented at a dinner to be held 7 p.m. Thursday, August 4 at Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue in Thornhill.

Rabbi Yona Shur, executive director of the school, said Rhoda Singer and her husband Yechiel, proprietors of Discount Car & Truck Rental, have been associated with the school since its inception.

"She has shown tremendous sensitivity and keen devotion to the concept of Jewish education for children. This is her life."

Singer's "boundless energy and ardent enthusiasm has been a source of inspiration to all of us at Cheder Chabad."

Education in general is something at which women are leaders, Rabbi Shur noted. "They set the tone for a Jewish home."

Shmuel Zahavy Cheder Chabad is also running its annual lottery draw, which is its main fundraising effort. A subscription of $180, which includes the draw, dinner and a $150 tax deductible donation, gives the chance to win the first prize of a seven-passenger family van. Two round-trip tickets to Israel are the second prize. Third prize is two round-trip tickets to Florida.

The school was founded 10 years ago, with only a handful of boys. It now serves 125 children, from kindergarten to Grade 8. Rabbi Shur said the school has outgrown its temporary quarters at the Lubavitch Community Centre, and would

Rhoda Singer

like to acquire its own facility within the next few years.

The school is noted for its high academic standards, its excellent pre-school and well-trained teachers, Rabbi Shur said.

The dinner will also pay tribute to the late Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, "the founder and spiritual mentor of the school," said Rabbi Shur.

It will be "an opportunity for the community to express support for his institution, and to preserve and expand what he built."

It will also be an opportunity for the community to show its support for the Rebbe's followers, "who are going through a tough time."

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Birdwatchers flocking to Presqu'ile park

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — An unusual and even comical species of animal called Hominus Ornithologicus gathers each spring and fall in Ontario's Presqu'ile Provincial Park, situated on the eastern part of Lake Ontario about 155 km east of Toronto.

Specimens of this breed are easily distinguished by their binoculars, sketchbooks, cameras with telescopic lenses, and well-thumbed editions of *Peterson's Field Guide to the Birds*.

And why shouldn't birdwatchers flock to Presqu'ile? The birds certainly do. About 125 species nest here, and at least 310 feathered species pass through each season enroute to exotic destinations like South America, Europe, Asia, and the Arctic. Presqu'ile is also an instinctual gathering point for Monarch butterflies as they begin their annual migratory trek to Mexico each autumn.

Presqu'ile — French for "almost an island" — is a boomerang-shaped spit of sand and limestone that juts sharply into the lake. Geologists call the land formation a tombolo and say it was formed by retreating glaciers some 12,000 years ago. Richly varied, the park's natural landscape features sand dunes, sand and pebbled beaches, limestone outcroppings, forests, gull-inhabited islands, reedy marshes and pannes — waterlogged meadows carpeted with wildflowers that burst into colorful bloom in late July.

The park is an excellent place to commune with nature. In season, tens of thousands of waterfowl, including many rare shorebirds, are visible from the sandy beach. Along the boardwalk that penetrates deep into a well-populated marsh, visitors are quick to learn the names and distinguishing characteristics of birds like the palm warbler, the stilt sandpiper, the short-billed dowitcher, the brown thrasher, the redthroated loon, the great blue heron.

Presqu'ile's ample scattering of milkweed plants ensures sufficient foodstuff for the multitude of monarch butterflies that descend upon the peninsula early in September. Once it was believed the monarchs hibernated locally throughout the winter, perhaps in hollowed tree trunks. Toronto biologist Dr. Fred Urquhart discovered only a few decades ago that the orange-and-black butterflies fly south to hibernate for the winter atop isolated mountains in Mexico.

Each September around Labor Day, hundreds of Monarchs are tagged and released in the park; one butterfly so tagged was actually retrieved in Mexico. A butterfly-tagging demonstration is popular among visitors to the park each fall.

Presqu'ile is open to day-use visitors as well as overnight campers. The park also features a picnic area, several shoreline and forest trails, the possibility of good windsurfing, fishing and boating; the gradually sloping sandbar beach is considered excellent for children. Interpretive programs and special events are offered until October, and the next good birding weekend is likely Labor Day.

To reach Presqu'ile, simply drive south from the town of Brighton along Highway 2. There are several good bed and breakfast establishments in nearby Brighton. For further information, call the Park office at (613) 475-2204.

A 8-metre-tall tyrannosaurus rex peers over the tree tops in Sea World of Ohio's new "Monster Mash."

Sea World of Ohio turns 25

Some of the world's most agile athletes make their home at Sea World of Ohio, even if most of them get their energy from raw fish.

Home of killer whales Shamu and Namu, Sea World is celebrating its 25th anniversary season from May 21 to September 5.

Visitors can watch three Pacific white-sided dolphins cavort with beauty, skill and grace. Or watch human athletes perform daredevil water skiing stunts and juggling acts.

Who doesn't love dinosaurs or isn't at least captivated by them? The new Monster Marsh is an outdoor display home to 13 life-size animatronic sea monsters and dinosaurs. Featured in this prehistoric marsh are allosarus pteranodon, apatosaurus, stegosaurus, thalassomedon, tylosaurus, velociraptor, protoceratops and the awesome 7,000-kilo tyrannosaurus rex. Special audio effects and dramatic landscaping recreate the Mesozoic era.

At night, park visitors can watch Mermaids, Myths and Monsters, a mini-movie projected onto a 30-metre high water screen, complete with lasers and fireworks. The movie runs from June 10 to August 28, with encore presentations Sept. 2 to 4.

At anytime guests can catch exotic Polynesian dancers, championship divers, California sea lions Clyde and Seamore and other marine mammals.

Permanent attractions include a four-storey, 3,700-sq. m net called Shamu's Happy Harbor, with giant pink flamingos and festive palm trees — a perfect setting for expending extra energy. Also featured in this tropical paradise are nine slippery slides, a splashy water maze, a colorful Fun Ship with real water muskets, the Coco Loco Arcade and many more exciting activities.

Experience the benefit of nature in the Access for All Garden, a unique award-winning landscape that responds to the needs of the disabled. The garden includes a sensory walk for the visually impaired, featuring annuals and perennials with contrasting textures and scents. Those using a wheelchair can enjoy foliage placed in raised planters and built-up grassy areas allowing easy access to the lawn. The highlight of the garden, a water wall, provides relaxing sounds and the opportunity to touch its soothing stream.

All of this and more awaits guests as Sea World of Ohio celebrates 25 years of quality marine life education and incomparable family entertainment. The park is open at 10 a.m. daily, May 21 to Sept. 5, and the weekends of Sept. 10-11 and 17- 18, 1994. Closing times vary. Sea World is easily accessible from Interstates 271, 480 and Ohio Turnpike exit 13. For more informationn, please call (216) 562-8101.

TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

Jewish Learning at Oxford: Toronto's Institute for Jewish Learning is offering a study junket to Oxford University, departing Toronto Thursday, Aug. 11 and returning Monday, Aug. 22. The planned seminar consists of five days of classes (two each morning) on such topics as Jewish history and philosophy, Midrash Talmud, Israel and Zionism, Jewish-Islamic Relations, and Hebrew and Yiddish literature.

This sample schedule (subject to change) for Monday, August 15 is a colorful example of what participants may expect. After an 8:15 a.m. breakfast, the group convenes at 9.15 to hear Dr. Hugh Williamson, Regius professor of Hebrew, discuss the Hebrew Bible and the Academic World in two sessions, separated by — what else? — a tea break. After lunch comes an introduction to the city and the university, a visit to a typical English pub and a performance of *Henry V* by the Royal Shakespeare Company in the evening.

Other academics who may be part of the curriculum include Geza Vermes, who is perhaps the best known international authority on the Dead Sea Scrolls, and Martin Goodman, reader in Jewish Studies.

Extra-curricular options include a tour of Oxford's medieval campus, visits to Stratford or the Cotswolds, and a trip to London. The latter would include lunch at Bloom's Kosher Restaurant and a walking tour of the formerly Jewish East End, taking in the Whitechapel Library, notorious sites associated with Jack the Ripper, Brick Lane and the Jewish Ghetto, and the first Yiddish theatre in the Western world (Jacob Adler's).

Accommodations come equipped with full kitchens, and kosher arrangements can be made. Cost per person is $1,599, exclusive of meals. For further details or to make reservations, contact The Institute for Jewish Learning, 4588 Bathurst Street, Toronto M2R 1W6. Phone: (416) 636-1880, ext. 360.

Work-study program

Israel Work-Study Program: The Fall program of Livnot U'Lehibanot (to build and to be built), a 14-year-old work and study program in Israel, begins August 28. Jewish men and women age 21 to 30 with minimal Jewish background are invited to learn more about their Jewish heritage through classes on Jewish holidays, customs, history and politics that are given in campuses in Jerusalem and the mountaintop city of Sefat.

Participants also experience Israel by working on community service projects and hiking throughout the country. Three-week and three-month programs begin in August, December, March, June and July. Livnot U'Lehibanot, 110 East 59th St., 3rd floor, New York 10022 NY. (212) 752-2390.

Specialty Tours of Israel: Global Israel Family Tours (GIFT) of San Francisco specialize in producing "a unique family vacation designed to bring you closer to Israel and to each other." The company is run by Marsha Felton, an American who has lived in Israel and explored the country in depth. She offers comfortable-sized groups, itineraries that range from serious to quirky, and personal meetings wtih Israelis, Druze villagers and Bedouins. Phone (800) 917-4438 or (415) 776-1883.

Main-Danube Canal: The countryside of Franconia, Swabia and Lower Bavaria may be viewed from the decks of a river cruise liner sailing along a canal that opened only recently. Bridging Europe's continental divide, the Main-Danube Canal allows boats to sail inland from Hamburg all the way to the Black Sea. The KD Line's MS Heinrich Heine takes travellers between Nuremberg and Vienna or Budapest. Final embarkation date this year is Oct. 15; rates start at $1,995 per person, double occupancy; all cabins have windows facing out. Contact: German National Tourist Office, 175 Bloor St. East, North Tower, Suite 604, Toronto M4W 3R8. (416) 968-1570.

Temagami Roller Coaster: Guided canoe trips exploring Temagami's old growth forest are part of a summer program of trips and workshops offered by Smoothwater Outfitters, a full-service outfitter that serves the entire Temagami region. The company is also offering several workshops in watercolor painting, print making and photography led by Canadian artists. Some workshops involve much canoeing, while others combine car travel and easy hikes for non-outdoors people. Smoothwater Outfitters is 12 km north of the town of Temagami, a five-hour drive north of Toronto on Highway 11. (705) 569-3539.

Virgin Islands Synagogue Bicentennial: U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, violinist Itzhak Perlman and other notables are scheduled to participate in a celebration slated for 1995-96 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the synagogue in St. Thomas, in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Planned events during the 10-month celebration include a tribute to French impressionist Camille Pissaro, an original Sephardi service as it was performed two centuries ago, and an interfaith Passover seder for more than 1,000 participants. For information on special hotel and travel packages, contact the Bicentennial Hotline, (314) 532-5515, or the St. Thomas Synagogue, (809) 774-4312. For travel information on the U.S. Virgin Islands of St. Croix, St. John and St. Thomas, call 1-800-465-USVI.

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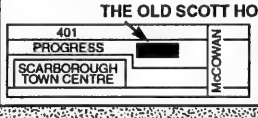

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DANFORTH CELEBRATION

These children get into the spirit of things during the second annual Summerfest '94, a three-day festival held each June. The festival, which celebrates the vibrant Danforth Avenue community known as Greektown, featured face painting, pony rides, music, a petting zoo and a bouncing room for children. Adults could enjoy Greek dancing and international music showcased on three stages set up along Danforth Avenue. In between, festivals goers wandered into the many shops and restaurants in this unique neighborhood. The festival, sponsored in part by the Royal Bank of Canada and Krinos Foods Canada Ltd., is just one of many ways to celebrate life in the city Greek style. For more inspiration turn to the following pages. [Amy Sattin photo]

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Ellas, the first Greek restaurant in Toronto, opened in November 1967. (Its name is English for "Greece".) Although it has remained in its original location, Ellas expanded four years ago to provide better facilities for a steady and growing clientele.

Along one wall of the restaurant is an open kitchen, where waiters invite guests to see the wide variety of dishes. Since Ellas opened, such open kitchens have become a common feature of Greek restaurants in Toronto. It is also possible simply to order from the menu.

There is a wide range of Greek cuisine, including a variety of traditional lamb dishes, baby goat and moussaka. Meat dishes are broiled or steamed, and made with fresh herbs. There is also a wide selection of fresh fish, all broiled. The ocean species include grouper, tuna, red snapper, sea snapper, sea bass, shrimps, scallops, calamari, octopus, saltwater salmon and trout. Two or more guests may make a combination platter with several fish or meat dishes.

Ellas uses only fresh grown (on premises) organic spices to cook with and only the best quality products. All seafood is flown in fresh daily so that Ellas can serve the best quality seafood in town.

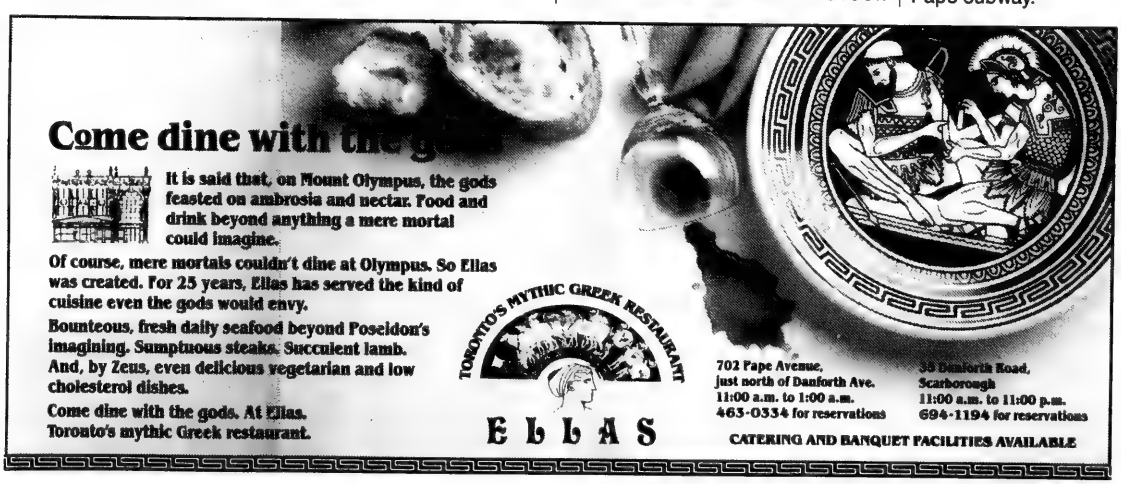
Ellas offers spanakopita (spinach pie), and a variety of dips such as tzatziki, dolmadis, eggplant or tarama, a caviar dip. The vegetables are always fresh; so is the bread, which is baked on the premises. There are homemade desserts like baklava and custard, as well as fresh fruit and assorted pastries which are also baked on the premises.

Those who want their food to taste good and be healthful at the same time will enjoy Ellas. Cholesterol-free oil is used in cooking, and olive oil in the salads. Nothing is deep-fried. Tests show that Ellas' moussaka has only 350 calories, or one-third the normal calorie count for moussaka. The lamb fricassee has only 250, also only one-third the normal count.

The decor is neo-classical, with murals, reliefs and replicas of statues from classical Greek history. The colors are pastels and light earth tones, creamy white and mint green on the railings. There is plenty of gold leaf, all of it 24-carat gold.

Ellas, which has "class" but is not too expensive, is the ideal place to invite special guests. In September, the management will introduce bouzouki and guitar music and singing; upstairs, in a special room set aside for entertainment, there will be dancing. Almost any size of party or banquet can be accommodated, from an intimate gathering of five or ten up to 1,000 people.

Ellas is at 702 Pape Ave., just north of Danforth on the west side, south of the parking lot south of Pape subway.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Christina's

There is no place like Christina's. Where else can you go to enjoy traditional belly dancing, hear Greek and international music, and watch the passing parade of local artists, media people and international celebrities until 4 or 5 a.m.? All this, and great food too — Greek specialties, pastas and tasty organic entrees.

The family-owned restaurant on Danforth Avenue in Toronto's lively Greek Town has been growing steadily since it opened in 1986 because they have a recipe for success — and it is no secret.

Dean Kekkas, his brother John, and Steve Tsicolas, known as Uncle Steve, have fun! Dean once sang "New York, New York" with one of the regulars. The atmosphere created by this energetic threesome thoroughly enhances the dining experience.

However, when it comes to food, they get downright serious.

Almost everything from Christina's kitchen is made to order from the freshest ingredients available. "It takes a little bit longer, but you know it's freshly cooked," said Dean. And it's well worth the wait.

On top of traditional Greek fare — assorted appetizers, dips, moussaka, pan-fried calamari, souvlaki and kabobs — they offer some fabulous pasta dishes.

Why does a Greek restaurant serve so much pasta? In fact, Dean says Christina's serves more than any Italian restaurant on the Danforth.

Well, here's the scoop... the Island of Rhodes, where Dean hails from, was part of Italy between 1920 and 1945. The islanders took a liking to Italian food, So as a boy, Dean grew up on pasta.

When Christina's was founded, he decided to try something different — to create a Greek restaurant with a decidedly Italian twist.

Their new chef, Gustavo Maurelli, experienced in both Greek and Italian cuisine, is working on some additions for Christina's ever-expanding menu. Italian dishes rarely seen in the city, updated versions of traditional Greek fare, new seafood dishes — they will all be offered to diners. The new offerings patrons enjoy most will be added to the permanent menu.

For summer, an array of nutty-oil-drizzled salads — salads that include Thai basil, Osaka greens, purple basil and Swiss chard will be offered. Dean recommends the lamb or chicken salads — light meals in themselves and a good deal at under $7.00. "Anyone who tries them, orders them often."

Another light meal and customer favorite is the delicious seafood soup made with fresh salmon, scallops, clams, mussels and calamari. A bargain at $4.85. "For the money it's probably the best seafood soup in Canada, according to our patrons who just come for that," said Dean.

Not afraid to venture where others dare not tread, Christina's became a leader in offering the health-conscious diner organic meat and poultry. Dean stressed that anyone comparing organics to conventional meat and poultry will notice the difference. Organic specialties include steaks, kabobs and hamburgers.

Christina's hours are perfect for everyone, from the lunch crowd to night owls who flock there in the wee hours. Open at 11:30 a.m. each day, they close at 4 a.m. Sundays to Thursdays and 5 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Their late-night business has boomed, Dean says, since night clubs are open later than ever and people are working around the clock. The late-night crowd includes media personalities artists and actors. Don Johnson, Nicholas Cage, Robert DeNiro, Karen Kain, John Stamos of TV's *Full House*, and countless other celebrities have visited Christina's. They know they can get a perfect plate of pasta and chicken or a delicious vegetarian moussaka casserole there anytime.

Christina's is well-known in the film and TV community. Major U.S. productions in the city use their catering service. When the caterer for *RoboCop* failed to provide food for the cast and crew, Christina's delivered at three in the morning. A supporter of the Canadian Film Centre on Bayview Avenue, the restaurant donates food to the center's productions.

The number of women dining at Christina's from one a.m. to 4 a.m., alone or in the company of other women, has skyrocketed. "We have changed the course of history for late nights," Dean said. "A few years ago you would have never seen them out at that time." Christina originally decided to stay open until the early morning because there was a real need for safe, late-night establishments, especially for women.

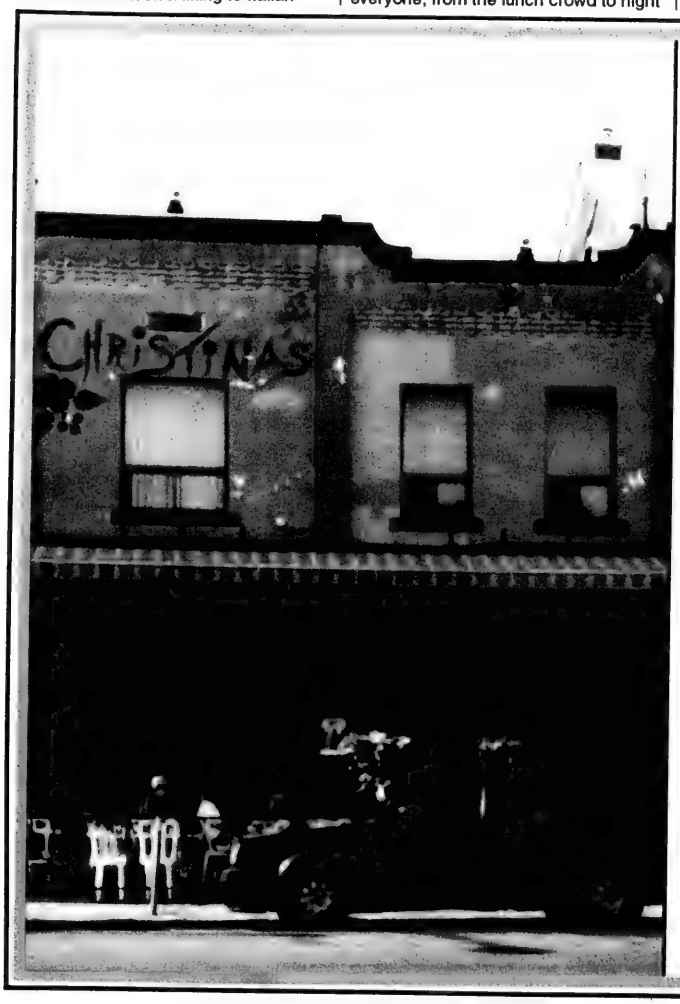
When you walk through Christina's colorful patio, which spills out onto the Danforth, and into the restaurant you feel as if you are stepping into another world — a Greek village. The stuccoed walls of Christina's bar area are painted in bright greens, reds, blues and yellows, an idea John got from the villages of Greece. "The colors are from many different regions of Greece and 2,500 years old," he said.

Hand-made pottery and ceramic sculptures, created by Lynn Fisher, an artist currently living in Greece, line the stuccoed walls of the clay-colored-tinged-with-pink dining room. Other restaurateurs who came to Christina's looking for decorating ideas have copied this color for their dining establishments.

When Christina's opened eight years ago, there were two restaurants on the block. Seven restaurants have opened since, and business at Christina's has quadrupled. Dean is on friendly terms with one of his closest neighbors, Lois Pickett, a co-owner of the Ouzeri. He says they often get together for morning coffee to talk about doing business on the Danforth and how to make Greek Town even better (and it's fantastic now!)

How do you make it better? Add a new and innovative restaurant, of course, which is exactly what Dean and his brother are doing. Their new establishment, Býzas, named after the ancient Greek city of Byzantium, will be open by September. The two brothers will offer an exciting selection of Russian, eastern and middle eastern European, Greek and Italian dishes. The classic cuisine offered at Býzas will be updated with seasonings, fresh herbs and vegetables. "Very traditional, very plain, with a twist," said Dean. "It won't be the same as everywhere else."

Christina's is located at 492 Danforth Ave. No reservations required.



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Ouzeri

The Ouzeri has become one of the hottest spots in Toronto's Greek Town in just four short years.

Delicious Greek food served the traditional way, plus a large selection of wine and a Mediterranean-fiesta atmosphere, attract countless local diners and travellers from around the world.

Located in the heart of bustling Greek Town on the Danforth, the Ouzeri has been applauded by local and international food critics alike. Toronto Life, the Toronto Sun as well as British, American and Japanese publications give this restaurant top ratings.

Ouzeri patrons are equally enthusiastic about the food. One gentleman just returned from Greece said that the Ouzeri offers better food than restaurants he visited in Greece.

Owner/chef Fotis Sotiroulis and his partner Lois Pickett have more than a hundred items on their menu — a menu that is sure to please everyone, including vegetarians and dessert lovers.

The restaurant specializes in appetizers and dips, such as eggplant, beet and calamari salads, hummus, marinated artichokes and asparagus vinegarette. Cool, creamy satziki, a combination of yogurt, cucumbers, garlic and seasonings, and tasty mushrooms a la Grec, pan-fried mushroom, green onions, basil and garlic, are customer favorites.

Seafood, fowl, meat and vegetable dishes have been priced individually, so a party of diners can share their food and sample a greater variety from the Ouzeri's superb kitchen. Among the many offerings are fresh salmon, prawns with feta and wine, lamb fricassee with endives, souvlaki, kebobs, grilled vegetables and the fabulous garlicky Ouzeri potatoes made with a hint of lemon.

"At many other restaurants you get a huge platter that you can't finish, while here you can pick and choose," said Pickett.

From the rice/pilaf/pasta/filo pies section of the menu, Chef Sotiroulis recommends the filo-wrapped chicken and rosemary pie. The pie is a departure from the traditional spinach and feta-cheese versions, which the Ouzeri also serves.

Pasta dishes include a seafood spaghetti, seasoned with saffron, and made with plentiful shrimp, clams, scallops and shark

Desserts include lighter items such as mixed fresh fruit and yogurt with fruit as well as honey-soaked baklava. One of their unique dessert offerings is tempting fig and Ouzo ice cream. Ouzo, from which the restaurant derives its name, is anise-flavored Greek liqueur.

Most restaurants sell only a few of their wines by the glassful, but at the Ouzeri a total of 65 — the entire wine list! — can be ordered by the glass. The bestseller is Kouros, a medium white Greek wine priced at $4. a glass. Along with several Greek selections, the list includes Californian, Italian, French, Chilean and Ontario red, white and rose wines. Ports, sherries and dessert wines round out the wine list.

Those who prefer to drink beer have a choice of premium draught — from the Upper Canada, Sleeman's and Connor's breweries — and a variety of domestic and imported bottled beers.

Night owls love the Ouzeri — which is open until the wee hours — but so does everyone else. Children of all ages are welcome, and high chairs are available. "You often see couples with a baby here," said Pickett.

For the luncheon crowd the Ouzeri offers a selection of appetizers, dips, salads, kebobs and filo-wrapped pies at reduced prices from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Patrons select their lunch from trays of cold and hot items carried to the tables by the staff. The luncheon service is available every day of the week, except on special occasions like Mother's Day, when the regular menu applies.

The Ouzeri presents live entertainment with an international flair two days each week. Tuesdays, from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., patrons are serenaded by the "bouzouki" — Greek mandolin. Thursday nights diners enjoy watching exuberant Mediterranean dancers and sometimes they join in. June Rowlands, the mayor of Toronto, was recently seen there dancing up a storm.

Even without music, dining at the Ouzeri is an entertaining experience. A two-level restaurant that is open to the street, it gives patrons an ideal vantage point from which to view the rich street life of Greek Town.

The restaurant itself is a terrific spot for people watching. If you look carefully, you might even see a celebrity at the next table. Recently actors Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman were spotted there.

The charming main dining room is spacious and airy with a high ceiling. Bright splashes of color on white stuccoed walls, eye-catching designs in colorful ceramic tiles, and chairs painted the colors of the rainbow contribute to the Mediterranean-fiesta atmosphere of the Ouzeri.

Youthful, energetic servers wearing colorful vests provide attentive service and aim to please.

The Ouzeri's chef, Foto Sotiroulis, has 22 years of cooking experience, including 5 years spent working in Greece. "He runs the kitchen and I run the front," said Pickett.

A former loans manager, she opened the Ouzeri with Sotiroulis after 30 years in banking. She says she arranged the financing for many restaurants on the Danforth and during that time she fell in love with the area.

Pickett decided to join Sotiroulis in his venture while she was helping him find a location. "When we came across this one, I knew I wanted to be part of it from the moment I walked in," she said.

The Ouzeri, Pickett said, was an immediate success because it is different. "All other restaurants were conventional, fine dining. We walked in with a new concept."

Pickett gets excited when she talks about Greek Town. "There's a Greek Town in every big city, but ours is the nicest and one of the safest," she says.

She and other restaurateurs, including Jerry Petrou of the Athenian Garden and John and Dean Kekkas, the owners of Christina's, work together to solve problems that arise in the area.

Recently they met with area residents and city officials to discuss a proposed by-law to ban dancing in Toronto's restaurants. The bylaw, drafted after a neighborhood residents' association complained about loud music, dancing and parking problems at Danforth-area restaurants, would have restricted dancing to nightclubs and discotheques in designated entertainment districts.

One city official told the Toronto Star the bylaw was aimed at preventing new restaurants from having dance floors or to prevent existing eaterys from creating space for dancing.

The bylaw would have been disastrous, Pickett said. "We do not need a ghost town. We need a vibrant city."

Dancing and music, she says, is part of the culture and the atmosphere of the Danforth.

Pickett, other Greek Town restauranteurs and the Ontario Restaurant Association protested with somewhat mixed results. Now city officials intend to change a zoning bylaw to permit dancing and dance floors in Toronto restaurants with certain limitations. Meanwhile, discussions among Pickett, other owners, area residents and city officials continue.

The Ouzeri, at 500A Danforth Ave., is open from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Sundays to Thursdays, until 4 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. No reservations are accepted after 7 p.m. on Fridays and 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays. It is best to arrive early on Friday and Saturday evenings to avoid lineups.

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Café Miró

Café Miró is owned and operated by Aldo Chang, who grew up with the relaxed, open Spanish style of café. Born and raised in Lima, Peru, Chang has traveled extensively in Europe, especially Spain.

Café Miró draws on the experience of Cafe Havana at Davenport and Avenue Rd., which Chang has owned and operated for just over a year. There, he has already earned a reputation for fine, specially blended and roasted coffee, which Café Miró now brings to the Danforth.

If coffee quality in Toronto has improved over the past few years, much of the credit goes to entrepreneurs like Chang. He specializes in the natural flavors which come, not from additives as with "gourmet coffees", but from the soil and climate of the region where the beans are grown. Café Miró serves mocha java, and will soon be bringing in Jamaican Blue Mountain.

Natural fruit juices are also served, free of additives or preservatives, squeezed on the premises from fresh mangoes, strawberries, oranges and bananas. The pastries are exclusively from Dufflet's, served on a 12-inch plate, with a little garnish like a fresh berry or a dash of whipped cream.

The main dishes on the menu are Spanish-style sandwiches, grilled like *panini* for crispness, and salads with home-made dressings. There are two or three types of sandwich daily, always with fresh vegetables.

Chang prefers to offer his patrons a small selection of high quality, the kind of sandwich or salad your mother or grandmother would make. As the public grows more health-conscious, it demands food which both tastes good, and is good for you.

At the same time, patrons enjoy the pleasant ambience of Café Miró, whose atmosphere is that of the traditional Spanish café. Inside, there are abstract murals in the style of Miró on the walls, in bright primary colors and organic forms. As the seasons change, the murals are changed as well. The ceilings are high, the walls in white stucco, and the floors tiled in terra cotta. In the front, there is an outside patio.

The music is Mediterranean, from Italy, Spain, Portugal and Greece, and soft so that patrons can carry on conversations. The atmosphere invites you to make yourself at home, relax and unwind, chat with other friendly patrons, and make new acquaintances. The interaction between staff and patrons is also relaxed and easy.

Café Miró is open until 3:00 a.m., seven days a week. Prices are reasonable. A sandwich with a side salad is $4.95, for example, and the Dufflet pastries are $3.95 a slice.

Kapilyo, Reminiscence of Greece

In the heart of Danforth at Chester stands a colorful wine cellar. To those who have visited Greece, Kapilyo is a nostalgic reminiscence. Those who have not yet experienced Greece will want to book a flight as soon as possible.

Kapilyo looks like what it is named for: a stone and brick wine cellar, built below ground to keep the wine cool. The interior has plaster mouldings, oversize tables and chairs in bright primary colors, violet-stained wood, wall murals, and large wine barrels, (some of them functional). Everything contributes to the vibrant eastern Mediterranean atmosphere.

Modern Greek dishes influenced by the cuisine of Asia Minor and the eastern Mediterranean are served on beige and cobalt earthenware. Wine comes to the table in authentic earthen jugs. The ambience is friendly, relaxed and convivial. Occasional musical theme nights.

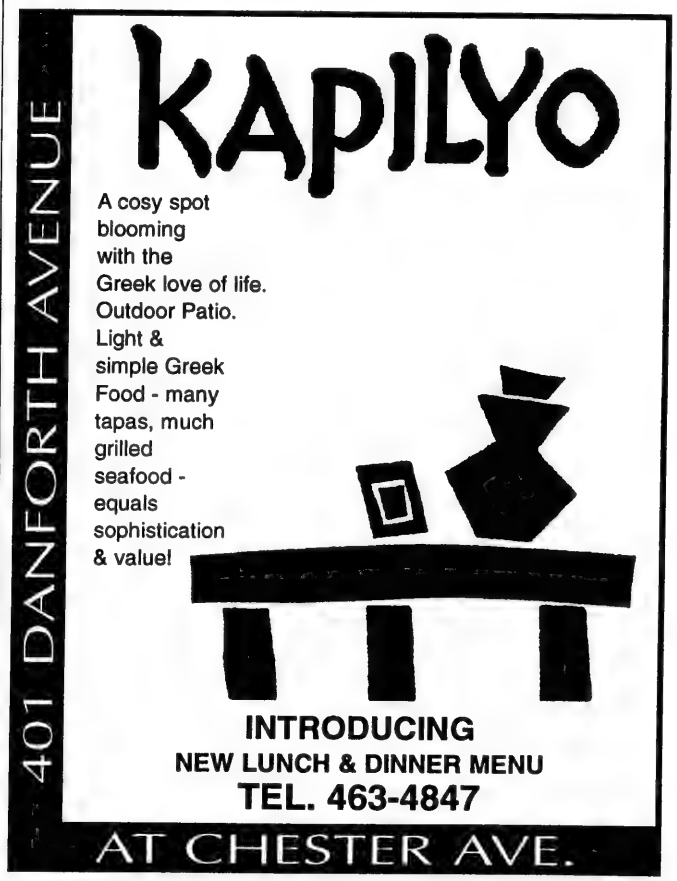
Lunch specials include vegetarian dishes, meat, fowl and seafood. There are varieties of souvlaki wrapped in pita, with salad and potatoes. "Kokkinisto" beef stew with okra and green beans is $5.95. Calamari "yemisto" in wine sauce with potatoes and vegetables is $5.95. A spiced omelette on a pita, with feta cheese, Greek salad and roast potatoes or fries, is $4.95.

Dinner specials include meat or vegetarian mousaka for $8.95, bifteki (ground beef, prepared Greek style) for $7.95, and half a free-range chicken for $8.95. The fish dishes include red snapper for $14.95, salmon steak for $9.95, and a seafood platter for two for $9.00 per person. These are only a few items from a large, varied menu.

For both dinner and lunch, Kapilyo offers dozens of "mezedes"—appetizers like tangy grilled peppers, eggplant salad, taramasalata and houmos, to enjoy in concert with one another. Some of these are only $3.25 a portion. A combo of two may cost as little as $4.95, a combo of three, $6.95. At Kapilyo, patrons discover the joys of eating a leisurely meal composed of many small snacks—and "composing" their meal to suit individual taste.

There are delicious desserts, like creme caramel, baklava and ekmek kadaif—and for those with a sweet tooth that is always young, baklava ice cream. The extensive wine list includes retsina, Kouros and other Greek wines, a wide variety of international wines.

Kapilyo is at 401 Danforth Ave., opposite the Chester subway; telephone 463-4847. They are open from noon until 2 a.m. weekdays, until 4 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Visa, Amex and Mastercard are accepted. (There is no wheelchair access to washrooms.)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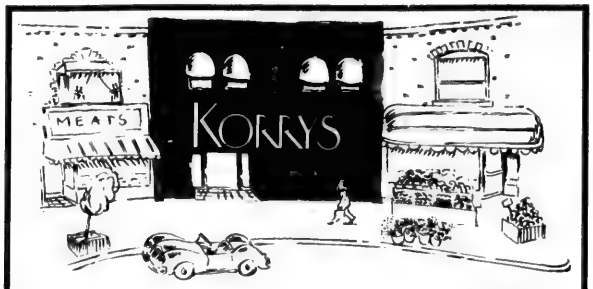

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Speaking of boys, Saul wasn't always the silver-tongued orator he is today. The Saul Korman who recently was asked to address the graduating class of the International Fashion Academy is the same "Shlaime" Korman who practically stuttered his way out of Rouyn-Noranda. This acquisition of poise, polish and public acclaim has been his greatest source of satisfaction in business.

With nothing left to prove, Saul still treats each client like he has everything to prove, and has passed the Korman torch to his son Michael . . . sort of. An insatiable love of the business keeps him on the floor and spreading the good word everywhere – on the air and in print – even as Michael gently whispers the dreaded "R" word in his ear.

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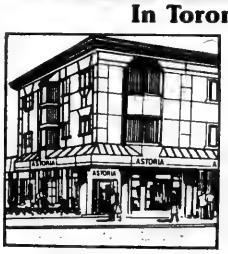

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This is Baghai's third condominium project, after Watergarden at Bayview and Finch, and York Mills Mansions at Hoggs Hollow. He takes special pride in Ascot because here, for the first time, he can offer reasonably priced condo suites with the fine finishes of a Baghai home. During the past 20 years, while earning a reputation as one of Toronto's finest builders whom only the rich can afford, he has often invited the public to browse through one of his custom homes. Even though most people can not afford custom work, he wants them to have the chance to see it. He has always wanted to build quality homes that were not for the very rich alone.

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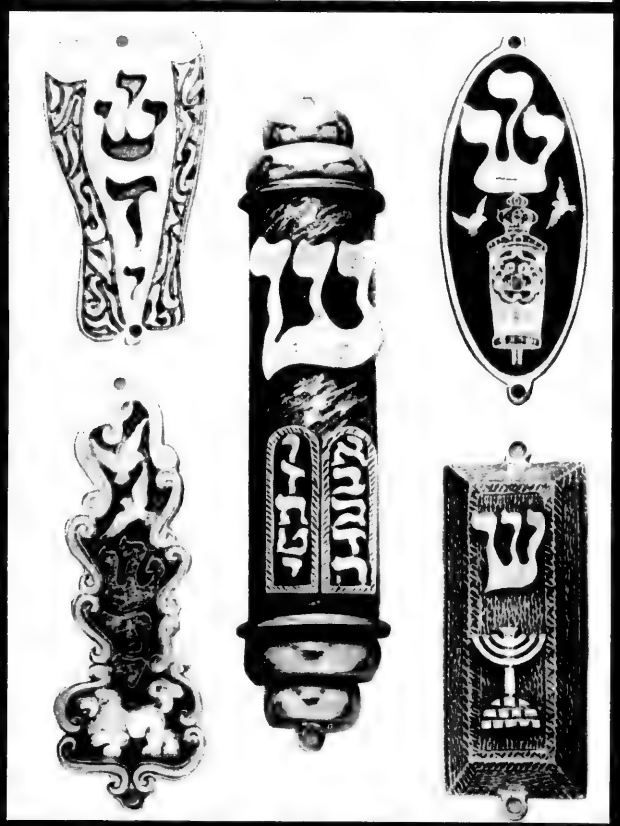

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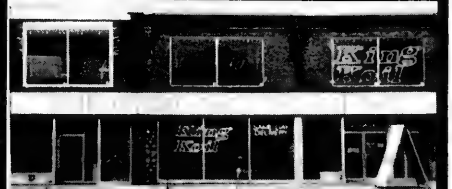

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Engagement news

There is no better endorsement for a service like the JSR than two people meeting, falling in love and getting married. On June 5, 1994 a couple who were brought together through the pages of our books in the spring of 1993, walked down the aisle. Meanwhile, there are two more engagements to report. This represents yet another illustration why the JSR is the fastest, easiest and most non-threatening way for singles to meet.

The JSR offers members an unlimited number of introductions that they alone select from an extensive bio/photo library of professional men and women of all ages. New members are joining on a weekly basis, many as a result of those already part of the system. Unlike those "promise you everything but deliver next to nothing" expensive matchmaking services, the JSR is a community-based organization which allows members to select for themselves the persons they wish to meet. There's no astrology, no psychic intuition and definitely no mistakes!

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Kindertransport a tale of separation, survival

By GERRY MORRIS
Special to The CJN

NEW YORK — Between Kristallnacht in November, 1938, and the outbreak of World War II, Great Britain allowed nearly 10,000 Jewish children to enter the country and escape with their lives; one and a half million perished in the hands of Hitler's Germany.

The children entering Britain, whose ages ranged from a few months to 17 years, had to flee without their parents. It is estimated that approximately 2,500 of these kinder (children) eventually emigrated to Canada and the United States. Transported to a different culture, they encountered a mixture of kindness, indifference and occasional exploitation.

"Kindertransport" was the informal name of the rescue operation, an undertaking in which many organizations and individuals participated.

Kindertransport is the story of one girl's separation from her parents, and, equally important, from her ancestry. A series of flashbacks follow the progress of Eva, a 9-year-old German Jewish girl (Alanna Ubach), who is adopted by a Christian family in Manchester, England.

She grows up thoroughly anglicized, and in time she abandons her Jewishness, her birthplace and her given name, Eva. She becomes Evelyn, a reserved mother who is confronted many years later with her complex past by her own college-age, rebellious daughter (Mary Mara). The girl stumbles on the truth in Evelyn's (Dana Ivey) home in present-day London, and seeks answers to her mother's buried past.

Eva/Evelyn's real father perished in Auschwitz, but her mother, Helga, survives, only to be rejected by Eva when she pleads that they start a new life in America. The confrontation is shattering.

This is a heartrending study of separation and loss by award-winning playwright Diane Samuels. Dana Ivey is perfect as the adult Evelyn. Alanna Ubach gives an extraordinary performance as little Eva. Jane Kaczmarek is powerful and unusually restrained as the camp-surviving mother.

Mary Mara and Dana Ivey in Kindertransport.

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Jewish immigrant lifestyle explored

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — It has long been accepted that in the early part of the century, many immigrants to Canada from Europe started out as peddlers, giving them a firm economic base.

Now Deena Nathanson, a PhD candidate at the University of Toronto, has come up with "a social profile" of peddlers in Toronto from 1891 to 1930.

Her essay is found in *Canadian Jewish Studies/Etudes Juives Canadiennes*, a new publication of the Canadian Jewish Historical Society, edited by Richard Menkis of the Department of Jewish Studies at the University of British Columbia.

Nathanson has examined the lifestyle of 72 Jewish immigrants in Toronto, selected from a larger group of 201 people who peddled there; but only the 72 could be traced in the city directory for 1910.

The peddlers studied lived on Centre Ave. (in downtown Toronto), and Chestnut or Elizabeth St. in the "Ward," an immigrant receiving area in Toronto. Here, inexpensive housing was available, there were good job possibilities nearby and, above all, it was predominantly Jewish. Street life in the Ward, which was referred to as St. John's Shtetl, resembled a European village and the name was fairly accurate, says Nathanson.

The hierarchy that emerged among the 72 individuals studied suggested that most achieved some degree of upward mobility. The first group, at the top of the list, were the entrepreneurs who abandoned peddling at some point and established their own companies, usually in the garment or salvage industries. This group represents 31 per cent of those in the study.

The second group in the pecking order as defined by Nathanson, is the 50 per cent who operated shops or small businesses, although some remained peddlers throughout their careers.

The final group, about 25 per cent, spent most of their careers as travelling salesmen. Although they were regarded as peddlers, travellers traded occupational independence for security, since they worked for specific firms. The members of this "employee class" were not necessarily on a lower economic plane than the second group, but because they were not self-employed, they were given a lower status.

Related to their upward mobility was the move to a new Jewish neighborhood in the Kensington Market area, the major Jewish district until 1930, the final year of the study. But a few moved into more fashionable neighborhoods like the Annex and even Forest Hill Village in the 1920s.

The peddlers established themselves socially by joining Goel Tzedec Congregation (which eventually became Beth Tzedec) on University Ave., just south of Dundas. Goel Tzedec, says Nathanson, could be characterized as the congregation of the "new elite" of Toronto's eastern Jewish community.

It is interesting to note that Goel Tzedec was basically a Lithuanian organization. A number of the peddlers were also members of other congregations more closely related to their European backgrounds. But Goel Tzedec gave them the prestige they sought.

The peddlers also belonged to other types of organizations, such as general benevolent societies and societies with a clear ideological orientation towards the politics of the left.

But most of the individuals studied, says Nathanson, do not appear to have been connected with the Jewish labor movement. A Toronto Hebrew Pedler's (sic) Protective Association was founded about 1910, comprised of people concerned with their own socio-economic advancement. But it was poorly organized, low on funds and generally ineffective. The original members drifted away as soon as they became more financially sound.

An important indication of the financial standing of the peddlers studied was whether or not they operated their business from their homes. Having a business in a location other than where he lived indicated that a proprietor could afford to maintain two buildings.

Nathanson describes Henry Greisman as one of the most successful of the 72 individuals studied. A member of Goel Tzedec, although he was a Galician Jew, he was both a jobber and a peddler. By 1897 he owned all of the properties between 45 and 57 Chestnut St. Later he built a row of houses on Chestnut "and his early real estate ventures were apparently a prelude to later ones." He owned the King Suspender Company until his death in 1938.

BILL GLADSTONE'S

EYE ON ARTS

Merovitz & Katz in Concert: You've read about Allan Merovitz and Brian Katz in this column before. Merovitz is the lead vocalist of the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band and a gifted actor, playwright and storyteller with more than 30 years of experience. Katz is a guitarist, pianist and composer extraordinaire, known for his intermingling of jazz, classical and folk styles of music. Recently, the two produced *Hartzedike-Lider* (Heart Songs), an album of wonderful old Yiddish songs such as *Umru Mayne* (My Unrest), *Mayn Rue-Plats* (My Resting Place) and *Dire-Gelt* (Rent Money). A born raconteur, Merovitz's folksy narration weaves a magical spell around the music and Katz's accompaniment is always superb.

The duo is performing at four upcoming concerts. Hear them while enjoying a cabaret buffet at The Artword Centre, 81 Portland Street (in the King & Bathurst area of Toronto), July 28 and 29. Or come to Camp Nyveld, northwest of Toronto, for two sets, at 8 and 9 p.m. on July 30; for directions, call (416) 789-5981 weekdays, (905) 874-9396 weekends. They're also scheduled to perform two sets at the Mezzeth Cafe Restaurant, 681 St. Clair Ave. (at Christie) on August 3, a $6 cover applies. Reservations, 658-5687.

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The Big Three At The AGO: The Art Gallery of Ontario has the largest collection of works by Walter Trier, a popular illustrator and cartoonist. The series, called The Meeting of the Big Three, originally appeared in the English magazine *Illustrated* in 1945. It was inspired by the famous meeting of Churchill, Stalin and Roosevelt at Yalta.

Trier's watercolors are also clever parodies of the styles of famous artists, including Henry Moore, Picasso, Rembrandt and others. Runs July 27 to Oct. 30.

Also at the AGO, an exhibition of prints, drawings and sculptures by such artists as Cezanne, Gauguin, van Gogh, Renoir, Picasso and Matisse opens July 23 for a six-month showing. The works are meant to complement the 85 paintings in the upcoming blockbuster exhibition From Cezanne to Matisse: Great French Paintings from the Barnes Foundation, which is set to open Sept. 17.

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Hebrew manuscripts

Sotheby's Sells Hebrew Manuscripts: A collection of 76 Hebrew manuscripts, some 1,000 years old, fetched a total of about $5 million at a Sotheby's auction in London last month. The collection had belonged to the late David Solomon Sassoon (1880-1942), who had assembled one of the world's great collection of Jewish manuscripts. The subjects of the manuscripts covered a magnificent range of Jewish culture and learning — liturgy, history, medicine, law, poetry — over nearly a millenium. The item that drew the largest sum of about $663,000 was a Torah manuscript, decorated with animals and designs, dating from Northern France in the late 13th century. A well-preserved medieval Spanish Bible in a richly decorated binding sold for roughly $619,000.

Sassoon was born of a distinguished family, originally from Baghdad, who became known as the "Rothschilds of the East." His passion for collecting books began at an early age. He acquired his first rare book when he was 8 years old, by exchanging a kite with another boy for a Scroll of Ruth in Arabic. All but four of the 76 manuscripts were bought by private collectors from around the world.

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Order of Canada: Congratulations to Canadian saxophonist Paul Brodie, currently a resident of Bala, Ontario, who was recently named an Officer of the Order of Canada. Brodie, whose 46th recording is scheduled for release shortly, has performed extensively throughout the world and is set to perform five concerts at the International Arts Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland, in August. In October, the Governor-General is to present the Montreal-born muscian with a medal in a ceremony at Rideau Hall, Ottawa. Brodie grew up in Winnipeg and Regina.

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Nathan Phillips Square: The fifth annual Danceworks Festival unfolds at Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto, Thursday, July 28 at noon 7.30 p.m., and Friday, July 29 at noon. (416) 534-1523.

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Jewish Braille Institute: The Jewish Braille Institute of America serves the Jewish religious and cultural needs of the blind, visually impaired and reading disabled of all ages throughout the world. The Institute says that a significant collection of Holocaust-related literature is available on loan free of charge, in either braille or "talking book" format.

Titles include *The Abandonment of the Jews*, by David Wyman; *Breaking the Silence*, by Walter Laqueur and Richard Breitman; *The Holocaust in History*, by Michael Marrus, *Justice at Nuremburg*, by Robert E. Conot, and *Schindler's List*, by Thomas Keneally.

To order any of these works, or to obtain a full catalogue of Holocaust literature, write to Cantor Mindy J. Fliegelman, administrator of library services, JBI, 110 East 30th Street, New York NY 10016.

Wiseman blends truth and fiction

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

Simca Kuper

Howie Wiseman

TORONTO — Truth and fiction blended beautifully for Howie Wiseman, a 42-year-old Jewish screenwriter who not only co-wrote a movie filmed in Russia starring Theodore Bikel, but played a cameo role in it himself.

To top it off, Wiseman wrote a one-act comedy about the experience, *The Iron Curtain*, one of 80 plays in Toronto's recent Fringe Festival, and hopes to remount it later in another theatre.

While filming *My Family Treasure* near Yalta, Wiseman was surprised to learn they were near Yakatrinislav (now Dneiperpetrovsk)the city where his late grandfathers, Herb Winston and Morris Wiseman of Winnipeg, were born.

The former Winnipeg and Montreal resident, now living in Toronto, brushes off his role in front of the cameras, commenting: "I was the only person left in the Crimea who could speak English who wasn't already in the movie."

My Family Treasure is about a Brooklyn girl seeking a pre-revolutionary fortune in Russia, who captures the heart of a KGB agent whose mission is to foil her quest. It may be available on home video this fall.

The truth is that Wiseman, waiting on tables at night in a Times Square restaurant in New York and pounding a word processor by day, was hustled off to Russia at the last minute in 1991 to rescue the script.

This was at a time of personal crisis in his own life — a break-up with his girlfriend of six years. (That works its way into the script of *The Iron Curtain*, too.)

In his three weeks in Russia (prior to the abortive Gorbachev coup) Wiseman had to adjust to the Russian director's idea that scenes in Siberia should be shot near Yalta, the Russian Riviera.

In *The Iron Curtain*, three Jewish actors, Daniel Chercover, Simca Kuper and Tanya Matthews, cavort on the stage in the roles, respectively, of Wiseman, the Brooklyn girl, and the Japanese producer. Wiseman himslf is the play's narrator, his first time on stage.

The *Iron Curtain* author, son of Manny and Elaine Wiseman, of Winnipeg, is the brother of Gordon Wiseman of Toronto, who wrote *Einstein*, among other plays, and of Bob Wiseman, a well known musician.

Howie has written a feature film *Year of the Flood*, based on the experiences of a pioneer Winnipeg Jewish trapper and furrier, and he hopes to find a producer for it. He is a co-writer of *Dance Me Outside*, the Norman Jewison and Bruce McDonald film soon to be released, and was co-writer and director of *Mother of Pearl*, a hit of the 1991 Fringe Fstival.

Besides acting in the play, Simca Kuper, daughter of film-maker Jack Kuper, was dramaturge for *The Iron Curtain*.

Ackerman touches all bases in exploring the nature of love

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

Diane Ackerman

TORONTO — Don't ask Diane Ackerman for advice in matters of the heart.

The author of the recently published *A Natural History of Love* (Random House $30), in town last month to promote her latest work, may have spent three years studying her subject but says that doesn't make her an expert in love.

"The best book about love would take from birth to death to write," she laughs.

Getting to know Ackerman is hard. Between sips of herbal tea in a Toronto hotel bar, the 40-something author refuses to answer questions about her age, her personal life ("I won't discuss my loved ones in public") or her home in upstate New York. All she will divulge is that she was raised in an non-observant Jewish home.

When it comes to discussing the book, however, Ackerman visibly relaxes. *A Natural History of Love* is an outgrowth of her earlier work, *A Natural History of the Senses*, a surprise best-seller in 1990 and the source of an upcoming PBS miniseries.

"Love is packed with great sensations," she explains. "It is a very sensory miracle."

Like its author, who admits to flitting from topic to topic as her curiosity is aroused, *A Natural History of Love* attempts to cover a lot of ground in its examination of the different types of love, the chemistry of love, and love throughout the ages. As a result, the self-described "panoramic" approach is at times shallow.

But the book does reveal the depths of Ackerman's skills as a poet and as a naturalist, especially in those sections where she draws parallels between human and animal behavior. "Humans are my favorite animal," she confesses.

But for all of the scientific and historical proof that love is older than the hills, Ackerman cautions against believing love works itself out.

"Love works best when people become friends first," she says. "It takes a certain amount of application and hard work. It's not a thunderbolt."

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Arts

BOOKS

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Waterworks by E. L. Doctorow (Random House $23.00 US)

At 63, with seven novels, a collection of stories and a play to his credit, E. L. Doctorow must be ranked among America's most noteworthy and controversial writers. He has achieved both commercial success and literary acclaim.

Much of his work is a curious mixture of historical reality and fiction. In *Ragtime* (1978) personalities such as Freud, Houdini and Emma Goldman have unlikely encounters with the author's own created characters. *Billy Bathgate* (1989) includes Thomas E. Dewey, special public prosecutor in New York City during the 1930s and the gangster Dutch Schultz among the personae. *The Book of Daniel* (1971), Doctorow's most overtly Jewish work, has as its protagonist Daniel Isaacson, whose parents, modeled on Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, were convicted and executed as spies during the early 1950s.

The setting for his new novel is Manhattan in 1871, the age of the infamous and corrupt Tweed Ring that controlled the city in the wake of the dislocation and trauma of the Civil War. The book's narrator is a newspaper editor who becomes alarmed when his favorite freelance writer, young and talented Martin Pemberton, suddenly disappears.

Martin is the estranged son of Augustus Pemberton — widely respected and outwardly pious, but a secret slave trader and unfeeling plutocrat. Although Augustus has died and been properly buried, his son, prior to his disappearance, gives several breathless accounts of having seen his father on two occasions aboard municipal carriages.

The troubled editor eager to unravel the mystery of the Pembertons — father and son — enlists a motley crew of accomplices, among them Martin's distraught fiancee and an honest member of the police department.

The unfolding plot can only be regarded as Gothic melodrama, not meant to be taken seriously. Augustus and a group of older men have turned over their entire estates to a brilliant but weird scientist-doctor, corrupted by the claims of scientific progress, who has promised to give them the gift of eternal life. Hidden from society, the aged coterie maintains a vegetal existence sustained by fluids extracted from children who are kept in a secluded orphanage.

Doctorow among most noteworthy writers

In the end Martin is found close to death's door in a fetid dungeon, his father finally dies, the doctor is incarcerated as dangerous and insane and the happy lovers are reunited.

This amalgum of horror and romance allows the author to dwell on the meaning of good and evil, loyalty and betrayal, greed and altruism, love and despair, and the illusion of progress.

More than anything else *The Waterworks* is a marvellous recreation of New York City a century ago. "At night the flaming stacks of the foundries along the river cast torchlight like seed over the old wharves and packing sheds. Cinderous locomotives rode right down the streets. Coal stoked the steamships and the ferries. The cookstoves in our homes burned coal, and on a winter morning without wind, black plumes rose from the chimneys in orderly rows, like the shimmering citizens of a necropolis."

New York City pulsates with life and change, a teeming metropolis in which everything is possible. This novel, unusual in tone, texture and theme, is another Doctorow surprise.

Musicians plan Yiddish CD

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Two Toronto musicians have arranged some traditional Yiddish songs to an upbeat tempo with a touch of jazz, samba and the blues, without losing their haunting appeal.

The lilting tenor voice of Allan Merovitz and the guitar and piano playing of Brian Katz enliven their demo tape *Hartzedike-Lider* (Heartsongs), which they hope to bring out on a compact disc this year.

But if you want to appreciate their artistry fully, Merovitz and Katz should be in your living room, doing their songs in person, for Merovitz' stories on tape, for all their relevance and humor, interrupt the flow of the music.

The lead vocalist with the *Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band*, Merovitz is renowned as a storyteller as well.

Introducing *Dire-Gelt* (Rent Money), he talks about his grandmother and how she fed all the hungry children in the neighborhood with her 15 per cent take off the top of the gambling she allowed in her parlor.

One of the children she fed, now a businessman with a chauffeur, returns every few months with a gift of $200, her rent money.

Blues beat

The Yiddish verse of this song, swung to a blues beat, is harder-edged than Merovitz' anecdote, and reflects the harsh realities of immigrants being put out on the street with their beds, if they don't pay the rent.

The Maurice Rosenfeld song *Mayn Rue-Plats* (My Resting Place) is given a beautiful arrangement by Katz and an uplifting vocal by Merovitz. The latter introduces the song with the story of an observant immigrant who started cleaning up his work station Friday afternoon in preparation for the Sabbath.

"Listen, you greenhorn," the foreman shouts, "in Canada everybody works all day Friday." But the worker leaves the foreman and his job behind as he walks out.

The Yiddish verse reads:

"Don't look for me,
Where birds are singing,
Where chains are ringing
That is my resting place,
That is my resting place."

There is a jazzed-up version of the ubiquitous *Di Grineh Kuzine* with vocals by Katz and Merovitz.

You will not find me there,
You will not find me there my love
I am a slave,

Yam Lid (Sea Song) is dedicated by Merovitz to his love of the Maritime provinces of Canada and his arrangement of the 12th century piece has all the rollicking swing of a sea shanty. He also uses the story to trace his own Jewish roots through the Jewish composers of a bygone era.

LADY, BE GOOD!

Richard Binsley and Karen Skidmore star in the Shaw Festival production of Lady, Be Good, at the Royal George Theatre in Niagara-on-the-Lake until Oct. 16. The play's music and lyrics are by George and Ira Gershwin.

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ISRAEL — Eri Steimatzky sells 40 per cent of all Hebrew language books published in Israel and 100 per cent of all foreign language books imported to Israel.

His 110 white and green stores are in every shopping mall, major pedestrian thoroughfare and five-star hotel in the country.

By comparison, total U.S. sales of major American booksellers account for less than 20 per cent of retail U.S. book sales.

"For the Western world our sale percentages are very high," says Steimatzky, 51, the company president. "And they are only increasing."

By virtue of his extensive inventory, housed in a 70,000 square foot warehouse in Bnei Brak, and his well-oiled distribution system, Steimatzky is also a wholesaler of both Hebrew and international reading material, including newspapers and magazines, to some 1,500 newsstands. Some of his best customers are, to their chagrin, his competitors (other retail bookstores).

Steimatzky's is also a publisher in its own right, having published the political memoirs of Chaim Herzog, Yitzhak Rabin, Teddy Kollek, Golda Meir and Ezer Weizman.

But the catalogue of powerful names doesn't affect Steimatzky. He says what impresses him most about a book is how many copies it sold. The political heavyweights may decide the country's fate, he says, but he decides what the country reads.

For competing Israeli publishers, this makes the super-successful Steimatzky easy to hate. They characterize his octopus-like presence on the Israeli book scene this way: "If Steimatzky doesn't carry the book, it's dead in the water."

According to Eli Granit, president of Keter-Granit, a 20-outlet bookstore chain, the depiction of Steimatzky as a hard-driving business mogul who plays to win is accurate.

"But there is another side to all this," said Granit, whose chain lives in Steimatzky's shadow.

His competitor, he says, is a ruthless businessman who "threatens and bullies" and uses his dominant position to "stifle the publishing industry in Israel. Everyone is afraid to complain about him because it's known that he takes revenge. He dictates prices and tastes."

Bookseller to the People of the Book is a role which Steimatzky inherited from what he calls his late father's "unabashed imperialism."

In 1925, Russian-born Yechezkel Steimatzky, 25, arrived in Palestine via Berlin, where he had worked with revisionist leader Ze'ev Jabotinsky on developing a Hebrew atlas.

By 1948 he had bookstores in Beirut (which operated until 1956), Damascus, Baghdad, Cairo and Alexandria.

"King Farouk [of Saudi Arabia] was a customer," notes Steimatzky, who entered the business in 1963 when the chain had four stores.

Twenty years later the count was up to 36 stores, and in the last decade alone 66 stores were added.

Spinning equally fast, though in the opposite direction, were the rest of Israel's bookstore chains. The Keter, Motza, Carta, Lyric and Modan chains (the latter operated 40 stores) all closed.

In an attempt to break Steimatzky's domination of the market in 1986, the giant Keter publishing house entered the retail business using a formula that mirrored Steimatzky's. They opened spacious, well-stocked stores in 38 prime locations.

The jewel in their crown was a swanky, three-storey flagship store trimmed in glass, brass and wood on Tel Aviv's Dizengoff Street.

Six years later, on the verge of collapse and unable to maintain a stable inventory of books, Keter mailed its last rent check. According to Keter's lease, they had to return the store to its original state and strip it of all its expensive fittings.

Eri Steimatzky

But the cruelest cut of all for Keter was the new tenant at the pricey Dizengoff location — Steimatzky.

In 1991, Granit acquired control of Keter's stores (now called Keter-Granit) and he remains Steimatzky's sole competing bookstore chain.

Despite the rigor mortis of the rest of the retail book business in Israel, Steimatzky shows no signs of slowing down.

Jerusalem's colossal new shopping mall in Malha boasts three Steimatzky stores, and in Tel Aviv, within a radius of two miles from the prime Dizengoff Centre, Steimatzky now operates four major stores. In Haifa, aside from the university bookshops, all the bookstores are Steimatzky's.

Independently-owned bookstores — there are 300 of them — are, says one industry insider, "always under financial pressure. They always hurry to return unsold books to publishers, keep a low stock and every month are chasing down their checks."

"I am very proud of what we have accomplished — we worked very hard to get where we are," says Steimatzky, who maintains a low profile and rarely agrees to media interviews.

Steimatzky is well-versed in dealing with the M-word — monopoly. "To be declared an effective monopoly in Israel," says Steimatzky, "you have to control 50 per cent of the market. When it comes to locally published books, we don't. Nor do I want to. I am not anxious to have the government breathing down my neck, examining my books."

While Steimatzky's has exclusive licensing arrangements with international publishers obligating them to sell only to Steimatzky, it does not stop Israelis from directly approaching the publisher, purchasing a quantity of books and shipping them to Israel.

But few bookshop owners can do this. "They lack the line of credit, the financial strength to absorb 'mistakes,' " says Steimatzky. "It's easier to purchase the books from us."

Granit disputes Steimatzky on both counts. "On the local scene, he definitely is in a position to dictate prices and does. Publishers are always on the defensive, subject to his price demands.

"On the international front," Granit says, "Steimatzky has repeatedly threatened foreign publishers, warning that if they supply his competitors, he will refuse to purchase from them. I have letters to prove this."

In 1987, Bronfman Inc., Steimatzky's tough competitor in the imported newspaper and magazine market, went bankrupt. After a complex series of behind-the-scenes dealings, Steimatzky picked up Bronfman's clients.

Despite his total domination of the newspaper and magazine market, which accounts for 20 per cent of his profits, it is not considered a monopoly.

"People have subscriptions," says Steimatzky, "which gives them the product at a cheaper price. We are not the only source of supply."

While Steimatzky acknowledges the feeling of animosity toward him due to his commanding position, he chalks it up to professional sour grapes.

"It's a combination of envy and a fear of dependency. I don't think people have a reason to be afraid. It wouldn't be wise on our part to apply inappropriate pressure. We certainly don't come off as brutally we we could."

When it comes to his success, Steimatzky says he succeeded where others have failed because his competitors did not understand the Israeli customer.

"Our competition, it turns out, is not other bookstores," he says. "Rather it is candy shops, household good emporiums and flower shops. Israelis frequent bookstores to buy gifts as well as purchase books for themselves."

Business Briefs

Index Jumps 1.2 Per Cent

JERUSALEM — The Consumer Price Index jumped 1.2 per cent in May, as housing prices continued to soar.

Rahamim Ozama, head of the Central Bureau of Statistics' Price Division, estimated that inflation is now running at 14 per cent annually, based on the first five months of the year.

Most economists were caught by surprise, expecting housing prices to moderate in the aftermath of the stock market's slump. They thought the drop in investors wealth would curb their appetite for housing.

However, "housing keeps striking back," said Jonathan Katz, head of Economic Modelling and Forecasting.

Housing prices rose 2.3 per cent last month, as apartment prices increased by 2.5 per cent and rents by 1.2 per cent. Housing contributed 40 per cent of the index rise last month.

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Peres Visits Europe

JERUSALEM — Foreign Minister Shimon Peres recently held key meetings in Luxembourg in an attempt to persuade Britain and France to stop blocking full Israeli participation in European research and development programs.

Senior officials said Israel considers such participation vital for the future of the country's hi-tech industry. They hinted that Britain and France fear Israeli industrial competition in hi-tech areas, and therefore favor a more restrictive "case-by-case cooperation."

Oded Eiran, a Foreign Ministry economic specialist, warned that Israel's balance of trade with Europe will steadily worsen unless the European Union (EU) adopts a more flexible policy towards Israel.

In 1993, Israel imported $10 billion from Europe and exported only $4.4 billion, leaving a deficit of $5.6 billion.

Treaty To Take Effect in 1995

JERUSALEM — The Israel-U.S. treaty to prevent double taxation is expected to take effect next year and not this year, as originally planned, Income Tax Commissioner Doron Levy said recently.

Levy said the delay is due to the issue of access to bank account information, which must still be clarified.

The source of the delay is a U.S. request for written assurances that Israel will make available information on local bank accounts to help catch tax evaders.

The provision causing the commotion requires the tax authorities of both countries to exchange information for uncovering tax avoidance.

U.S. officials were particularly concerned that since the Israeli tax authorities have limited information on bank accounts, Americans with bank accounts here would be able to escape U.S. scrutiny.

After the question was raised, following the Income Tax Authority's review, Levy determined there is no reason Israel could not provide bank account information, even if the information is not readily available in the authority's files.

Levy noted, however, that the information would only be provided in specific circumstances. "There has to be some justification for the provision of such information," he said. "We are not talking about computer printout lists of all Americans that live here or Israelis living in the U.S."

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Tadiran Lands $6M Contract

JERUSALEM — Simtech Advanced Training and Simulation Systems has won a contract to supply simulators valued at $6 million to the Dutch army. Simtech is a subsidiary of Tadiran. The simulators will be supplied through Simons Holland.

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BIZ BRIEFS

Recovering Embezzled Funds

BERLIN — Germany's highest court has ruled that the Jewish community here cannot sue a French bank to recover reparation payments embezzled by a former leader of the community.

In April, the Federal Court of Justice in the southwestern city of Karlsruhe dismissed a suit brought by the Central Council of Jewish Communities in Germany against the French bank Societe Generale-Elsass.

As a result of the decision, the Jewish community will not be able to recover any of the funds embezzled by Werner Nachmann, the late president of the council.

Nachmann, a businessman who died in 1988, had allegedly transferred through the French bank to his own private accounts some $13.4 million of compensation payments paid by the German government to Holocaust survivors.

The fund was to be used to distribute one-time payments to Jewish victims of Nazism in Eastern Europe who had been unable to make the 1965 application deadline for payments.

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Board of Trade Goes On-Line

TORONTO — The Board of Trade of Metropolitan Toronto has launched a new computer bulletin board service (BBS) to creat an electronic link among its 12,000 members.

Called Metro Board Online, the BBS provides information about board activities, business and trade information and serves as a communication tool.

The new service is available exclusively to all board members. For a limited time there will be no charge for a subscription. To use the BBS, a member must have a modem and a PC with Windows or a Macintosh computer.

For more information, call (416) 366-6811.

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Credit Card Rates Stabilize

OTTAWA — Most credit card interest rates have not changed since the beginning of the year despite fluctuations in short-term interest rates, Industry Minister John Manley said recently in releasing the Quarterly Credit Card report.

The minister also pointed to new options being offered by some of the companies. "Card holders can take advantage of bonus points toward the purchase of a new car, a new home or air miles," Manley said. "Credit card issuers are competing for customers right now and it is most important that customers carefully assess whether their present card is offering the best options for them."

He encouraged consumers to shop carefully for the best combination of interest rates, fees and services when considering the use of any card.

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The First Bridge

NEW YORK — Twelve American UJA-Federation business and professional women have formed a strong living bridge with their counterpart Israeli women.

The Business and Professional Women's Eliany (energizing links in Israel and New York) mission to Israel has for the first time connected American and Israeli businesswomen who will open bridges of communication, knowledge and help between the countries and the women.

The next mission is scheduled for May 1995. For more information, call Roberta Zuckerman at (212) 836-1117.

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By LORI DENNIS

TORONTO — So much has changed in the North American car industry since Paul Stern joined **Parkwood Central** in the early '80s. For the most part, he is pleased with what he sees.

As the new owner of the centrally located Toronto GM dealership which has been in operation for the past 37 years, Stern is excited about the changes that have taken place in the domestic car market since the recession hit.

"We've matched the Japanese and the Germans in terms of the quality of our automobiles. That's a remarkable turnaround for an industry that was potentially on its way out just a few years ago," says Stern.

There are many factors contributing to this newfound success — a level of success that boasts high customer satisfaction and now places North American car manufacturers as the lowest cost producers in the world.

The first and most important change that took place was a shift in goals. While the ultimate industry objective used to be to achieve the highest volume, the focus is now on service.

"The customer really does come first. From offering a 'perfect product' to proper pricing to ultimate warranty packages, our primary goal is to make sure that the customer is happy so he'll come back and see us again," says Stern.

At **Parkwood Central**, they are achieving that goal with a customer satisfaction index of 94 per cent and higher.

But the picture was not always so rosy. In 1991, when Stern bought the company from the Davis family, everything was high — the rent, the salaries, the prices. Everything but the profit margin.

He quickly downsized the dealership to half its size, keeping the customer-oriented sales staff. Within two and a half years, he managed to double its sales in a down market, "not by being the cheapest but by providing the best service," he says.

One of GM's new marketing directions for the '90s is "value pricing." It's a one-price system (not price fixing), where the dealer puts forward the best price they can offer — which is always lower than the manufacturer's list price.

This approach eliminates the time and stress associated with negotiating and allows both the salesperson and the customer to focus on the key issues — quality of product and service. Value pricing applies to parts and service as well, which means that the dealers are competitive with and sometimes less expensive than other garages.

"We've experienced a tremendous shake-up. But at the same time, we've made a tremendous comeback. And we did it not by stealing ideas from others but by implementing systems that work, such as teamwork, discipline and high standards," explains Stern.

Canada, Israel may exchange construction technology

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — Canadian Public Works Minister David Dingwall says he hopes to sign an agreement of understanding with Israel to facilitate an exchange of construction technology between the two countries.

Dingwall made the statement after meeting this month with his Israeli counterpart, Housing Minister Benyamin Ben-Eliezer.

Dingwall, who was on an official visit to Israel at Ben-Eliezer's invitation, said Canada and Israel also plan to explore the idea of modifying building standard requirements.

A change in the current regulations could facilitate more Canadian building material exports to Israel. Such goods must currently undergo a costly procedure in order to meet Israeli buiding standards.

The change in regulations discussed by the two ministers would allow the import of Canadian construction products as long as they meet Canadian building standards.

Similarly, Israeli exports to Canada would have to meet Israeli building standards and not Canadian ones, as is now the case.

Dingwall said he invited Ben-Eliezer to Canada later this year and hoped that agreements on these issues could be signed then.

Dingwall also invited Palestinians to visit Canada in order to see firsthand how Canada supplies housing in remote and densely-populated communities.

"I think the Palestinians could learn a lot from our experience," said Dingwall, following his meeting with Zakariya al-Ara, who holds the housing portfolio in the Palestinian Authority.

The minister added that Canada would be willing to train Palestinians in the areas of housing and infrastructure.

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The two MBA students decided to create their own summer employment by providing care packages for campers of all ages who are attending Jewish overnight camp.

"We both have extensive experience in the summer camp industry, which helped us in pinpointing a niche in the market which had yet to be tapped," agree Beber and Temes, citing the MBA program at York for the tools and confidence it has given them in developing their business plan.

The packages have been designed as an alternative to a simple letter. CareMail makes it easy for parents and grandparents to send their children and grandchildren a package with a specialized message.

Different packages are arranged on a weekly basis, catering to a specific age group of boys or girls (ages 7-11 and 12-15).

Contents will include useful items such as sun block, pens and toothbrushes; and campers will especially love the fun items like teddy bears, sportscards, comic books and bandanas.

The $25 packages also include a personalized message from the sender, a postcard (stamped and pre-addressed to the sender so children can write a thank you), an up-to-date camp bulletin with puzzles, trivia and TV updates.

Temes notes that "an attractive feature of the CareMail concept is its adaptability to a wide variety of markets."

In fact, Temes and Beber plan to carry the business into September with care packages designed specifically for students away from home. They have also considered other variations of the concept, such as gift packages for weekends at the cottage or cheer-ups for those in the hospital.

For more information, call CareMail at (416) 760-5445.

A wealth of hi-tech know-how

By CARL ALPERT
Special to The CJN

HAIFA — Israel is having difficulty absorbing — in a relatively short time — the vast wealth of scientific and engineering know-how which has come from the former Soviet Union.

Yet a great deal is filtering through, influencing industrial and high tech developments and being absorbed in our universities.

Much depends, too, on the personality and initiative of the Russians themselves. Some accept their new fate and sweep streets. Some compromise and take jobs in other occupations. And some insist on thinking big — bigger even than Israel.

One such group here in the greater Haifa area has mobilized a team which has set its sights on billion dollar prospects in the wide world. If talent, imagination, ambition and initiative count for anything, this group, called the Israel Inventive Centre for Advanced Composite Materials (ISCOM) may yet succeed.

The moving spirit of ISCOM is Dr. Yaacov Epstein, author of six books, almost 100 scientific articles and holder of over 50 patent registered in Russia, the United States, Japan, Israel and various European countries. His associates have an almost equally impressive background.

Their field of specialization: development of technologies for producing advanced composite materials and structures, and their application in aircraft, transport, military and industrial buildings.

Much of this enters new areas of technology. We should remember that, despite all the belittling of Soviet science, it is they who launched the first Sputnik and showed the world the way to space exploration — a field in which they were overtaken only because of the vaster resources of the West.

A typical project of ISCOM is the development of an innovative system for drilling and pumping of oil from the floor of the sea without the need for the sea platforms now in use, which are both expensive and dangerous. The system can be assembled in shipyards, conveyed in conventional ships to the site of the prospective underwater oil fields, and installed in a few hours, without the help of divers or submarine robots.

The trend today is towards oil exploration in the deep seas, but it has been held back by the costs. Experts project that in the next ten years the market for equipment and services in this area will run from 40 to 50 billion dollars.

Under the system proposed by the new Israelis, costs of the oil can be reduced to a little more than two dollars a barrel, as against the seven to thirteen dollars per barrel of oil produced by existing platform methods.

The inventive ex-Russians churn out other proposals based on their technology, for the production of non-metallic (or composite) materials. Among those are containers (tanks or boilers) which are light in weight, can withstand great pressure, do not rust, and have a long life span. The same material can be used for bodies of trucks, buses, railway cars and modular buildings.

Any millionaires out there who have vision? ISCOM and Yaacov Epstein can be addressed at Industrial Moshav Tal El, 25167, Israel.

Local branch announces the creation of an Israeli desk

BY STEPHANIE CHAPMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu International, one of the world's largest services firms recently announced the addition of their member firm in Israel.

Igal Brightman & Co. will become part of the global team immediately.

"We are pleased to be the first of the major accounting firms to have a full member firm in Israel," said Leonard Barkin, national director of marketing in Canada.

"On behalf of Deloitte & Touche, we are proud to announce the introduction of our Israel desk, chaired by Leon Bleiwas, a partner in our North York office," Barkin said.

Bleiwas stated in a recent press release: "The Brightman firm is well-known to many of our U.S. and Canadian partners, having had a close working relationship, particularly with our New York office, for many years — we are excited by the business prospects for a similar Canadian-Israeli alliance.

"With the peace process under way between Israel and its Arab neighbors, Israel enters a new economic era of increased foreign investment including escalated commerce and industry," Bleiwas said, adding that the country is strategically positioned to act as a bridge to Europe, Asia and Africa.

Igal Brightman & Co. is one of the largest firms in Israel. Their client list includes many companies whose securities are traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE) and in the U.S. securities market.

In order to accommodate Canadian queries about how to invest in Israel, the firm has published a guide entitled *Manual for the Investor in Israel.* The purpose of the guide is to provide Canadian clients with an introductory survey of the Israeli economy.

In this latest edition, the company has "attempted to furnish an up-to-date overview of the important economic, legal, accounting and tax factors to be considered by the potential investor in Israel."

The manual — well-written, brief and easy-to-understand — is available upon direct request from the Canadian firm.

Correction

The article that appeared in the July 21 paper on the fashion page under the headline Store offers free consulting service to plus-size women, contained incorrect information.

Jo-Anne Walter purchased the boutique five months ago although the establishment itself has been operating for eight years.

As well, Walter decided to make the purchase when she realized that The Answer Salon would be filling a niche in the plus-size clothing market.

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Today, however, these same forecasters are using the "R" word to signify recovery and while many taxpayers wait for that recovery to trickle down, it seems to be the perfect time to address the health of personal finances.

Mired in recession for close to four years, personal finances have taken a beating and now, perhaps more than ever, it is important to talk to financial advisors, investors and tax specialists to ensure maximum results.

The CJN has enlisted the services of four professionals who hail from the world of finance to assess the finances of several families that represent a cross-section of the public.

This is the first of a four-part series. The people featured in the articles are real but their names have been changed to protect their identities.

As well, the advice given pertains only to the people in those situations and readers should contact their own financial advisors to obtain information for themselves.

By WARREN BALDWIN
Special to The CJN

Warren Baldwin B.A., R.F.P., is group vice-president at T.E. Financial Ltd. The firm, which has offices across Canada, is the largest fee-only financial planning firm in the country.

Dear Debra and Joel:

It was a pleasure to meet with you to discuss the details of your financial situation. With Debra's solid base of professional income for the next five to seven years until retirement, and Joel's indexed pension together with his income from his self-employment, your retirement picture appears to be quite secure.

Further, the fact that your house is paid for and that you have always maintained a careful budget and a relatively frugal lifestyle, will ensure that your capital accumulation over the next five to seven years should be quite dramatic. It was apparent from our discussion that there are numerous areas that can easily be fine-tuned to provide you with a more efficient system to manage your finances and investments to enhance the accumulation for a secure financial retirement.

ESTATE PLANNING

As neither of you have Wills nor Powers of Attorney it is crucial that these be obtained at your ealiest possible convenience. I am delighted to hear that you have booked an appointment with your lawyer in the next couple of weeks to initiate this critical documentation. To ensure that the process is most efficient, give some thought to sketching out your desires before you meet with the lawyer so that he or she may more effectively capture these items on paper and your wills may be completed expeditiously. In addition, you should both have Powers of Attorney in favor of each other to ensure that, in the event of a serious medical problem or mental incompetency for any reason, the other would be able to deal with the financial affairs. Debra, as you are familiar with the medical care system, you may also wish to have a personal care Power of Attorney (sometimes referred to as a "living will") prepared for both you and Joel at the same time.

INCOME TAX

It is apparent that you have been doing a good job of preparing the Income Tax Returns up to date. With Joel's new business venture as a self-employed artist, the area gets far more technical.

It is recommended that you obtain the guide for business income from Revenue Canada to use in conjunction with the guide for Artist Income. As well, a good book on tax preparation would also be strongly recommended. You should look into a computer program for tax preparation to install on your home computer so that you can facilitate the preparation and modelling of the business income schedule that will relate to Joel's tax return for 1995.

You should ensure that all records are kept and as many receipts obtained as possible for any business-related expenses. The accounting for these "bits and pieces" should be captured relatively soon after the fiscal year end, while the events of the year are still fresh in your mind. This approach will facilitate the proper filing and reporting of the income in future tax years.

RRSPS

The structure of your RSPs is relatively good at this point in time. With a 60-40 mix of assets in the self-directed RSPs reflecting equity and balanced funds to fixed income investments, you are tending to lean in favor of a more "growth-oriented" investor.

You should ensure that the cash currently available for investment (approximately $25,000) is utilized as soon as possible to maximize your RSP contributions for 1994. Debra can contribute an additional $4,000 for her 1994 regular contribution, Joel can contribute an additional $6,000 for his pension roll over to a *spousal* RRSP, and Debra, you will be eligible for a contribution of up to $8,000 as a step towards the over contribution limit that you can then use towards your 1995 deductible RSP contribution.

The total of these contributions is $18,000 which leaves only $7,000 left out of the cash available to reinvest. Joel could contribute $8,000 to the *spousal* RRSP as his over contribution (this would be deductible based on current carry forward RRSP room and future earned RRSP room).

RETIREMENT PLANNING

Joel's pension is joint and survivor 100 per cent and indexed; this is fixed and is likely the most effective way to have this pension delivered in any case. Debra's RSPs will accumulate dramatically over the next five to seven years — assuming all contributions are made to date, and assuming that the maximum contribution is made for the next seven years, and assuming that the RSPs only grow at a modest rate of 8 per cent annual compound, the total value will be about $175,000 at your age 65.

Naturally, this will generate a nice base of retirement income in your hands at fairly low tax rates.

Joel is receiving his CPP and has triggered it early, which is generally considered to be an excellent idea. As Joel may be eligible for a pension from the Great Britain Pension Plan, he should write to them in order to ascertain his eligibility and their requirements for triggering such a payment.

Debra should obtain a statement of CPP earnings to ensure that you have a correct and up-to-date idea of the earnings that CPP is going to use to establish your eligibility for pension. In the event that there is an error in the statement of earnings it is far more appropriate to attempt to correct that error today, rather than waiting until age 65. Once Debra is receiving her CPP you can "level" the CPP for both of you by splitting the payments equally between yourselves.

ASSET MIX

A review of your asset strategy at this point indicates that your structure is not far off base as you are currently approximately 40-60 per cent invested in the equity markets. You should complete a detailed review of your actual asset mix currently, before investing any future funds in the equity markets.

Our calculations indicate that you are more typically a balanced investor, based on your proximity to retirement and financial ratios as well as your somewhat conservative investment philosophy. The current "mix" for a balanced investor is 5 per cent in cash and equivalents, 55 per cent in fixed income investments and only 40 per cent in equity investments.

On the other hand, a growth investor is currently 10 per cent cash, 30 per cent fixed income and 60 per cent equities. With a large investment position about to be placed and significant future investments to be made over the next five to seven years, your asset mix must be monitored closely and maintained within the apropriate guidelines.

INVESTMENT AQUISITIONS

For the equity portion of your portfolio nothing is better than a mutual fund to provide you with the ease of management and broad diversification of your asset base. However, the acquisition of mutual funds is fraught with many charges and fees that you should review.

Normally, our recommendation is to acquire "no-load" mutual funds (that is, no front end fee or rear end fee) or to acquire "load" mutual funds with the front end acquisition charge option negotiated to no more than two per cent. High front end acquisition fees (in other words, loads in excess of two per cent), and deferred sales charges should be avoided.

The other key component to keep in mind when purchasing a mutual fund is the management expense ratio. A number of mutual funds have management expense ratios of less than 1½ per cent. Many are below two per cent, and the ones that are in excess of 2½ per cent do seem somewhat excessive. A high management expense ratio can be somewhat of a drag on the performance of your mutual fund investment.

You should utilize the 20 per cent "foreign content" to the maximum in the mutual fund area before you branch into Canadian mutual funds. To the extent that you wish to "leverage" your foreign content you may wish to select some of the "Canadian" mutual funds that feature a 20 per cent foreign content component. Remember that mutual funds are generally very easy to use for a broad degree of diversification, not only within the mutual fund itself, but by diversifying from one fund manager to another simply by maintaining lower participation levels with the different fund companies.

With respect to the fixed income component of your portfolio, we would normally look to either GIC investments or better yet, strip coupons for the short to medium term. With current interest rates being somewhat volatile, a selection of "staggered" strips or GICs placed over two, three and four years may be a most attractive strategy. This will ensure that your rate of return is a nice average and will also ensure that you have funds available for reinvestment at regular points in the future.

The only asset you have outside your RSP for investment currently is Joel's life insurance. Generally, this should be reviewed every couple of years to ensure that it still meets your investment guidelines and is performing in an adequate fashion compared to your other investment vehicles. Remember that Joel's pension payable on a joint and survivor basis is simply another form of life insurance.

You expressed some frustration at having so much cash in the bank and not having had it invested more effectively. One very simple method to ensure that this is not a continuing problem in the future would be to initiate a pre-authorized checking program (PAC) in favor of a money market mutual fund.

The advantage of the money market fund is that generally the price of the fund will not vary from $10 and the yield is quite high relative to a standard bank account.

For example, many money market funds currently pay about five per cent while bank accounts pay something around one per cent. The strategy would be to assess the average level of potential monthly savings that you and Joel might expect to see and initiate a PAC in favor of a money market fund in order that the accumulation occurs in a higher interest environment than simply in a savings account. Once the asset base in the money market fund reaches a significant level, say, $5,000 to $10,000, then you could initiate a transfer to a more long-term investment vehicle.

The PAC concept is an extremely effective method of forced savings and does facilitate building assets to transfer into an investment portfolio. If you wish to be more aggressive about the PAC concept, the PAC could be set up directly in favor of an equity mutual fund, in order to take advantage of market fluctuations and the dollar-cost-averaging approach to purchasing units of the mutual fund. Your "asset mix" should always be kept in mind for any investing strategy.

Generally, we would not recommend the acquisition at this point of either a bond fund or a mortgage fund since the volatility of interest rates will potentially depress the value of these funds. Since your assets in the RSP in any case are more a long-term position, the strip coupon or GIC approach would no doubt be much more geared to the kind of horizons that you are going to be dealing with.

I trust that the above summary of recommendations will be helpful to you both in order to maximize your position for retirement.

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Next Week: Yaron Haik of the Richardson Greenshield Richmond Hill office will use his financial expertise to examine and advise a retired couple on their investments.

A 'positive' experience

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

In order to determine Debra and Joel's assessment of their financial planning experience, The CJN conducted a follow-up interview with them.

TORONTO — Both Debra and Joel agreed that the experience was "very positive" and said that Warren Baldwin had left them with a "fund of knowledge" that is useable and practical.

When Joel opted to take early retirement, the couple did attend the company's seminar offered with that decision; this gave them some prior knowledge of what was involved in the planning process.

At the time, Debra said, she was horrified when she realized the number of employees who accepted the package, even though they had no concept of financial planning.

Citing this as one of the reasons why people are running into financial trouble after they retire, Debra said professionals should be "getting to those people long before retirement to educate them."

She noted that of the 200 employees who were offered early retirement, 150 accepted the offer. Out of that number, Debra said only five families actually invested their money.

Debra noted two reasons people may have for not approaching a planner. First, many don't know where to start, and second, many perceive such a service as an invasion of privacy.

"Many don't want to admit that they bring home $5,000 a month and spend $10,000," she asid.

For themselves, Debra and Joel said there were no surprises. They had given themselves a time limit of six months after Joel's retirment to get their affairs in order.

As far as their wills are concerned, Debra notes that she called the Lawyer Referral Service which is listed in the yellow pages, in order to obtain information about a legal office located near them. That's a good way to start, she said.

As well, the couple agree that they will visit a financial planner every two years to ensure that their finances remain on track.

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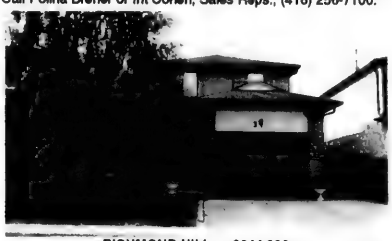

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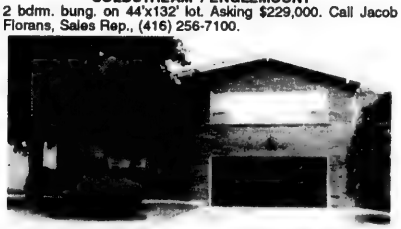

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Pearl, Benjamin on June 28, 1994, late of 80 Antibes Dr., P.H.2
Gnat, Bronia on July 1, 1994, late of 39 Clifton Ave.
Hofmitz, Esther on July 1, 1994, late of 33 Almore Ave.
Hollinger, Pearl on July 1, 1994
Kurtz, Sarah on July 2, 1994, late of Baycrest
Lasky, Max on July 1, 1994, late of 4415 Bathurst St., #704
Madjidian, Elyas on June 27, 1994
Wodinsky, Moishe Raphael on July 4, 1994
Cooper, Eva on July 8, 1994, late of 27 Markdale Ave.
Gorog, Magda on July 9, 1994, late of 350 Lonsdale Rd., #607
Lipman, Rose on July 7, 1994
Luft, Harold on July 6, 1994
Markowitz, Harry on July 11, 1994, late of 55 Sultana Ave.
Mazer, Moisey on July 6, 1994
Toufar, Erna on July 7, 1994, late of Cummer Lodge
Vinokur, Shmuel on July 9, 1994, late of 9 Rose Green Dr.
Wallerstein, Elizabeth on July 11, 1994, late of 555 Sheppard Ave. W. #510

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Helen Goldberg on June 24/94, late of 55 Ameer Ave., #818
Leslie Lowenthal on June 24/94, late of 84 Prue Avenue
Albert Segal on June 22/94, late of 7440 Bathurst Street #411
Percy Gitelman on June 25/94, late of 351 Cortleigh Blvd.
Gertrude Himelfarb on June 25/94, late of 6200 Bathurst Street #1005
Abram Przysuski on June 24/94, late of 7300 Yonge Street #1004
Barbara Hamori on June 27/94, late of 111 Ridelle Avenue
Isidor Stein on June 26/94, late of 807 Fernhill Blvd.
Jo-Ann Kendal on June 27/94, late of 7825 Bayview Avenue #412
Becky Joseph on June 28/94, late of 670 Glengyle Crescent
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Kate Abrams on June 29/94, late of 3560 Bathurst Street
Zeke Tobe on June 30/94, late of RR #2 Trent Road
Sarah Bull on June 29/94, late of 4415 Bathurst Street #401
Benjamin Litvak on July 1/94, late of 425 Walmer Road
Atara Gratch on July 2/94, late of 49 Waterhouse Way
Geraldine Kronis on June 30/94, late of 18 Cedarcroft Blvd. #707
Benjamin Cramer on July 2/94, late of 5444 Yonge St. #1111
Jacqueline Pesner on July 3/94, late of 150 Balmoral Avenue #602
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Israel Fux on July 5/94, late of 7 Townsgate Drive #706
Andrew Levine on July 6/94, late of 18 Wembley Rd.
Rebecca Unroth on July 6/94, late of 23 Lilywood Road
Gabriel Alter on July 5/94, late of 561 Avenue Rd., #1204
Camille Luff on July 6/94, late of 1463 Eglinton Avenue #703
David Kirshenbaum on July 6/94, late of 131 Torresdale Avenue #1707
Pearl Tempelhof on July 7/94, late of 3560 Bathurst Street

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The News in Brief

B'nai Brith Meets Argentine Consul

TORONTO — Officials of B'nai Brith Canada last week met with Argentina's consul general in the wake of the Buenos Aires bombing, and urged Argentina to take swift action against those responsible.

The meeting with Argentine consul general Betina P. de Fonseca outlined B'nai Brith's response to the attack, in which the death toll may reach 100. Also discussed was the collection of funds to aid victims' families.

BBC said the meeting was "open and supportive" and praised the Argentine government for its swift condemnation of the bombing.

Also last week, BBC called on Ottawa to beef up security at all Canadian points of entry in the wake of the bombing and the apparent bomb attack on private jet carrying several prominent members of Panama's Jewish community.

Canadian Jewish Congress urged that Jews across the country offer prayers during last Shabbat for those killed and injured in the bombing.

In an open letter to Argentina's Jewish community, CJC president Irving Abella expressed Canadian Jewry's deepest sympathies.

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Poll Shows Israeli Gloom...

RAMAT GAN — More than half of Israeli Jews do not believe a new era of Middle East regional peace and cooperation is dawning, according to a new poll.

The poll, commissioned by the Begin-Sadat (BESA) Centre for Strategic Studies at Bar-Ilan University, showed support for the exchange of part of the Golan Heights for peace with Syria increased by 10 per cent over last year, to 45 per cent.

However, more than 50 per cent of the 1,149 Israeli Jews polled were skeptical that peace agreements with either Syria or the Palestinians will resolve Arab-Israeli conflicts.

"Israelis do not at all believe that a new Middle East is about to emerge in the wake of accords with either the PLO or Syria," said Prof. Efraim Inbar, director of the BESA Centre.

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...But Most Palestinians Upbeat

JERUSALEM — One-quarter of Palestinians in the territories oppose reaching a peace agreement with Israel, according to a survey released last week.

Overall, however, the 21-question poll showed Palestinians largely supported the Cairo agreement that granted them self-rule in Gaza and Jericho.

Some 58 per cent said they welcomed the agreement, while 55 per cent said that the return of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat made them confident and optimistic about the future.

More than 70 per cent of the nearly 2,000 Palestinians in the territories polled said they would support an agreement similar to that reached in Cairo for implementation elsewhere in the territories.

The poll has a three per cent margin of error.

Nearly 60 per cent of those questioned said they agreed with the statement, "The PLO should try to make agreements with Israel, even if such agreements bring only slight improvements."

Some 27 per cent said they agreed with the statement, "The PLO should not make any agreement with Israel."

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British Jews Rally Against Conference

LONDON — Thousands of supporters of an extremist Muslim group that has openly called for the killing of Jews are planning to hold an international conference here next month.

The Aug. 7 event, for which some 12,000 tickets have been distributed, has sparked protests from members of Parliament and concern from the Jewish community.

Members of Britain's Muslim community of 1.5 million, the vast majority of whom oppose radical fundamentalism, have also expressed concern.

The meeting, billed as the largest of its type outside the Muslim world, has been organized by an Islamic fundamentalist group calling itself Hizb ut-Tahrir. The group, which has been banned in most pro-Western Arab countries, attacks Western values and stridently opposes Jews and Israel.

There is speculation that some of the costs of the rally will be picked up by Iran.

One of the group's leaflets, advertising a previous meeting in London, said: "The hour of the resurrection wil not come until the Muslims fight the Jews and kill them."

Members of Parliament, the Board of Deputies of British Jews and student leaders have petitioned Home Secretary Michael Howard and Attorney General Sir Nicholas Lyell, asking for a crackdown on the organization's propaganda.

MP David Sumberg, said it was "appalling" that a group threatening the safety of Jews and others could hold a conference in London.

As of last week, British officials had declined to take legal action.

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Students Demand Trial for Papon

PARIS — Demanding a speedy trial for possibly the last Frenchman accused of crimes against humanity during World War II, the Union of French Jewish Students demonstrated recently in front of the home of Maurice Papon,

Papon, 83, was secretary general of the prefecture of Bordeaux under the collaborationist Vichy government until the liberation of the city in August 1944.

Although Bordeaux was not occupied by Nazi troops, Papon was allegedly responsible for the deportation of 1,690 Jews from the region to Nazi death camps.

Papon, who served as Paris police chief in the 1960s and was a cabinet member in the 1970s, has so far managed to evade trial with a series of legal manoeuvres.

In another demonstration in front of his house a few months ago, students read aloud the names of the Jews Papon allegedly arrested and deported.

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Gay Rights Case Hits IDF

JERUSALEM — In a case that could have a major impact on gay rights here, the homosexual partner of an army colonel who died of cancer is suing the Israel Defence Force (IDF) for a survivor's pension.

In a Tel Aviv court last week, the IDF stated it did not recognize Adir Steiner's claim that he lived as the partner of the late Col. Doron Maisel, adding that Steiner had no rights as a member of Maisel's family.

Citing letters Maisel wrote before his death, Steiner, in turn, claimed the IDF knew that he and Maisel lived together for the last eight year's of Maisel's life.

Steiner further argued that when he accompanied Maisel abroad for cancer treatments, the IDF gave Steiner the same security check as would have been given to a wife accompanying her husband.

No verdict has yet been handed down.

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Live Radio From Israel

TORONTO — For the first time, live radio broadcasts from Israel are to be available throughout North America for owners of television satellite dishes, via cable television companies and rebroadcasts for local AM and FM stations.

Three times a day, listeners will hear detailed news broadcasts from Kol Israel in Jerusalem, followed by programs on a wide range of subjects, including Israeli music, Judaism, news analysis and sports.

The broadcasts are sponsored in part by Bezeq, Israel's telephone and telecommunications company.

The half-hour programs are Israel Radio's contribution to the London, England-based World Radio Network (WRN), a new global 24-hour news and information service.

Beginning Aug. 1, WRN transmission will be on the Galaxy 5 satellite at 125 degrees west, via the WTBS transponder (#6) on a frequency of 3820 MHz, audio 6.8 MHz. This covers all of Canada, the United States and the Caribbean.

A trial distribution is currently available via SCOLA TV on ASC1 at 128 degrees west, channel 23, audio 6.2 MHz, and also via digital transmission on Telstar 401 at 97 degrees West.

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Swimmer Breaks World Mark

MONTREAL — Gershon Shefa, one of the best swimmers Israel ever produced, broke his own world record at the World Master's Swimming Championships held here recently.

Shefa, 51, clocked a time of 2:50.57 in the 200-metre breastroke.

He also won a gold medal in the 50 to 55 age group in the 100-metre breaststroke, and a silver in the 200-metre freestyle.

Shefa was a member of Israel's swim team at three Olympics: 1964, 1968 and 1972. He chairs the Master's Swimming Association in Israel and manages the pool at Kibbutz Givat Chaim, near Netanya.

Shefa was one of three Israelis competing in the master's championship, held at the Olympic pool here.

Ined Thein, 76, won a gold medal in the 200-metre backstroke with a time of 4:06.53. Ahmed Nator, a 32-year-old Israeli Arab, did not take home a medal.

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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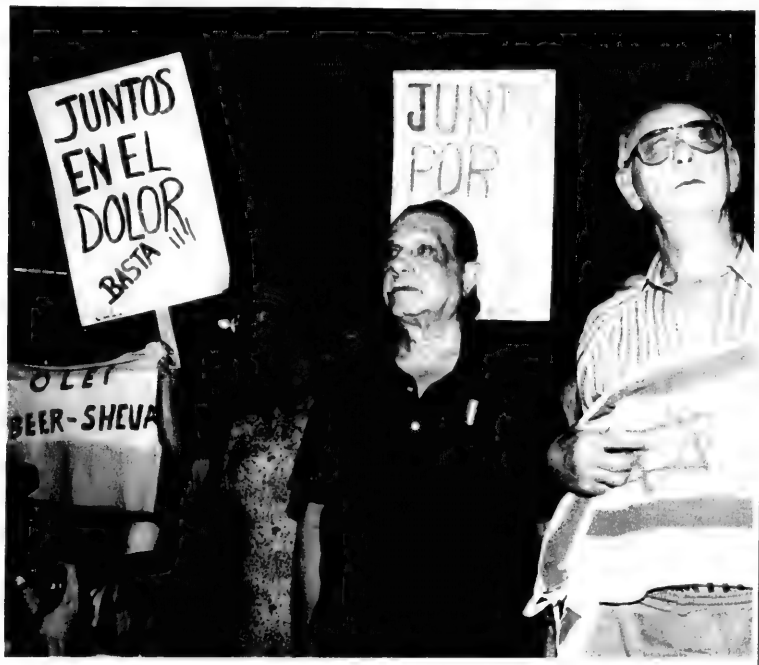

SOLIDARITY

Thousands of Israelis gathered in Tel Aviv last week to proclaim their solidarity with the Jews of Argentina, still reeling from the July 18 bomb blast at the Jewish community centre. The explosion has claimed an estimated 100 lives. The Spanish message on the sign at left reads, "Together in Pain. Enough!" See page 7 for more on the bomb's aftermath. [Israel Photo]

British security 'bungled,' Israeli official charges

By BERNARD JOSEPHS and LORRAINE KIRK
London Jewish Chronicle

LONDON — Scotland Yard's unprecedented around-the-clock guarding of some 100 Israeli and Jewish institutions here came amid charges that British authorities had failed to heed a number of specific warnings from Israeli, Argentinian and local communal officials that an attack by Muslim fundamentalists was imminent.

Hundreds of armed police stood guard outside Jewish and Israeli facilities in Britain last week in the wake of the car bomb attacks that shattered the Israeli Embassy last Tuesday and the offices of the Joint Israel Appeal (JIA) early Wednesday morning.

The Foreign Office acknowledged publicly on Wednesday that it had received a security alert from Israeli diplomats as early as July 18, the day of the bombing of the Buenos Aires Jewish community building that killed an estimated 100 people.

The Foreign Office passed on the warning "without delay" to the "proper authorities," according to a spokesman.

Officials at JIA headquarters also passed a similar warning to police in a meeting just hours before the building was hit with a car bomb last week. The JIA is the British equivalent of the United Jewish Appeal.

The British police reportedly responded to the Jewish officials' concerns by saying they did not expect additional acts of terror against Israeli or Jewish targets after the attack on the Israeli Embassy earlier that day.

Ya'akov Lehrer, head of the Jewish Agency delegation in London, which is housed in the JIA building, said Jewish Agency leaders left the meeting with British police Tuesday with the feeling there was a "lack of readiness or willingness to respond" on the part of the British officials.

In addition, the Board of Deputies of British Jews said its repeated warnings of a potential attack had met with little response from the security services. The alleged security lapses threatened to develop into a full-scale diplomatic row, as both JIA and embassy staff returned to their wrecked offices.

Israel's military attache, Brig.-Gen. Azriel Nevo, said the attacks resulted from "true blunders" by the security authorities.

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Communities step up security

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jewish communities across Canada have gone on a heightened state of alert, in the wake of terrorist bombings in Buenos Aires and London that claimed an estimated 100 lives and left many more injured.

Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) has asked synagogues, community centres, communal institutions and schools to "take prudent precautions" to ensure their safety, said Bernie Farber, CJC's national director of community relations.

Paul Marcus, national director of the B'nai Brith Institute for International Affairs, said the organization's staff have been asked to be more vigilant.

"There is certainly heightened awareness and the staff have been advised to look for suspicious objects and unidentified individuals," he said.

Both Farber and Marcus said they have been in contact with law enforcement officials who have promised to step up patrols in neighborhoods containing Jewish institutions and buildings.

"The bombing of our Jewish communal centre in Argentina was the bloodiest attack on Jews outside of Israel since World War II," said Congress president Irving Abella. "In light of [the attacks in Argentina and London] we must continue to be vigilant of our security needs."

A security committee established several years ago by CJC "constantly assesses the threat level temperature," Farber said. It has sent out a list of recommendations to a variety of Jewish organizations, outlining ways they can enhance their security.

The committee has also been in contact with local police, the RCMP and CSIS, Canada's intelligence service.

"They have no information that the Canadian Jewish community faces any particular threats, but they suggest we be more cautious, alert and vigilant," he said.

The Montreal Jewish community has benefitted from a security coordinating committee for more than four years, said Michael Crelinsten, executive-director of CJC, Quebec region. The committee includes CJC, B'nai Brith, the Combined Jewish Appeal (CJA), various cemeteries, schools and other groups.

It has been in close contact with the Montreal Urban Community Police, which has agreed to increase patrols in Jewish neighborhoods, Crelinsten said.

This year, a "security package" sent to Jewish organizations in advance of the High Holidays will be particularly timely, he said . It sets out security measures that can be taken by participating community organizations.

Congress and CJA have had "security measures in place for some time now and these have been verified and beefed up where appropriate," Crelinsten said. Staff have also been instructed on security measures. "We feel confident they know what to do."

In Ottawa, the community is "taking added security precautions at the community centre and the Jewish community campus" which houses a day school and a camp, said Ruth Kahane, director of community relations for the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa. Synagogues and other institutions are following suit.

"Following [the attack in] Buenos Aires, the security alert was put in place and it has not been lifted," Kahane said. "Now, we continue to remain vigilant."

The community centre has security personnel in place and all entrances but one have been closed, she said. In addition, parking at the community centre is closed.

Police in Ottawa, Nepean and Gloucester have each agreed to step up patrols, she added.

Vancouver's Jewish community is on a "high security alert and each agency is assuming responsibility for dealing with [security]," said Marilyn Berger, associate director of CJC, Pacific region.

Congress has advised Jewish organizations to upgrade their security as necessary, Berger said. It has also been in contact with Vancouver police and the RCMP, who she said have been very cooperative.

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IDF tries to save Rwandans

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

GOMA, Zaire — Eleven Rwandan children dehydrated from cholera were the first patients taken to the Israel Defence Force (IDF) mobile hospital dispatched to the sprawling refugee camps here late last month.

The children, lying motionless and silent on the ground, waiting to die, were packed into an IDF pick-up truck flying the Israeli flag. One little girl died on the 10-minute drive to the hospital. Another died upon arrival. Their bodies were covered and placed some 200 metres away from the Israeli MASH.

Then two trucks made a second trip, trying to save the lives — more accurately prolong the lives — of others. But there are, by most estimated, one million other refugees living in disease-wracked camps.

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid led Israel's 77-person team, which included reserve soldiers, drugs, food, water and a fully-equipped mobile army surgical hospital flown here by eight Hercules aircraft.

"Please, you must take more, I no longer can take them. They will die in 20 minutes," pleaded a UNICEF doctor from India with the Israeli team. Dr. Danny Engelhard and two of his regular army medics were clearly shaken by what they saw.

Sarid, carrying a girl who was near death, nearly vomited.

"Death has become a way of life," he said.

Soldiers could not hide their tears, suppressed while driving through the refugee camp.

"It will take me a lifetime to absorb this, but I'll need another few years to get over what I saw today," said one of the soldiers after hauling another child into the truck.

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Jay Feinberg

Screening clinic for Feinberg

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In their heart and commitment to the philosophy Kol Yisroel Areivim Zeh Bazeh (All the people of Israel are responsible one for the other), Canadians have much of which to be proud.

Jay Feinberg is a 25-year-old New Jersey man who is desperately seeking a bone marrow transplant to survive chronic myelogenous leukemia. Clinics have been held all over the world to try to find a compatible donor, including in Canada.

The next one will be held Tuesday, August 16 at the B'nai Brith Building, main auditorium, 15 Hove St., from 5 to 9 p.m.

The most recent clinic held in Toronto at the Jewish Community Centre last month, brought out close to 500 people.

"The response in Canada has been absolutely remarkable," Feinberg told *The CJN* in a recent telephone interview.

"We have had some of our biggest drives there. I know they will help a lot of other people too, and that makes me happy."

If there is no match made for Jay Feinberg, the sample is entered into the Canadian and United States bone marrow registries. Matches have been made for several others with the same disease, including some Canadians.

Doctors say the best chance for a successful transplant is to have someone of the same ethnic origin as the patient, in Jay Feinberg's case, Eastern European Jewish.

Funds are also needed to help with the cost of all the laboratory testing. In Canada, contributions can now be sent through Congregation Machzikei Hadas, 2310 Virginia Dr., Ottawa, Ont. K1H 6S2. Note on the cheque that the money is to be directed to Friends of Jay Feinberg.

The test takes only a few minutes, and consists of a simple and painless blood test.

Toronto has come out for Jay Feinberg, and for others like him, before. We must not fail him this time.

For more information, call Dr. Marshall Deltoff, (416) 783-4914.

'One-stop shopping' for seniors planned

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A new agency is in the works under which seniors, or their families, may be able to get the help they need with one phone call, whether for a homemaker or a rail for the bath tub.

This good news comes from the decision of the Ontario government to restructure services to older adults and the disabled. What form this will take is not yet clear but Jewish seniors being served by such agencies as Baycrest Centre and Senior Care will be affected.

Many older adults, like Marcel and Mary Salzberg, need community services to help them maintain their independence in their own home. But most people don't know what services are available or how to find them.

The Salzbergs, both in their 80s, and married 42 years, were lucky enough to get the help they needed to enable them to live in their own aparment.

Mrs. Salzberg is losing her eyesight as a result of diabetes. "I'm almost blind," she says. "It's hard for me, but I want to stay home." Mr. Salzberg has high blood pressure and arthritis and walks with a cane.

They have no children and no family in Toronto to count on for support. Both were feeling very isolated and alone until they found services through Baycrest and Senior Care.

Five years ago, Mr. Salzberg's physician suggested he try Baycrest Day Services for Older Adults.

"It was hard for me to come and I didn't know what to expect," he said. "But now I can go to programs in English, Yiddish and Hebrew, and I exercise and go to arts and crafts. It's a good place for me at my age."

His social worker, Fran Kleiner, helped him apply to Baycrest's new out-patient arthritis program which he is now attending.

Mrs. Salzberg isn't interested in attending Day Care herself. She was a Baycrest volunteer for more than two years, but says she can't see well enough to continue.

She prefers the assistance she gets through the Volunteer Visiting Program offered by Senior Care, the operating name of Community Services to Jewish Elderly.

For the past few months, Senior Care volunteer Lotte Watson has been visiting Mrs. Salzberg once a week. "She takes me shopping and helps me get what I need. She even takes me to have lunch at her house. She is very good to me."

She tells of the time Watson brought her grandchild over on Mother's Day. "They gave me flowers and a gift, the first gift I ever received on Mother's Day. I cried and cried."

She speaks with equal affection about Senior Care social worker Susan Samila who provides her with counselling and support through the Client Intervention and Assistance program.

"My days are very long. I can't read the paper or watch TV and I can't cook anymore," she says "I now have these two beautiful friends."

A survivor of the Holocaust, Mrs. Salzberg says she is a nervous person and needs people to help look after her.

Alhough the Salzbergs want to remain at home, they have applied to the Jewish Home for the Aged "in case it becomes a necessity." Social workers Samila and Kleiner worked together on the application.

Day Care offers a full day of social, recreational and educational activities to older adults living in the community. It features door-to-door transportation, kosher meals and snacks, case management and counselling, multilingual programs and access to other Baycrest services such as occupational and physiotherapy and out-patient clinics.

Marcel and Mary Salzberg

Computer and modem give access to the electronic shtetl

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — You don't have to be a computer genius to access the electronic shtetl.

Once you master the system (a matter of a few hours, according to one user), all you need is a computer and a modem, and the world is at your fingertips. Literally.

If you want the *Jewish* world at your fingertips, it's just as simple. By pressing the right keys on your keyboard, you can discuss Middle East politics, find out where to get a kosher meal in Strasbourg, France, access an Israeli university library or hook into an electronic shadchan and meet a variety of Jewish singles.

As of this summer, you can contact the Israeli embassy's electronic bulletin board called SHALOMail ON ISRAEL [*CJN*, July 21] to access information about Israel.

Other Canadian projects include CAJIN (Canadian Jewish Information Network) and JEWISH STUDIES JUDAICA eJOURNAL, a provider of information on Jewish studies.

The information superhighway caters to a far-flung community of Jews from Australia to Zambia. It is especially valued by Jews in isolated communites such as blacksburg, a university town in rural southwest Virgina, where Rebecca Scheckler recently sat down at her computer to let *The CJN* know that "electronic connections with the worldwide Jewish community are important to our isolated town."

Scheckler had sent the message to University of Toronto student Yehuda Poch, 23, after he put word out — electronically — that he had an upcoming interview about Jewish use of the Internet, the world's largest computer network, linking up to 20 million people.

Going online with Torjews

Poch, like Scheckler, is a local "representative" for "Jerusalem1," a nonprofit Internet project launched last year by Zvi Lando, a former American now living in Israel. Representatives such as Poch and Scheckler have volunteered to redirect or answer questions about their community via electronic mail. Other Canadian reps can be found in Ottawa, Montreal, Regina and Saint John, N.B.

"Community and kosher information is where it gets really useful," noted Poch. A quick look into the Saint John file shows, among other things, that the community boasts a kosher tea room in its Jewish Historical Society museum.

Jerusalem1 is the umbrella for a number of sub-networks, among them "Torjews," an on-line discussion group for subjects of interest to the Toronto Jewish community.

Poch created Torjews earlier this year after noticing that other Jewish discussion groups had many Toronto subscribers, he said.

The Jerusalem1 system has at least 50 to 60 such lists, estimates Poch. Torjews currently has over 60 subscribers; the number has doubled since May. Poch considers it an average size for a local list.

Israeline, a daily news update run by Israel's foreign ministry has over 5,000 subscribers and is growing every day, Poch said.

Although Jerusalem1 is based in Israel — which means, improbably, that a message from Toronto to Montreal is routed through the Middle East — the cost to the user is minimal. Hourly rates range start at about three dollars, unless networkers are affiliated with a university or a business, in which case they can use the system for free or at reduced rates.

Internet is appealing in a number of ways, said Poch.

"You can be in touch with anybody in the world in a matter of minutes, and you get to hear interesting new developments you wouldn't hear otherwise."

As a student, Poch finds the Internet useful for research. He noted that users represent a broad spectrum — politically, geographically and in terms of observance.

"There's something in it for everybody," said Poch. They just have to be there, look around and find it."

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Community urged to take part in relief efforts for Rwanda

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Members of the Jewish community in Canada are being urged to participate in local relief efforts to aid the hundreds of thousands of Rwandan refugees who have fled to neighboring countries.

In a memo to the regions of Canadian Jewish Congress, the organization's national president Irving Abella recommended that Jews "join whatever relief efforts have been taken locally to bring an end to this human tragedy."

The memo also notes that the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) has established a relief fund to provide food, shelter and medical assistance to Rwandan refugees.

The JDC, at the request of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, will be setting up a tent city in Tanzania. The JDC will also be sending doctors from Ethiopia to Zaire to help with the treatment of refugees.

Meanwhile, the executive committee of Mazon Canada will be meeting this week to discuss Rwandan relief efforts and other topics, said Marilyn Aarons-Guttman, executive director of Mazon.

Mazon Canada, which bills itself as "the Jewish response to hunger," raises money that it allocates to grassroots organizations that provide meals to the hungry.

Meanwhile, Israel and U.S. Jewish organizations have launched separate, large-scale efforts to bring aid to the 1.2 million Rwandan refugees in Zaire.

Last week, Israel dispatched eight transport planes loaded with medical equipment, a 77-member medical team and supplies to set up a field hospital. It is believed to be the largest aid effort ever sent abroad from Israel for disaster relief.

The Israel Defence Force 120-bed hospital will include operating and intensive care facilities, special children's care units and x-ray and emergency lighting equipment.

One Israeli transport plane was fitted with giant tanks filled with thousands of gallons of fresh water — a key commodity in the cholera-infested camps.

The team will spend two weeks on the Zaire-Rwanda border before being replaced by a fresh group from Israel. The Israeli presence will likely last a total of six weeks.

Meanwhile, a coalition of 35 American Jewish organizations has solidified to provide assistance to the refugees, with the JDC overseeing the project.

A unique partnership to help the refugees has also been formed between the JDC and the African-American Institute, a multiracial, multi-ethnic organization that specializes in creating mutual understanding between the United States and Africa and in developing human resources in Africa.

A Rwandan father cradles his sick child while awaiting medical treatment in a refugee camp. Despite increasing Western aid, thousands continue to die of cholera inside the border with Zaire. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Approximately 15 black organizations will participate in the effort, under the coordination of the Institute.

The black-Jewish collaboration "reflects a long history of cooperation between the two groups," said Dorothy Davis Joseph, director of public affairs at the Institute.

The coalition was originally assembled to organize relief for Somalia, but it doubled in size for the current effort, said Gideon Taylor, director of special projects at the JDC.

The first concrete steps in the American Jewish effort involved the purchase of two water filtration units. The units can pump 50,000 litres of water a day.

A medical team was also scheduled to arrive in Rwanda last week.

The estimated cost of these combined efforts is $700,000 and the addition of other projects could raise the total to $1 million. About $300,000 raised by the JDC for Somalia relief is being transferred to the Rwanda fund.

For those wishing to participate in the JDC relief effort, donations in the form of cheques should be made out to JDC — Rwanda Open Mailbox and mailed to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 711 Third Avenue, New York, NY, 10017, U.S.A.

— with files from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Child survivors plan Montreal conference

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Judy Herczeg considers herself one of the lucky ones.

Born in Hungary in 1940, all she remembers of the war are hazy bombings, her mother hiding from the Nazis in a closet and time spent in a hospital cared for by nuns.

Herczeg says she is drawn to other Jews who were children during the Holocaust. She's not alone; a few years ago, 1,600 people like her gathered in New York for the first international conference of child survivors.

Many had been orphaned and left to fend for themselves. Others were in ghettos and camps, or on the run with their families. Still others were taken in by non-Jews or by convents, their Jewish identity hidden, often even from themselves.

The next international conference of child Holocaust survivors will take place in Montreal Oct. 7-10 at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel. Let Memory Speak: The Legacy will feature over 60 workshops.

The conference is intended for any Jewish person who experienced Nazi persecution before age 18. Today they range in age from their early 50s to the mid-60s.

Such conferences are therapeutic for the participants, who feel almost a familial connection to others with similar experiences, Herczeg said. Many have only "come out" recently, after years of avoiding talking about their past or hiding their Judaism, she said.

It is also important that such conferences bear witness to the Holocaust by the youngest people who remember it, child survivors say..

"We have joined together to share our experience, to help us understand their effect on our lives, to provide support in our difficulties and to reaffirm our existence," said conference chair Erika Hecht.

Herczeg freely acknowledges that many of the child survivors have been affected psychologically by the trauma they suffered or by confusion over their identities. Some of those adopted by Christians have only recently begun to embrace their Jewishness, while others remain ambivalent. In Poland, hundreds of middle-aged people have returned to Judaism, after discovering their roots.

Some researchers, like Robert Krell of Vancouver, have termed child survivors "the forgotten generation" of survivors. "They were ignored as participants and disregarded as witnesses as if children had no memories at all," Hecht said.

"Our parents — in many cases our adoptive caretakers — were mainly concerned with our integration into 'normal' life. Our memories were not explored, our losses not recognized, our pain never acknowledged. We were only children, we were 'lucky,' we were supposed to forget and adapt."

In Montreal, a group of child survivors and former hidden children meets regularly under the auspices of the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre.

"If you scratch the surface, you will find a lot of anxiety and emotional baggage," Herczeg said. "Up till now most of us were too busy making a living and raising a family [to explore our feelings]. Now we have the time to think about what we went through."

The Montreal conference will include workshops for non-survivor spouses and members of the "second generation," children of survivors born after 1945. Organizers want to encourage dialogue between the two generations to recognize that the past has affected their lives and for the children to accept this legacy.

In addition to providing emotional support to these now aging child survivors, the conference will continue videotaping their testimonies for history and Holocaust education.

Those interested in the Montreal conference should write to: Child Survivors/Hidden Children Conference, 5151 Cote Ste. Catherine Rd., Room LL10, Montreal, Que. H3W 1M6.

CJN receives journalism awards

TORONTO — *The Canadian Jewish News* has received two Simon Rockower Awards for excellence in Jewish journalism.

Montreal editorial staffers Janice Arnold, David Lazarus and Elias Levy, together with editor Patricia Rucker, were awarded second place for excellence in comprehensive coverage for The Jews of Montreal, an extensive three-part series which ran on the eve of the referendum on the Charlottetown Accord in October 1992.

Toronto reporter Ron Csillag received an honorable mention for excellence in feature writing for his report on the Kaballah Centre in March 1993.

Judy Shapiro, editor of the *Jewish Free Press* in Calgary, Alta., also received an honorable mention for excellence in spot news reporting for her article, Calgarians celebrate rescue of Danish Jews.

The awards, which were announced at the annual convention of the American Jewish Press Association in Princeton, N.J. in June, are open to all AJPA member publications and individuals. The competition spanned 18 months, from Rosh Hashanah 1992 to the end of 1993. Members of the association include, in addition to all major North American Jewish publications, the *Jerusalem Post* and the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The series on the Jews of Montreal included interviews with community leaders and with Quebec politicans and opinion-makers on both sides of the constitutional debate. In commenting on the series, the judges stated:

"These articles clearly show that the some 90,000 Jews of Montreal are a very vibrant people, whether they are affiliated with the ultra Orthodox, the Orthodox, the Conservative or Reform movements. Montreal's Jewish support for Israel is also clearly defined."

Csillag's article examined in detail the operations of the Kabbalah Centre, a worldwide effort aimed at teaching Kaballah, or Jewish mysticism, to anyone who wishes to learn it. The article described the financial success of the Toronto branch and the enthusiastic support it receives from its students, as well as the often hard criticism it has generated from many rabbis who question the authenticity of its teachings.

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Zundel seeks Canadian citizenship

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — German-born neo-Nazi Ernst Zundel has applied for Canadian citizenship, and there may be very little that can be done to prevent him from getting it.

Zundel is one of the world's leading suppliers of Holocaust-denial propaganda and he has two convictions in Germany under the country's anti-hate laws, but that in itself may not be grounds from withholding Canadian citizenship.

"There appears to be no impediment to his citizenship due to the foreign convictions," immigration lawyer Mendel Green told *The CJN*. "He's eligible for Canadian citizenship."

Lawyer Marshall Drukarsh, an associate of Green's, said, "The foreign convictions in and of themselves do not make him ineligible."

Immigration Canada spokesman Kevin Sack said that federal legislation sets out the criteria upon which citizenship is granted. Those over 18 who have no serious criminal convictions or who don't present a threat to Canada's security are eligible, he said.

"The law does not provide for a person's character to be assessed, aside from criminality," he added.

But Drukarsh believes the Citizenship Act does leave the minister some discretion in determining whether to grant citizenship. Under the legislation, the minister must grant citizenship if an applicant meets certain criteria and demonstrates an adequate knowledge of the responsibilities and privileges of Canadian citizenship.

"My understanding of Zundel's activities are that I would be very concerned that he is manifesting something other than an adequate knowledge of the responsibilities and privileges of Canadian citizenship," Drukarsh said.

"His public persona causes me concerns over whether he is demonstrating an adequate knowledge of Canada," he added.

Jewish groups are upset at the prospect of Zundel becoming a Canadian citizen. Bernie Farber, director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, said citizenship should be withheld from him because of the convictions in Germany and because he is under investigation in Canada for promoting hatred. (Congress has asked that charges be laid against Zundel for claiming the Holocaust was a Jewish hoax.)

"I don't think that any Canadian would want Zundel as a citizen. It would give Canadian citizenship a bad name," he said.

Granting Zundel citizenship "would be an affront to minority communities throughout Canada and it would send the message to hatemongers the world over that Canada is a haven for racism," said Brian Morris, national president of B'nai Brith Canada.

Morris pointed out that as a landed immigrant, a status Zundel has held since moving to Canada in 1958, Zundel is liable for deportation if he is convicted of criminal charges and if he receives a substantial jail sentence.

"Zundel realized that his only option to avoid being sent back to Germany was to get a Canadian passport," Morris suggested.

Jewish women connect in Kiev

Lubov Kopochevskya (left) of Orel and Hana Desiatnik of Vilna singing at the International Conference of Jewish Women held in May. [Cheryl Tallan photo]

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When Nancy Barat describes Jewish life in the former Soviet Union as a "renaissance," her observation comes from more than her years of teaching art history.

Barat, a Windsor resident, was in Kiev this May to attend an international conference of Jewish women organized by the Chicago-based Project Kesher.

Over 180 women from the former Soviet Union and 120 from the West took part. Barat was one of two Canadian participants; a third, Corey Levine of Fredericton, came to Kiev from Prague.

The week-long conference was a revelation, said Barat, 53. Although the city's Jewish population has shrunk to 20,000 from its prewar high of 200,000, "Judaism is alive and well in Kiev, despite Hitler and despite Stalin," she said.

Barat and daughter Carolyn Weinberg, a psychotherapist now living in New York, spent 15 hours a day discussing topics like continuity, entrepreneurship, Jewish education and women's issues with their counterparts from Moscow, St. Petersberg and Kazahkstan. Barat said one woman flew for three days from Siberia to attend the conference.

Language was not a problem; conference organizers hired 30 young Jewish women, all students at Kiev's Solomon University, as translators. But Barat said the women soon came to a greater understanding.

"One woman [from the former Soviet Union] stood up at the beginning and said, 'We have nothing in common.' But at the end we were hugging each other — we had made a real strong connection.

"We're all Jewish women doing the same kind of things, just in different settings."

Torontonian Cheryl Tallan, 59, also attended the Kiev conference. She too said she returned with a better understanding of what it means to be a Jewish woman in that part of the world.

"I have a great admiration for these women," said the student of Near Eastern Studies at the University of Toronto. "I think we have no sense in Toronto, where it is so easy to be a Jew and any kind you want to be, how difficult it is [there]. We have other problems, but these problems [of identity] we don't have."

Tallan does not attend synagogue, unlike Barat, who belongs to Windsor's Reform Temple Beth-El. She signed up for the Kiev conference to meet "bright, dynamic women" and to visit her mother's hometown of Brusilov, 80 km west of Kiev.

She accomplished both. In her druzhba, or cross-cultural discussion group, Tallan connected with women from Minsk, Vilna and Perm, Siberia. She spent one morning in Brusilov with a British acquaintance and met the last Jewish resident of the once thriving shtetl.

Project Kesher is a 5-year-old organization that supports Jewish renewal projects in the former Soviet Union.

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פון אַרטור לערמער (מאָנטרעאַל)

חשובע חברים און פריינד פון אַלע קאָנטינענטן, פאַרזאַמלטע צו דער 7-טער סעסיע פון װעלט-ראַט פאַר ײדיש און ײדישער קולטור אין קיעװ (אוקראַינע) — אויגוסט 1994.

די אימפּאָזאַנטע ירושלימער װעלט-קאָנפערענץ פאַר ײדיש, אין אויגוסט 1976, האָט בולט דעמאָנסטרירט די גרויסע באַדייטונג פון מאָביליזירן אַלע כוחות (פון די תפוצות און מדינת ישראל), צום שװערן געראַנגל פאַר ראַטעװען אונדזער רײַכע פאָלקס קולטור, איינע פון די װיכטיקסטע נאַציאָנאַלע אוצרות.

במשך פון די 18 יאָר האָט דער װעלט-ראַט פאַרצייכנט גאַנץ באַדייטנדיקע דערגרייכונגען, נישט געקוקט אויף אַלע מניעות.

בינו-לבינו, האָט ײדיש זיך דערװאָרבן אַ שטייגנדיקן אָנזען מצד די, פאַר װעלכע די ײדישע ציװיליזאַציע (יאָ, ס'איז אודאי נישט נאָר אַ ריין שפּראַכלעכע פראַגע) איז גאָר אַ װיכטיקער *פילאַר* צװישן די *זײלן* אויף װעלכע עס שטיצט זיך דער קאַמף פאַר אַ שעפערישן קיום און המשך.

װי שװער ס'זאָל נישט זײַן, װאָס דער קראַך פון קאָמוניזם האָט ערשט רעכט אַנטפּלעקט דעם יאָמער-טאָל פון דער ײדישער קולטור-פאַרװיסטונג אין געװעזענעם סאָװעטן-פאַרבאַנד, זײַנען אָבער פאָרט נישט פאַרשװאונדן אַלע פּאָטענציאַלן פון ײדיש אין אַזעלכע מאַסן ישובים װי למשל אין אוקראַינע.

אין טאָקע רעכט, װאָס דער װעלט-ראַט האָט אויסגעקליבן אוקראַינע, דאָס לאַנד פון שלום-עליכם, מענדעלע, חיים נחמן ביאַליק און נאָך און נאָך פיל אַנדערע אומפאַרגעסלעכע טרעגער פון גרויסן ײדיש-רענעסאַנס אויף דער שװעל פון צװאַנציקסטן יאָרהונדערט.

ס'איז ממש אומגלייבלעך װיפל װיטאַליטעט עס שלאָגט נאָך אַלץ פון די טיפע קװאַלן, פון װעלכע ײדיש רײַסט זיך פאָרט דורך, דורך אַלע סכנות, װאָס לויערן אויף איר.

װײַט פון דערװאַרטן אַ פולע אויפלעבונג פון ײדיש װי די „לינגװאַ פראַנקאַ" (דאָס טאָג-טעגלעכע פאָלקס-לשון), װערט אָבער אַלץ קלאָרער און קלאָרער, אַז *אין קאַמף פאַר אונדזער נאַציאָנאַלן קיום שפּילט דאָס אײַנגלידערן ײדיש אין גבול פון פלוראַלער נאַציאָנאַלער קולטור אַ פונדאַמענטאַלע ראָל.*

דער קאַנאַדער ישוב האָט עס צום טייל פאַרשטאַנען, דורך אַרײַנפירן די זאָרג פאַר ײדיש אין די ראַמען פון קאַנאַדער ײדישן קאָנגרעס, די אָנערקענטע דאַך אָרגאַניזאַציע פון גאַנצן קאַנאַדער ײדישן קיבוץ.

דעם דאָזיקן דורכברוך האָבן מיר בשעתו דערגרייכט אַ דאַנק אונדזער עקשנות'דיקן קאַמף אַריבערצוטראָגן דאָס צאַפּלען זיך פאַר ײדיש צום אַלגעמיינעם כלל, װען עס נעמט פאָרט נאָגן דער אומרו װעגן מאָרגן פון אַן אינטענסיװער ײדישן קולטור לעבן אין דער גלאָבאַלער װעלט, דער *מאָדערנער*. אַזוי דאַרפן מיר טאָקע פאַרשטיין די צענטראַלע אויפגאַבן פון װעלט-ראַט אין װעלט-מאַסשטאַב.

איך האָף, אַז די 7-טע סעסיע װעט נישט נאָר העלפן דעם װעלט-ראַט אין זײַן ראָל שוין *איצט*, נאָר אויך צו מאַכן אַלע נייטיקע צוגרייטונגען פאַר אַ צװייטער אַלװעלטלעכער קאָנפערענץ פאַר ײדיש, צום 20-סטן יאָרטאָג פון דער ערשטער גראַנדיעזער קאָנפערענץ אין ירושלים.

ליידער האָב איך דאָס מאָל קיין שום מעגלעכקייט פערזענלעך זיך צו באַטייליקן אין דער קיעװער סעסיע.

לאָמיר האָפן, אַז די זיבעטע סעסיע פון װעלט-ראַט, װאָס קומט פאָר אין אויגוסט, װעט אָננעמען תכלית'דיקע רעזאָלוציעס ממשות'דיק צו הייבן די מערכה פון װעלט-ראַט, און טאָקע שטאַרקן אונדזערע קולטור פּאָזיציעס אין געװעזענעם סאָװעטן-פאַרבאַנד בכלל און אין אוקראַינע בפרט.

אין דאָזיקן גייסט, באַגריס איך אײַך האַרציק און װינטש אײַך אַ סך מזל, ברכה און הצלחה.

אַ מעשה בײַ ײדן

צום צאַרישן אינערן-מיניסטער, פלעװע, איז געקומען אַ ײדיש מיידל בעטן ער זאָל באַפרייען איר פאָטער פון תפיסה. האָט ער זי צוגעפירט צום טיש אויף װעלכן עס איז געשטאַנען אַ סטאַטועטקע פון קריסטוסן און איר געזאָגט, אַז אויב זי װעט אַ קוש טאָן דעם „הייליקן חתן", װעט ער — פלעװע — דערפילן איר ביטע.

— אײַער עקסעלענץ, האָט דאָס מיידל געענטפערט. איך בין אַ ײדישע טאָכטער, און בײַ ײדן פירט זיך, אַז דער חתן גיט פריער אַ קוש דער כלה.

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Quebec's Jewish voters face interesting choices

Janice Arnold has covered four Quebec elections for The CJN, *beginning in 1976, when the Parti Quebecois and its leader Rene Levesque set Canada on its ears. As she and colleagues David Lazarus and Elias Levy begin coverage of yet another campaign, with the polls showing the PQ under Jacques Parizeau in the lead, Arnold has prepared this look at the attitudes of Jewish voters in Quebec.*

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The election of a hard-line separatist government may be just around the corner, but little dismay is discernible among Jewish voters in the early days of the Quebec election.

More people are talking about whether Robert Libman, the former pro-English rights Equality Party leader, can win D'Arcy McGee as an independent against Liberal challenger Lawrence Bergman, than what's going to happen if or when the Parti Quebecois takes power. D'Arcy McGee is the "Jewish" riding, at least 75 per cent so.

Another topic of conversation is whether the PQ will make any converts in the Jewish community — specifically among francophone Sephardim — with the running of Salomon Cohen, a Moroccan-born Israeli immigrant, in Outremont; and its efforts, so far unsuccessful, to recruit other Jewish candidates, Sephardi and Ashkenazi.

The community also is a bit confused about where its leadership is going. There was Max Bernard, community relations chair of Canadian Jewish Congress Quebec region, telling PQ leader Jacques Parizeau unequivocally in April that the Jewish community is determinedly federalist; while Thomas Hecht, the chair of Canada-Israel Committee Quebec, was quoted in a front-page article in the daily Le Devoir, in February, as saying sovereignty is a "legitimate option" and accepting an honorary position with the Fete Nationale (St-Jean Baptiste) committee.

This time around, there is no candidate with close ties to the officially nonpartisan organized Jewish community — as Liberal Gary Waxman, and earlier Herbert Marx, did. (They both ran in D'Arcy McGee.) CJC community relations director Jack Jedwab dropped out of the Liberal nomination race when it appeared Bergman had taken the lead.

Bergman, a 54-year-old notary, is a political newcomer and relatively unknown except to his Hampstead modern Orthodox synagogue, Adath Israel-Poale Zedek, where he is president.

Libman, 34, who came out of nowhere five years ago to found Equality in the wake of anglophone bitterness over Bill 178, the language law passed under the notwithstanding clause of the Constitution, in spite of a Supreme Court ruling that it violated freedom of speech.

Libman lost some friends when he left the moribund Equality last year, partly because of his support for the Charlottetown constitutional accord; and some credibility after his foiled bid to seek the Liberal nomination.

He remains personally popular in the riding, so much so that a rumor went around that if he lost he'd be urged to run for mayor of Cote St. Luc in November.

But with the Quebec electorate being given a black-and-white choice between federalism and sovereignty, and the favorable opinion most Jews have of Daniel Johnson, Libman will have a difficult time getting re-elected.

Libman has the advantage of being well-informed, articulate and politically experienced. Libman's organizers believe that their ace card is goading Bergman to debate with him.

Bergman's strength is hammering home that every vote for the Liberals is a vote against separation. Libman counters that this is scare tactics. His theme is that D'Arcy McGee will not decide the election and that federalists do have a choice. Ironically, according to this strategy, Libman's chances are enhanced if a PQ landslide is predicted.

The D'Arcy McGee campaign is shaping up as a scrappy duel between two otherwise unfailingly polite and restrained men.

Libman has accused Bergman of being "powerless" to represent his community's concerns within the Liberal party because it ignored his protest against picking former labor leader Yvon Charbonneau, a vociferous anti-Zionist in the past, as a star candidate. Bergman, who calls Libman "passe," turned around and reported Libman to the chief electoral officer for allegedly breaking the Election Act by posting campaign signs too early.

Meanwhile in Outremont, the riding which, due to changes in the electoral boundaries has the second-highest Jewish population, Salomon Cohen is earning a reputation as a tireless campaigner. His determination has already paid off in his unexpected win of the PQ nomination in May over party favorite, lawyer Armand Elbaz, who is also from Morocco.

Elbaz, president of a Jewish day school and an executive member of the Sephardic communal organization, the Communaute Sepharade du Quebec, was an "instant Pequiste" recruited by the party in a deliberate effort to find Jewish and other ethnic candidates.

Two other Jewish prospects — whose names were announced prematurely by PQ leader Parizeau at the CJC regional plenary in April — got cold feet.

Anglophone Warren Saks, 34, who was at first excited about standing for the PQ in Notre Dame de Grace (where there was no chance of winning), suddenly withdrew in May because his family did not share his enthusiasm. The other prospect, Armand Essiminy, a lay leader of the Rabbinat Sepharade du Quebec, equivocated for months over whether to be the PQ sacrificial lamb in D'Arcy McGee, and finally decided against it.

Cohen, 48, lived for 10 years in Israel before emigrating to Montreal in 1971. An administrator by profession, he has lived in Outremont for many years and boasts he has been a sovereignist for 23 years. He was active in the 'Yes' campaign of the 1980 referendum on sovereignty-association.

For some 15 years, he was associated with a group promoting friendship between Israel and Quebec francophones. He has likened Zionism and the creation of Israel to French Quebecers' nationalism. He comes from a prominent Moroccan family, and his brothers have held leadership positions in the Montreal Sephardic community.

Outremont has never elected a PQ member, even though many intellectual and artistic nationalists live there.

The number of Jews in Outremont has grown somewhat with its expansion into the Snowdon district. Outremont is home to most of the chassidic and other ultra-Orthodox communities, who in recent years have wielded their political influence, helping to elect (and defeat) municipal and federal politicians.

Cohen is not likely, however, to pull them away from their support for incumbent Liberal Gerald Tremblay, a cabinet minister who has shown care for the Chassidim's concerns.

Francophone Sephardi Jews, more than 20 per cent of the community, have generally not been as nervous about the PQ and Quebec nationalism as their anglophone co-religionists, and have for years shown an openness to forming friendly relations with the party. But that geniality has not, and will not necessarily, translate into votes. Most Sephardim recognize that political and economic stability is in their best interest and federalism is seen as the best guarantee of that.

Moreover, Parizeau's blustering about Quebec's future being decided by francophones only has not helped the PQ win the confidence of any minority.

Cohen, incidentally, is not the first Jewish PQ candidate. There were at least three in the past — all Ashkenazi — although none in the last provincial election.

Not to be forgotten is the fourth Jew running, Russell Copeman, the Liberal in Notre Dame de Grace. Copeman, 34, was one of the few anglophones on the party staff and most recently was constituency aide to former Premier Robert Bourassa. He has a good chance of reclaiming the riding for the Liberals; it's now held by independent Gordon Atkinson, formerly of Equality.

CJC-Q can be expected, for the most part, to sit out this election despite its crucial nature. The reason is not disinterest, but rather that it is caught between its staunch federalist stand in the constitutional debate and its traditional nonpartisanship. It is more preoccupied with preparing to deal with a new government, quite different from the one that left office nine years ago, and the possibility of a subsequent referendum battle.

The Libman vs. Bergman duel may seem like a pleasant interlude by then.

Hectic tour of Israel for seven BQ members

OTTAWA — Seven members of the Bloc Quebecois spent a week in Israel recently on a tour sponsored by the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC).

Christiane Gagnon (Quebec), Pauline Picard (Drummondville), Jean-Guy Chretien (Frontenac), Michel Bellehumeur (Berthier-Montcalm), Francine Lalonde (Mercier), Yvon Loubier (St. Hyacinthe-Bagot) and Gilles Duceppe (Laurier-Ste. Marie), as well as Quebec Liberal MP Nic Discepola, accepted the CIC's invitation to visit Israel and gain a better understanding of the country's political situation. Only Gagnon had been to Israel before.

CIC staff member Philippe Elharrar said the trip was for francophone MPs; other Liberal MPs were invited, but declined, he said.

The group, accompanied by Elharrar from the CIC Quebec office and Shimon Fogel of the national office, were hosted at the Knesset for lunch with members of the Labor, Likud and other smaller parties across the political spectrum.

They also met with academics and journalists, including Druze and Palestinians.

They travelled up to Metullah on the Lebanese border and also spent some time at a kibbutz.

Elharrar said the tour was hectic, but the Quebecers seemed to have a good time.

The CIC sponsors one or two trips to Israel a year for parliamentarians, Elharrar said.

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Exclusive Brian Morris

Toronto lawyer Brian Morris, 48, recently succeeded Gabriel Nachman as president of B'nai Brith Canada. Since joining the organization's Institute for International Affairs in the late 1980s, Morris has held a number of national positions within the organization, including national chair of the institute. He has represented and led delegations on behalf of B'nai Brith Canada to meet with King Hussein of Jordan, ambassadors from Hungary and Romania and senior embassy officials from the United States.

A native Montrealer, Morris has a history of involvement with the Jewish community dating back to his student days at McGill University, where he was a member of the Student Zionist Organization. More recently, he has been a director of Associated Hebrew Day Schools for a number of years.

Morris spoke with CJN *reporter Frances Kraft recently at his Toronto office.*

CJN: *How would you describe the role B'nai Brith Canada plays in the Canadian Jewish community?*

Morris: I think it is a major player in the Jewish community. It is an extremely proactive organization, committed to fighting racism in all forms and to advancing Jewish and Israeli causes. To that end we have become highly involved in the political arena.

We meet with parliamentarians very frequently, and we push Jewish issues. We have an election task force that was very active in the recent federal election, and we'll be very active in both the Quebec provincial election and the Ontario provincial election this year.

CJN: *How would you describe the relationship between B'nai Brith Canada and Canadian Jewish Congress?*

Morris: Congress has a job to do, and we respect them for the job they do.

I'm loathe to answer what the relationship of Congress is to B'nai Brith, but I think they see us as usurpers trying to transgress on their territory — at least that's the feeling that they give to me.

CJN: *Is B'nai Brith addressing that issue, or do you plan to address it?*

Morris: It's very hard to address. I don't believe anyone exclusively represents the Jewish community. I don't know what the negative reaction is against B'nai Brith. Our goals are essentially the same as theirs. What is the difference who accomplished what?

I don't understand the friction, quite frankly, and I'll do nothing to contribute to it, but I don't think the friction is of B'nai Brith's making. I don't think it's within B'nai Brith's hands to eliminate the friction. I think it's a one-way street — the friction, that is.

CJN: *[B'nai Brith Canada's executive director] Frank Dimant has spoken publicly about the issue so vehemently that some people might think that B'nai Brith is contributing to the friction.*

Morris: You know, if you're called "delegitimate" and "an interloper" so many times, sometimes you see red rather than keeping your cool, but I don't think Frank would differ very much from my position.

We are prepared to work with Congress. We are prepared to work with the federations. I think we do work fairly well with the Zionists. Our agenda is a Jewish agenda, and I think it's a very legitimate agenda.

I think the problem comes when you say you have a Jewish agenda which involves political activity; [then] you are deemed by Congress to be a trespasser.

I would be extremely pleased if I were able to get [shalom bayit] with Congress and the federations. It is something I try to do.

CJN: *What is the relationship between B'nai Brith Canada and the lodges?*

Morris: I think to a large extent we have made a lot of progress on creating shalom bayit in B'nai Brith. The friction between District (B'nai Brith Canada) and the lodges has been reduced.

CJN: *Why was there friction between District and the lodges?*

Morris: I wasn't around when the problem started. I inherited it. I think a lot of the problem has been dissipated simply by goodwill and openness on both sides.

I think there was a lack of communication. For instance, everyone worries about expenditures. I think the lodges did not feel they had access to the financial picture of District. That's been completely [resolved]. We simply took lodge members, and they drafted the budget. The accounting recommendations made by the lodges were accepted by District. At the convention that just passed there was absolutely no friction.

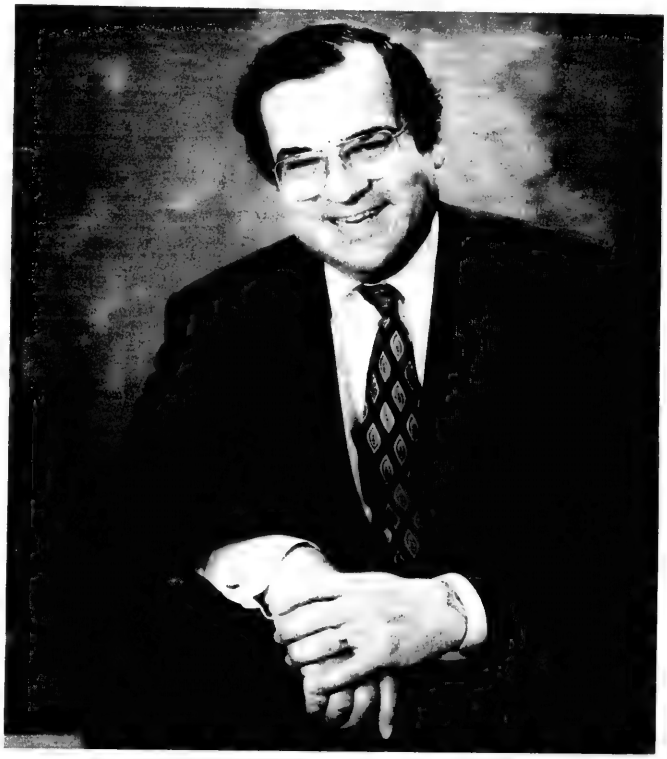
I'm not saying it's over, but I think as it becomes clear to the lodges that District is open to them and that their concerns will be addressed, I think you will see a further reduction of any friction that is out there.

CJN: *What are your priorities now as president of B'nai Brith Canada?*

Morris: My immediate priority is funding for Jewish day schools in Ontario. I have spent about three and a half years on that so far, and one of the main reasons I took the presidency was to push that issue as far as possible.

In Ontario we have always been a strong advocate with regard to acquiring tuition for Jewish day schools. To that [end] we have been working two parallel roads — working very hard with all three [political] parties; and negotiating with other groups with a view to getting funding either through the front door or the back door.

I don't want to promise anything, but there's been a lot of movement which hopefully will lead to success. I'm sorry, I can't elaborate any further at this time.



CJN: *B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights has a youth league. What else is the organization doing to keep young people involved in the Jewish community?*

Morris: We have a complete speaker roster, and we do send people out to youth groups and universities. We give them information they need on any area that they wish, be it fighting anti-Semitism, be it Why Remain Jewish? We engage in a lot of educational fora. We have downtown lectures on the average once a month. We are extremely active on the educational aspect.

CJN: *What's the financial situation of B'nai Brith Canada right now?*

Morris: It's tough, like all Jewish organizations, but our debt load is going down, not up. Our biggest debt is the mortgage on the building.

CJN: *What is B'nai Brith's annual budget?*

Morris: I really don't want to get into it.

CJN: *Is B'nai Brith still running casinos as a form of fund-raising?*

Morris: B'nai Brith runs bingos and casinos. Those are a major source of our revenues, but we've decreased the activities in the casinos because they [haven't generated] sufficient revenues. Bingo is still extremely successful, and we do an awful lot of that.

CJN: *Did lodge members feel the casinos were a good idea?*

Morris: I think membership in general [has been] supportive of any activity that generates revenue. The membership is sophisticated enough to realize that we require funds. We don't have UJA behind us, and we are not funded by the federations. We support ourselves, and we need our sources of revenue.

CJN: *Tell me about the work that B'nai Brith is doing with the Palestinian community here.*

Morris: We have always reached out to Arabs in general, so it was really no surprise that when things changed in the Middle East they approached us [to arrange a meeting on the day of the signing of the Declaration of Principles between Israel and the PLO], and at the first approach we said yes.

We are meeting with them on a fairly regular basis — at B'nai Brith, at Palestine House, and in private homes. I myself have not been to Palestine House, but other members have been.

The issues that are discussed [include] how joint economic effort can raise the standard of living for both communities in the Middle East.

CJN: *What function do you see B'nai Brith's newspaper,* The Jewish Tribune, *fulfilling?*

Morris: I think it's like any other newspaper. The more it does, the greater its readership will become.

I'd like to see the *Tribune* change and upgrade itself. People really don't know the work that B'nai Brith does. We don't really tout our accomplishments.

Instead of just a page of B'nai Brith activities, I'd like to feature each lodge. The lodges do a tremendous amount of work. I think lodge activities are going to be [the paper's] main feature.

I'd like to upgrade the paper to the extent that we have movie reviews and book reviews. We have very good people in our Institute for International Affairs. We have a lot of professors on our board. I'd like them to write some critical articles about what's going on in the Middle East, Europe and elsewhere.

I would really like to expand the horizons of the paper. If you see a lot of changes in the paper in the immediate future, I would not be too surprised.

CJN: *What makes you think that people don't know about B'nai Brith's work?*

Morris: I think the reality in our community is that B'nai Brith may do a lot of work, but the perception of the public is that it was Congress who did it. I tell people about our accomplishments, and the response is, "I thought Congress had done those things."

I don't think one in 20 people in the Jewish community knows that the Get legislation exists, or that it was a B'nai Brith accomplishment. [Following a B'nai Brith study, Canada's Divorce Act was amended four years ago to prevent divorcing Jewish spouses from using the Get as a bargaining chip in civil proceedings].

CJN: *How is it that B'nai Brith has become so involved in the international community?*

Morris: Let me give you an example. A couple of years ago I went as part of the Canada-Israel Committee to visit Yves Fortier, then Canadian ambassador to the United Nations (UN), to complain about Canada's changing voting pattern at the UN. He told us that Canadian foreign policy was to a large extent influenced by meetings of non-governmental organizations which occurred annually in February in Ottawa.

I went to the first one of those meetings [concerning the Middle East] about four years ago, and it was an extremely frightening experience. The enemies of Israel, for lack of a better description, were extremely well prepared. They had presented position papers, and the anti-Zionist diatribe that I heard that day would have, I think, frozen the blood of any Canadian Jew. I don't think anyone would have believed that such rhetoric could be heard in a Canadian public forum sponsored by the government of Canada.

The first time I spoke, I was booed and hissed. We got very involved, put our top lay people on it, started to present extremely informative briefs, worked hard at forming allies, and met with a lot of the NGOs. Just by meeting with them we were able to correct a lot of misconceptions and to challenge a lot of misinformation they had.

Two years ago I had the extreme pleasure of opening up the government brief, and seeing that on the Middle East they had incorporated practically holus-bolus the brief prepared by B'nai Brith the previous year. We also saw a tremendous change in that the meetings became more neutral.

We went on from there to get a very substantial grant from the federal government to research anti-Semitism world-wide.

CJN: *Have you ever encountered cultural barriers on any of the international missions in which you've participated?*

Morris: No, because the first thing we do is meet with the local Jewish community. They act as our guides, and we don't go in unless we're briefed.

CJN: *As president, how do you keep current on all the different aspects of B'nai Brith, which range from international issues to B'nai Brith baseball teams?*

Morris: I'll tell you how: our staff. Without them, B'nai Brith would not function. We really don't have "employees." The hours they spend are incredible. They are all totally committed.

I could not attend a meeting [with politicians] without staff support. You cannot believe the briefing reports I get. There's a lot of competent research. We're an extremely professional organization.

CJN: *What drew you to B'nai Brith in the first place?*

Morris: I came in because of the work that B'nai Brith was doing helping Soviet immigrants. They were in the forefront, and doing an awful lot of work very quietly and very efficiently.

I was impressed by what they were doing — negotiating agreements with Hungary and Poland to establish exit points. They were successful at what they did, and to their credit they kept quiet about the whole thing.

So for a lot of people who think that Frank likes to vocalize [about] everything B'nai Brith does, I think they would be very surprised at how much B'nai Brith has accomplished and how little we brag about it.

Buenos Aires Jews 'in panic'

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — The Jewish community in Buenos Aires is "extremely anxious" about security arrangements following the second terror attack there in two years, Israel's Maj.-Gen. Ze'ev Livne said last week upon returning from the Argentine capital.

Livne led the 43-man rescue team that traveled to Buenos Aires to help fire and rescue services reach the victims of the July 18 bomb blast.

"The community is highly critical of the Argentine government over slack security precautions," he said.

Said one member of the team: "Although we searched for documents, that wasn't a critical issue for the community. The main issue was to find bodies."

The team worked for 160 hours non-stop and uncovered 60 bodies. The death toll from the blast has reached at least 100.

Examinations revealed that all victims died at the time of the blast or a few minutes later, said Livne.

"Even if the Argentine rescue teams had worked more quickly, the chances of finding people alive were slim," he noted.

The local rescue services, although highly motivated and dedicated, did not have the ability or knowledge to work as quickly as the IDF team, he added. If the Argentinians had worked alone, the operation would have taken a few more weeks, he said.

"This tragedy to the Jewish people was caused by three factors: a booby-trapped car containing hundreds of kilos of explosives, together with an old building which literally crumbled with the explosion.

Firefighters carry out the body of another victim of the July 18 bomb blast at Buenos Aires' Jewish community centre. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Timing was also a determining factor: The explosion occurred at exactly 9:50 a.m. when many people were in the building," said Livne.

The Argentine Jewish community is gripped with panic over terrorism, according to a Jewish Agency official.

Uri Gordon, head of the agency's Immigration and Absorption Department, said Jews in Argentina are reluctant to enter Jewish institutions or send their children to the Jewish schools they regularly attend.

Gordon has been in regular telephone contact with Jewish community leaders in Buenos Aires.

The insecurity is characterized by distrust of their government's ability to protect them or capture those behind the bomb blast, he said.

"There seems to be a feeling in the community that only Israel is capable of finding the perpetrators and bringing them to justice," said Gordon, who was in Buenos Aires in 1992 when the Israeli Embassy there was bombed.

Hezbollah is innocent Syrian minister claims

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

PARIS — Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa has denied that the Islamic fundamentalist Hezbollah movement was responsible for the bombing of the Jewish community centre in Buenos Aires or last week's car bombings in London.

Sharaa made the statement during a news conference here last Wednesday after meeting with French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe.

Israeli officials, including Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, have blamed Hezbollah for the recent spate of attacks and have accused Syria of not using its influence to halt such attacks.

Saying the bombings could not be linked to any fundamentalist groups based in Lebanon, Sharaa charged that Israelis, not Syrians, were supporters of terror.

"We are not at all happy about what is going on in violence or sabotage and destruction, unlike some Israelis who rejoiced at the massacre in Hebron," he said, referring to the Feb. 25 killings of 29 Palestinians by Jewish settler Baruch Goldstein.

"Syria is not for violence, but Israel practices violence in one way or another in the occupied territories and in Lebanon," he added.

The Syrian minister refused to say whether any progress had been made in the Israeli-Syrian peace negotiations following last month's visit to the region by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

But Juppe said he believed the negotiations "were making progress, although I don't want to be excessively optimistic. In any case, they're still going ahead between the Syrian and the Israel sides thanks to American mediation."

Bombings condemned

OTTAWA — Foreign Minister Andre Ouellet last week condemned the bombing of the Israeli Embassy in London and attacks against Jewish targets in the United Kingdom, Argentina and Panama.

"These acts only serve to underscore the importance of concluding a just peace in the Middle East and testify to the wisdom, courage and leadership of those who have fought so hard for peace, especially Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and King Hussein of Jordan," Ouellet said in a statement.

The minister also welcomed the signing last month of the Washington Declaration, which ended the state of war between Israel and Jordan.

"All Canadians pay tribute to the leadership and courage of King Hussein and Prime Minister Rabin," Ouellet said.

Canadian Jewish Congress, the Canada-Israel Committee and B'nai Brith Canada all issued statements praising the signing of the Israel-Jordan pact.

BBC reminded Hussein that four of its leaders met with the king in Calgary in 1989 to discuss the prospects of Mideast peace.

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British charged with bungling over terror threats

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And Jewish communal officials, as well as several members of Parliament, accused the government of being "soft" on the threat posed by Muslim fundamentalists.

In a pointed allegation last week, World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman said Argentinian President Carlos Menem had warned British officials that he — Menem — received a tip from an Iranian dissident that an attack in London was imminent.

"Menem even phoned London to warn them," Bronfman was quoted as telling the Reuter news agency.

However, officials in both London and Buenos Aires denied Argentina provided advance warning of the London blasts.

Britain's charge d'affaires in Israel, John White, was summoned to the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem last week, where officials demanded greater vigilance by the British authorities.

Yehuda Milo, the ministry's deputy director-general for Europe, voiced to White Israel's "deep concern" over the two London bomb attacks.

White was asked to "urgently relay" Israel's concern to the British government and was told Israel hopes British authorities and security forces "make every effort to safeguard and protect the buildings housing Israeli and Jewish institutions in London and Britain."

As armed police continue to stand guard on more than 100 potential Israeli and Jewish targets, both sides have made efforts to calm the atmosphere.

Israeli Ambassador Moshe Raviv — who described the attacks as "despicable" — met Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd, who pledged that Britain would do all in its power to catch the terrorists.

The Foreign Secretary also promised to provide help in repairing the damage at the embassy.

"Mr. Hurd was very forthcoming and we were pleased with the way the meeting went," said an Israeli official.

Board of Deputies President Eldred Tabachnik, United Synagogue President Seymour Saideman and the board's defence committee chair, Ronnie Stekel, met Wednesday with the minister of state, David Maclean, who pledged that the Home Office would do all in its power to protect the Jewish community, both in London and the provinces.

Maclean is the No. 2 official in the Home Office, which oversees all domestic security affairs.

The massive policing operation, announced by Scotland Yard Commissioner Sir Paul Condon, would not be lifted without consultation, Maclean told the delegation.

However, Tabachnik expressed disappointment that the government remained unwilling to ban members of extremist groups such as Hamas and Hezbollah from entering Britain.

"I told him that we believed we needed to send a powerful signal that they are not welcome here. We feel that one reason London has been chosen as a target is that the government has not taken tough enough a line on such groups," said Tabachnik.

Britain's Foreign Office said a caller claiming to belong to the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas movement took responsibility for the bomb outside the Israeli Embassy, but Hamas officials in the Middle East have reportedly denied involvement.

The bomb outside the JIA building went off at 12:46 a.m. Wednesday, injuring five people, none seriously.

The attack came less than 24 hours after a bomb exploded outside the Israeli Embassy in central London, destroying the consular offices attached to the embassy and injuring at least 13 people.

Police believe the two attacks were linked because of their timing, method and explosive power. The bombs, both placed in cars outside the targeted buildings, were approximately the same size — 13 kilograms (30 pounds).

The JIA building, which is in a northern suburb of London that is predominantly Jewish, is about 10 km from the Israeli Embassy.

— With reporting by Cynthia Mann in Jerusalem and the Jerusalem Post Foreign Service.

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Communities step up security measures

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Berger said the protective measures that are being taken are similar to those adopted during the 1991 Gulf War. They include greater security at the Jewish centres and more police patrols.

Meanwhile, Israeli institutions in Canada are being "more cautious than usual," said Eli Yerushalmi, councillor at the Israeli embassy in Ottawa.

"All Israeli embassies and institutions all over the world are on higher alert following a directive from Israel," he said.

In addition to employing their own security measures, "we are in contact with local authorities regarding security," Yerushalmi said.

"It is sad to see that when peace is progressing people who are against peace are acting against us," he said. Israel is requesting "worldwide cooperation against this kind of radical terrorism," he added.

B'nai Brith, meanwhile, called on the Canadian government to establish a joint forces operation to combat hate and terrorism. The proposed unit would include all law enforcement agencies in Canada including local police, the RCMP, CSIS, immigration officials and Crown attorneys.

Marcus said B'nai Brith has also written to Solicitor General Herb Gray, who has authority over the RCMP, and to Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi urging increased border control and greater vigilance against terrorist infiltration.

Dan Brien, communications assistant to the Solicitor General, said, "We're very mindful of international events and security is a paramount concern. But for security reasons we can't say what advice CSIS is giving the RCMP or other security forces."

Gaetan Blais, a spokesman for CSIS, would say only that the intelligence organization is mandated to investigate threats to the security of Canada, including acts of violence to further political goals.

RCMP inspector Jean St.-Cyr said the force has "increased our vigilance, but I cannot give any details in regards to what kind of security we are doing."

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In other developments, a group connected to Hezbollah last week threatened to attack Israeli interests in the United States, and the Israeli consulate and UN Mission building in New York reportedly received a bomb threat.

Five-ton steel-reinforced concrete barricades were put into place around the Israeli consulate and UN Mission building at Second Avenue and 42nd Street. New York Police Department spokesmen and consulate officials did not confirm the threat, but a uniformed officer guarding the entrance on Second Avenue said there had been a bomb threat against the two Israeli institutions.

Sometime after 1 a.m. last Wednesday, several Manhattan police units arrived at the scene and cordoned off the sidewalk. Later that morning, sanitation cranes unloaded the 20 five-ton Jersey barricades, and police investigators began patrolling the area.

Extra police protection was also assigned to several other Jewish institutions in the city as part of the heightened security measures.

Police cordoned off the Fifth Avenue Synagogue during a memorial service for the victims of the Buenos Aires bombing.

Consulate spokesman Gidi Mark-Amir said business was continuing as usual at both the consulate and the UN Mission. He said the consulate itself had not received any bomb threats.

An Israeli spokesman in Washington said the embassy was tightening its security in light of the recent bombings, but the spokesman refused to say how. Israeli consulates around the United States also took steps against possible attack.

In developments elsewhere, Belgium tightened security around its Jewish community.

Police had been asked to step up patrols and tighten surveillance of buildings belonging to the 45,000-strong Jewish community, the Belgian news agency Belga quoted an Interior Ministry official as saying.

Police in Antwerp, whose big diamond trade involves many in the Jewish community, had stepped up patrols in the Jewish area, it said.

Belgium's Jewish community experienced several attacks in the early 1980s. A 15-year-old Jewish child was killed in 1980 when a Palestinian threw a grenade at a group of school children in Antwerp.

Security was also tightened around France's Jewish community, the fourth largest in the world, officials said.

"We have done our normal duty under the circumstances," a senior official of CRIF, the umbrella organization for France's estimated 750,000 Jews, told Reuters.

"We are in contact with government authorities who had already taken special precautions when this began, and we hope they will reinforce them together with us," the official stated.

She declined to detail the measures which had been taken to protect dozens of buildings and schools around the country.

A spokeswoman for the Israeli Embassy in Paris, always tightly guarded in a closed-off side-street near the Elysee presidential palace, declined to give details of extra measures taken there.

Paris was the scene of numerous attacks linked to the Middle East in the 1970s and 1980s, including bloody bombings of synagogues and Jewish restaurants, attacks on embassies and airlines, and the killing of Palestinian and Iranian exiles and Israeli diplomats.

— With files from the Jerusalem Post Foreign Service.

The News in Brief

Rwanda Relief Fund

NEW YORK — The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee has established a relief fund to provide food, shelter and medical assistance for hundreds of thousands of Rwandan refugees.

Donations in the form of checks should be made out to JDC-Rwanda Open Mailbox and mailed to: JDC, Rwanda Open Mailbox, 711 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017, U.S.A.

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Declaration's Main Points

WASHINGTON — In their joint declaration issued July 25, Jordan and Israel agreed

- To aim for "a just, lasting and comprehensive" peace between Israel and its neighbors and to conclude a Jordan-Israel peace treaty;
- That Israel respects Jordan's "special role" at Muslim shrines in Jerusalem and will give it high priority in negotiations on the city's permanent status;
- To terminate the "state of belligerency" between them;
- To refrain from threats of force against each other and to thwart terrorism;
- To open direct telephone links between the two countries, and to link their electricity grids;
- To open two new border crossings, one at Akaba-Eilat and the other at a point to be agreed on in the north;
- To give free access in principle to third-country tourists traveling between Jordan and Israel;
- To speed negotiations on an international air corridor between the two countries;
- That their police forces will cooperate in combating crime, especially drug smuggling;
- To continue negotiations on future bilateral economic cooperation, including abolition of all boycotts;
- And that King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will meet periodically to review progress in negotiations.

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Israel Plans Six Highways

JERUSALEM — Israel's public works department announced last week it is planning six major highways into Jordan.

Department spokesman Meir Gazit said the most obvious route — and that which had already been proposed in talks among Israel, Jordan and the U.S. — was between Akaba and Eilat.

The planned road is to cost $1 million (U.S.). Both Israel and Jordan will have to lay about a kilometre-and-a-half of new highway, he said.

Further north, a highway is to go from the Nitzana border crossing with Egypt to Petra.

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Hamas Offers Swap

JERUSALEM — Hamas last week offered to return the body of missing soldier Ilan Sa'adon in exchange for the release of several prisoners.

In a leaflet and video tape released last Tuesday, the group asked for the release of their spiritual leader, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin.

They also demanded the release of Sheikh Abdel-Karim Obeid and Sheikh Mustafa Dirani, who were abducted by the IDF from southern Lebanon.

Sa'adon was abducted from the Negev in 1989 and presumed murdered by Hamas terrorists.

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One Killed, 17 Injured

JERUSALEM — An Israel Defence Force (IDF) paratrooper was killed and 17 other soldiers were wounded in well-planned Hezbollah attacks on a convoy and IDF posts in the security zone in Lebanon last Monday.

The injured included the deputy commander of the Givati battalion, who suffered serious wounds, two with moderate wounds, and 14 lightly wounded.

IDF and South Lebanon Army (SLA) artillery returned fire, and Israel Air Force planes bombarded seven Hezbollah positions north of the security zone.

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Intifada Deaths Down

TEL AVIV — The number of intifada-related casualties and incidents has drastically declined since the implementation of Palestinian autonomy in Gaza and Jericho, says Shin Bet, Israel's internal security service.

According to Shin Bet figures, eight Israelis were killed in Israel and the territories between May through July. That's compared to 28 Israeli deaths in incidents related to the Palestinian uprising during the previous three months.

And 29 Israelis were wounded in intifada-related incidents in the last three months, compared to 121 in the previous three-month period.

The number of Palestinians killed in the intifada also dropped since the self-rule began, from 34 between February and April to 10 between May and the present.

The number of violent incidents also dropped considerably, said the Shin Bet director, who is never identified.

Within the past three months, there were 60 violent incidents in Gaza, compared to 480 in the three months preceding that.

Violent incidents inside the Green Line, the pre-1967 borders, also dropped, from 22 between February and April to six between May and the present.

Intifada-related incidents were also down in Jerusalem, from 98 between February and April to 33 from May to the present.

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Waldheim Knighthood Concerns BB

WASHINGTON — B'nai Brith has expressed disappointment over Pope John Paul's recent conferral of a papal knighthood on former Austrian president Kurt Waldheim.

The honor was bestowed on Waldheim in a July 6 ceremony at the Vatican's embassy by the Holy See's ambassador to Austria.

Waldheim, the former Secretary-General of the United Nations, has been ostracized by most of the Western world for having hidden his role as a Nazi intelligence officer in the Balkans during World War II.

"For Kurt Waldheim to be honored in this manner does dishonor to previous recipients," said B'nai Brith International president Kent Schiner in a statement.

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School Kids Aid Clean-up

GENEVA — A group of schoolchildren last week volunteered to help clean up a Zurich cemetery that was the target of vandalism in June.

Two 11-year-old boys confessed to the June 17 desecration of more than 100 gravestones at Switzerland's oldest Jewish cemetery. It was the second or perhaps third recent vandalism of the site.

The children, ages 11 to 18, explained that their volunteer effort was a way of showing their solidarity with the Jews and of registering their disapproval of racist acts.

Repairs to the cemetery, which was opened in 1862, were expected to cost some $30,000.

A police spokesman said that the latest desecration should not be brushed off as "nasty kids' games."

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E.J.C. Leader Appointed

PARIS — The French government has appointed Jean Kahn, the leader of the European Jewish Congress, as the French representative to the newly created European Consultative Commission on Racism and Xenophobia.

The appointment of Kahn, who is also head of CRIF, the umbrella of France's Jewish organizations, was announced recently by French Minister for European Affairs Alain Lamassoure.

The member states of the European Union ratified the creation of the new anti-racism commission, at the suggestion of France and Germany, during the latest E.U. summit, held June 24-25 on Corfu.

Each member of the E.U. — including the four newest members, Austria, Finland, Norway and Sweden — will have one representative on the new commission, which is charged with assessing national and community policies in the struggle against racism and xenophobia.

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Mideast Naval Gazing

HALIFAX — Commanders of Middle East navies, including Israel's, will meet here in a symposium, tentatively scheduled from Aug. 29 to Sept. 1, as part of Canada's ongoing contribution to maritime confidence-building measures in the Mideast.

The symposium follows last month's demonstration for officers of Middle East navies of both Search and Rescue (SAR) and Prevention of Incidents at Sea (INCSEA) concepts involving the Canadian warship, HMCS Halifax. The demonstration took place near Venice.

Canada has been asked by Mideast parties to share its naval and coast guard expertise with Mideast navies, starting with a workshop in Sydney, N.S. last year attended by both Arab and Israeli participants.

Canada has also been asked to prepare a draft text for a multilateral INCSEA Agreement in the Middle East.

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Rabbinical Reflections

By RABBI MARK FRIEDMAN

I am certain that if I asked my readers "Do you consider yourself to be a sensitive person?" I would receive a unanimous "yes."

All of us, man or woman, child or adult, see ourselves as sensitive people. If someone makes a joke at our expense, we feel hurt. If somebody pokes fun at our appearance, we feel the sting. If a superior or co-worker criticizes us in the presence of others, we are stunned and angry.

I would also suppose that all of us are sensitive to body language and other non-verbal communication. If another responds to something we have said with a wave of the hand, we understand the response which our comments have generated.

But let us take another look at our supposed sensitivity. The situations mentioned above refer only to the vulnerability of our own feelings. What about the feelings and sensibilities of others? Is there not an outer-directed aspect of sensitivity which is as important as the inner-directed side?

Of course, the answer is yes. We live in a world with a great variety of people and we must be responsive to their feelings in all kinds of situations. Yet, how would each of us rate ourselves in this area? Are we "sensitive people" when it comes to the sensitivities of others?

At this point, one might say: "Rabbi, why speak of sensitivity towards others? Either you have it or you do not have it. It is not like learning a skill." Granted, it is not a skill which can be acquired by mastering certain lessons. However, there are guidelines which help us be aware of others' feelings. It is true that sensitivity to others comes easier to some people. Still, it is a trait which requires our diligence and effort if it is to be cultivated.

Where do we look in order to discover guidelines? One of the wonderful things about our tradition is that it touches every aspect of life. The issue of sensitivity is no exception. In the Torah's discussion in the Book of Shmot, Exodus, of the plague of darkness upon the land of Egypt, we are told the darkness was so thick that, in the Torah's words, "lo rau ish et achiv," — people could not see one another.

Some commentators interpret this phrase figuratively, that is, the darkness which enveloped Egyptians was the darkness of immunity to the needs and concerns of people around them. According to these commentators, this plague of uncaring was so complete as to prevent people from seeing, being open to each other. This is a major stumbling block to the development of sensitivity. In many cases, we are really not open to others' feelings and needs.

This may be most apparent in times of crisis, for example, when a friend or relative requires hospitalization. Rev. Randy Jones, chaplain of Overlook Hospital in Summit, N.J., has written: "We give in to our own need to cheer somebody up . . . patients have told me so frequently [of] being told 'cheer up,' . . . or some other kind of advice like 'count your blessings.' All this talk is meeting our own needs to have the patient make us feel more comfortable."

Rev. Jones also writes of those who visit and are flip. They try to humor the patient. They tell an interesting story or joke in order to get a smile from the patient. However, what is really being said is, "Let's not deal with heavy stuff today. I'm either too busy or I'm emotionally out of gas. Let's keep it light today." And usually the patient will comply with the visitor's request.

There is the problem. The purpose of the visit is not to really visit the sick, but to ease what is an uncomfortable situation for the visitor. In these kinds of visits there is no openness, no readiness to allow the patient the opportunity to share his or her emotions and concerns with the visitor. The patient may even be able to discern right after the visitor enters the room what kind of a visit will take place. When the visitor stays away from the patient and does not sit down, the message transmitted to the ill person is "I really cannot help you now. I do not want to be here. I want to keep this as short as possible."

I recall hearing of a get-well card different from the standard kind. It had a picture of a little bird, too fat, too short, with little tail feathers sticking out. Inside the card was written "I can't sing because you're sick." If we visit one who is ill with this sense of not being well because the patient isn't well, if we try to keep in mind the helplessness, isolation and fear the person is experiencing, and if we consider that we too are subject to the same feelings and concerns, then we can truly be empathetic and caring, open and vulnerable to the person. We will sit down. We will take the patient seriously. We will not be in a rush to depart. We will be able to really listen. We will be able to laugh and joke in a helpful, appropriate way. We will truly visit the sick. We will lighten the burden which is upon them.

Sensitivity is a very precious attribute. We have to begin to ask ourselves "am I really sensitive to the needs and feelings of others? Am I really open to them? Do I try to understand their perceptions and their positions?" If we can work so we may answer "yes" to these questions, we will not only affect others greatly but be changed into better, more compassionate human beings.

There is a wonderful poem by William Blake called *The Searcher* in which the poet distills the great importance of sensitivity. "I looked for my soul. But my soul I could not see. I looked for my G-d. But my G-d eluded me. I looked for a friend and there I found all three."

(Rabbi Mark Friedman is rabbi at the Shaare Zedek Congegation in Montreal.)

Court recognizes civil marriages

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — In a breakthrough decision, Israel's High Court of Justice has ruled that Israel must recognize civil marriages, including intermarriages, of Israelis and other nationals performed in foreign consulates.

The ruling came in response to a petition filed by the Israel Religious Action Centre of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism, Israel's equivalent of the Reform movement.

The movement has called the decision the latest step "toward the breaking up of the Orthodox monopoly in Israel."

The Religious Action Centre petition was filed on behalf of a Brazilian couple married in November 1990 in Brazil's embassy.

The wife, Eva Goldstein, was a Christian who married Uri Goldstein, a recent Jewish immigrant who had retained his Brazilian citizenship.

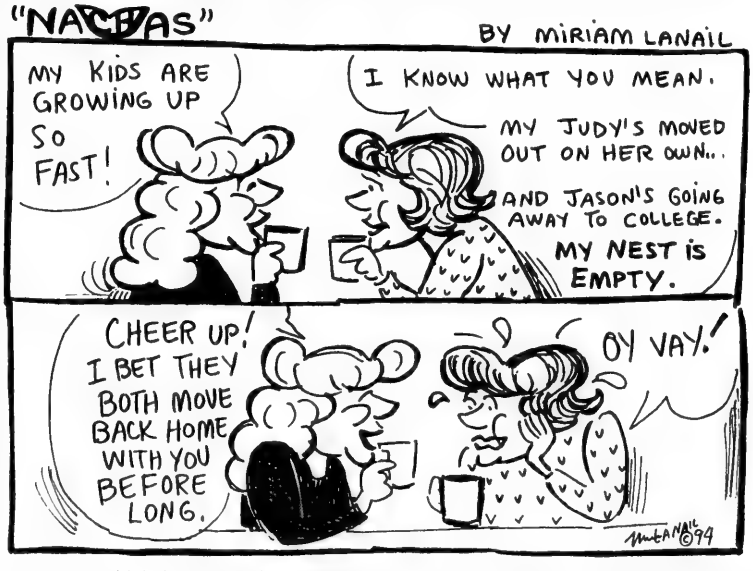
They chose to be married at the Brazilian embassy because Jewish law in Israel dictates that only Jews may be married under Halacha.

Since the British Mandate, foreign consulates have had the authority to marry couples who are citizens of the country represented by the consulate.

But in the Goldstein case, the Ministry of the Interior refused to recognize or register the marriage as legal. The ministry had argued that foreign consulates could not officiate at marriages where one of the spouses is Israeli.

But the court ruled that the ministry had overstepped its authority by failing to register the marriage.

Regev said the decision would help countless new immigrants from Russia, many non-Jews, who want to marry in Israel but are ineligible under the rules of the Orthodox rabbinate.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Front Line

Mideast peace puzzle still missing some pieces

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

Even by the density standards to which the Jewish agenda — with Israel as its focal point — has now become accustomed, the last two weeks have been unsually dramatic with their agglomeration of tragedy and hope.

While the horrendous images of destruction in Buenos Aires competed on the world's television screens with the even more devastating pictures from Rwanda, peace in the Middle East was slowly inching forward on the shores of the Dead Sea and in Washington, with Damascus watching in the wings.

The sudden prominence of the Israel-Jordan relationship took many observers by surprise. Their attention had been focused on the turbulent Israeli-Palestinian sector and on the enigmatic role that Syrian leader Hafez al-Assad was continuing to play in the complex process of regional peacemaking.

If the Israeli-Jordanian front has become so active during the last two weeks, it is because after the Oslo agreement, King Hussein, very uncomfortably positioned between Syria, Iraq and the now emerging Palestinian entity, had to react to the developments that threatened to leave him in a solitary limbo. He decided to abandon, at first cautiously, his "wait-and-see" tactics and to make the best of the opportunity to settle his own differences with Israel, encouraged by the prospect of a generous U.S. aid package of which he is in urgent need.

But important as this positive development may be, one will have to wait until it fully matures to see how it fits into the regional picture. For even after the spectacular weeks in which past taboos were ignored by the king and warm handshakes were staged and conspicuously televised for the benefit of Clinton's, Rabin's and his own constituencies, missing pieces of the mideastern peace puzzle will have to fall in to place.

The bilateral relations between Jordan and Israel are in relatively good shape and were in no urgent need of particular care at this moment. But they cannot exist in an unsettled vacuum. Thus the real agenda of the meetings in Jordan and Washington, as well as those that are to follow, goes beyond the limited scope of the Israeli-Jordanian relationship and must attend issues concerning other factors.

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It is therefore not so important to speculate now how Jordan and Israel will settle their known differences over issues such as the sharing of water resources, the handling of the massive refugee problem in Jordan, or the demarcation of the permanent frontier between them — or when a formal peace treaty will be signed. These are all serious issues, but it is much more important for both leaderships to reach understandings, tacit as these may have to be, on the triangular relationship with the emerging Palestinian entity sandwiched between them.

It stands to reason that some of these delicate matters were dealt with well before the ceremonial occasion on the White House lawn, and that the U.S. has undertaken a number of commitments vis a vis Israel and Jordan without which the high-profile encounter would not have taken place.

A brief look at some of the factors which will affect the Jordanian-Israeli rapprochement one way or the other is essential to put the spectacular triumph of Israeli-U.S. diplomacy into perspective.

During his recent shuttle between Damascus and Jerusalem, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher failed to extract from Assad the answers that could re-ignite the stalled peace talks between Syria and Israel. But there was no indication that the Syrian president intends to actively oppose King Hussein's bold new step. Days before the Washington meeting, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak flew to Damascus and came back with similar impressions. And a nameless senior American diplomat made his point when he said the best clue to Assad's true reaction to the developments will be provided by the way he handles Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Shortly, Christopher will resume his efforts in Damascus, an indication that the Syrian-Israel peace process is not dead and not even seriously endangered by the new Israel-Jordan accord.

A footnote of some significance in the ongoing effort to read the inscrutable Syrian president: For the first time Syrian TV was allowed to broadcast Rabin's speech at the White House ceremony.

While it is plausible that Assad will now want to interpose a few weeks of suspense before he decides how to advance his own peace talks with Israel, Yasser Arafat's reaction to the king's initiative is even more difficult to assess. He is up to his neck trying to consolidate his autonomy in Gaza and in Jericho, which he wants to expand, and for that he needs a working relationship with Israel and financial help from abroad. Froeign money is waiting to reach him as soon as he proves that he can spend it judiciously and effectively.

He will probably have to lower his ambitions and also to soften his rhetoric regarding his interpretation of the Oslo agreement with Israel, which in his view gave him more exclusivity in handling the autonomy than it does in effect.

Jordan's clout in the West Bank has been considerably enhanced by the new Israel-Jordan relationship and will rekindle the competition between the PLO and Jordan for the hearts of its inhabitants. It is characteristic of the new atmosphere there that many Palestinian notables have already reacted positively to the new development and expressed the hope that it will advance the peace process with Syria and Lebanon as well.

Even Arafat's exaggerated hopes that the Palestinians will be allowed by the Arab world to be the sole custodians of the Muslim holy places will have to be readjusted to the never-absent and now reconfirmed Jordanian role in the administration of these sites in East Jerusalem.

Still, it must not be forgotten that it was the Oslo agreement between the PLO and Israel that revived the peace process after the Madrid start of two years ago, which was practically going nowhere.

Even after the moving ceremony in Washington last September, the Palestinian issue remains the centrepiece of the peace effort and Arafat is still the principal partner. But should he not succeed in playing his part, the new Jordanian-Israeli relationship could well expand beyond its present limited scope.

We are now witnessing a new power structure in the area whose potential must be tested. It offers Israeli diplomacy new options for successful initiatives and holds much hope. But its very presence is also bound to redouble the efforts of hostile forces, known and unknown, both local and foreign, to sabotage peacemaking by all possible means. And this could well become the most decisive challenge.

Assessing Assad's strategy no easy task

BY ALON PINKAS
Jerusalem Post Feature Service

Maj.-Gen. Uri Saguy, chief of intelligence in the Israel Defence Force, has made a career of lecturing on Syria's strategic transformation and about President Hafez al-Assad's intentions regarding peace.

"His [Assad's] view of the changing world, and Syria's lack of superpower patronage once the Soviet Union disintegrated, has led him to reassess Syria's strategic options," Saguy said recently in a meeting with military analysts.

Assad had "to admit failure in attaining military parity with Israel and to begin a process of peace intended to improve relations with the U.S.," he said.

Saguy has reiterated this position - shared by Chief of General Staff Ehud Barak and military intelligence's Syria and Lebanon department - on several occasions.

"This is a process which in effect began as early as 1988," says Prof. Moshe Maoz, head of the Truman Institute and author of **Assad: The Sphinx of Damascus** (1988) and the forthcoming (1995) Syria-Israel: From War to Peace Making.

"Since his rise to power in the early 1970s, and especially since the 1973 war, Assad has accepted a political solution and UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, albeit on his terms.

"Following the 1979 Camp David accords, feeling isolated and threatened by Israel, he developed the concept of strategic parity, which constituted both an offensive and a defensive posture.

"But in 1987, following a meeting with then Soviet leader [Mikhail] Gorbachev, Assad realized that he would no longer enjoy superpower support. And after the end of the Iran-Iraq war in 1988, in which he supported Iran, he fully understood that power relations in the world had changed, and that he must turn his interests back to the Arab world. That meant Egypt, and that was the beginning of the change."

Another view of Assad's goals considers the symmetrical composition, rather than the essence, of the peace agreement. Intelligence experts, academics, analysts and politicians by and large agree that the Syrian-Israeli peace equation is quite simple.

In return for a full Israeli withdrawal (as distinct from Prime Minister Yitahak Rabin's formula for withdrawal) from the Golan Heights, Syria would be ready for full peace, including normalization of relations.

Graduality, of withdrawal and normalization, is a principle that would be discussed in a later stage of the negotiations, as would the security arrangements that Israel would demand.

The two views diverge at this point, with conflicting interpretations and assessments of the essence of the peace, its attributes, its cost-effectiveness and overall necessity and value.

The debate is over how positively or adversely Israel's strategic disposition would be affected by a peace agreement with Syria.

According to intelligence assessments, Syria is likely to accept graduality. Israel's dilemma stems from an analysis of Syria's strategic predicament, and leads to the question of whether Israel should accept the equation at all, and whether the cost outweighs the potential benefits.

"If Israel wants peace with Syria, it must understand its price," says Yossi Olmert, a Syria and Lebanon expert.

"If the question is, must we reach a peace agreement with Syria, the answer is 'No.' If the question is, should we achieve peace, and is it desirable, the answer is 'Yes,' " Olmert says.

Rabin's formula, according to which "the depth of withdrawal would equal the depth of peace," highlighted the dilemma because theoretically it gave Syria the opportunity to define what "full peace" means, thus overcoming the obstacle contained in Article 5A of the Israeli-Syrian declaration of principles, drafted in Washington last year. But Assad did not seize the opportunity.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres offered one explanation, saying that Assad is interested in the process, rather than in its results. This view is shared by some in the intelligence community who estimate that Assad is first and foremost a patient man, interested primarily in the survivability of his minority Alawite regime.

In the context of the peace talks, he is interested in improving relations with the U.S. and getting Syria off the list of "terror-sponsoring states," a move that would generate investments in Syria's struggling economy.

Others, such as Eyal Zisser of the Dayan Centre at Tel Aviv University, evaluate Assad as a weak leader, reactive rather than active, influenced and affected by events rather than the other way around.

This view contrasts somewhat with that of Maoz: "He did, in his January 1994 summit with President Bill Clinton, say specifically that he is interested in formal peace."

There are other, subtler indications that Syria has changed, but the change is strategic and not ideological, which is why it is not dramatic, he adds.

Olmert's view is that "this is a man, one of the last dinosaurs, who has an inherent deficiency in understanding the West and the U.S. in particular. I make a distinction between a change in Syria's will and a change in its perceptions and recognition of its own capabilities and limitations. The latter obviously changed.

"Basically, Assad is caught in a contradiction. He opposes graduality and is reluctant to offer normalization. But normalization, as part of the elements he finds difficult to digest, could be accepted only if he agrees to graduality. Otherwise, he will not get the Golan Heights," he adds.

One thing both civilian and military analysts agree on is that Assad perceives Israel as a threat.

"Israel's nuclear capabilities, whether they exist or not, are perceived as a serious threat by Syria," Maoz says.

That is why all the analysts agree that Assad's continued military buildup and modernization are primarily for purposes of deterrence, not an offensive option.

"Following its logic and interests, Syria is right in perceiving Israel as a military threat. Israel, however, is right politically in its negotiating strategy, because we know that in a democracy you cannot [make a] surprise attack out of the blue," said a very senior army officer.

GOLAN VISIT

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin gets a security briefing from senior officers during a recent visit to the Golan Heights. [Photo: IDF spokesman]

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A new beginning for Mideast peace

The Washington Declaration, signed by King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on July 25, is an historic document which officially ends the state of war between Jordan and Israel. It is one more step along the rocky road to real peace. As King Hussein has suggested, a formal Israeli-Jordanian peace treaty is now in the offing. Coming on the heels of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' unprecedented visit to Jordan, the Washington Declaration is a watershed. At long last, King Hussein has openly and unambiguously thrown in his lot with the forces of peace in the Middle East.

That King Hussein sought a practical accommodation with Israel is unquestioned. Like his grandfather, Abdullah, who was assassinated in 1951 for attempting to achieve an identical goal, King Hussein never really identified with the reactionary view that Israel has no right to exist, or that it is merely a passing phenomenon.

Nevertheless, he found it politically impossible to race ahead of the Arab consensus with regard to Israel. Jordan was, and still remains, a vulnerable country surrounded by powerful neighbors. Despite these circumstances, King Hussein maintained a mutually beneficial and vital dialogue with Israel which lowered tensions along their common border. For three decades, he met with all but one of Israel's prime ministers, albeit under great secrecy. During this period, Israel and Jordan concluded 38 agreements, the majority unsigned, on matters small and large. In addition, King Hussein rarely found it necessary to close the bridges linking the West Bank with Jordan. And, despite his 1988 declaration severing Jordan's administrative ties with the West Bank, he nurtured close relations with the Palestinians there.

Still, King Hussein hesitated to end Jordan's state of belligerency with Israel. It was not a policy he liked, but one he followed in the interest of Arab unity. Yet, as he now realizes, it brought him nothing but grief — once during the 1967 Six Day War, when Jordan lost the fertile West Bank, and again, when he tacitly supported Saddam Hussein during the 1990-91 Kuwait crisis and thereby isolated himself and gravely damaged his pivotal relationship with the United States.

Sanity vs. fanaticism

In spite of these disasters, King Hussein committed yet a third error of judgment late last year when, under Syrian pressure, he aligned Jordan's policy with Syria's in the current peace process. It seemed as if King Hussein had once more mortgaged his country's future to an Arab power and, furthermore, had wrecked his chances of coming to terms with the most accessible Israeli government since the Six Day War.

But last week, on the White House lawn, common sense prevailed as King Hussein affixed his signature to the Washington Declaration. Like the late Anwar al-Sadat — the first Arab leader to make peace with Israel — King Hussein finally understood that Jordan's national interests, perhaps its very survival, were contingent on reaching an honorable accord with Israel. And the fact that Israel and the PLO had already done so in 1993 convinced him that he had no reason to tarry any longer. Finally, he realized that a rapprochement with Israel would greatly improve, if not enhance, Jordan's strategic links with the West, particularly the United States.

One hopes that the Washington Declaration will give Syria — the last holdout — cause for pause. There have been a number of positive developments in Israel's protracted negotiations with Syria in the last three years. Yet the nitty gritty details of a prospective agreement have eluded both sides. Now that Jordan has committed itself to signing a peace treaty with Israel, Syria may not be too far behind. And if Syria jumps on the bandwagon, Lebanon, its protectorate, is likely to enter into serious negotiations with Israel as well. Certainly, the Lebanese have no intractable quarrels with the Israelis.

After four decades of violence and bloodshed, Israel and its Arab neighbors may be on the cusp of a new beginning. Warren Christopher, the American secretary of state, was not indulging in hyperbole when he observed that the Arab-Israeli dispute is winding down.

But radical Islamic militants, whom Israel has accused of planting terrorist bombs in Buenos Aires and in London, are desperately trying to derail the peace of the brave that Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians in the territories are trying to achieve. These fanatics, however, can be beaten. The Washington Declaration is proof that sanity can overcome fanaticism.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

IF ONLY IT WERE SO

I enjoyed reading Rabbi Plaut's column "Germany remembers the murdered Gypsies" (*CJN* July 7). It was enlightening and explained to many where and how the racist expression "to gyp" came from. However, I must disagree with the rabbi's conclusion that ". . . the expression 'to jew' was *formerly* popular but now abandoned."

Alevay volt ess geven azoy. (If only it were so.)

I am enclosing a copy of a letter to the editor of the *Milton Independent* (Vermont) on the same subject, called To Jew or not to Jew, that was written by my son, Allan Kunigis, who now resides in Vermont and on several occasions overheard this racist and anti-Semitic expression, as did I, here in Canada.

Dovid Kunigis
Montreal

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TO JEW OR NOT TO JEW

I am not a verb. I am a human being. I cringe when I hear the expression, "I Jewed him down." At 36 years of age, you'd think I would be used to it, but in my 33 years of living in Canada, I, a Jew, never once encountered this interesting misuse of a noun as a verb. Yet I've already heard it used twice by Milton residents since moving here three years ago.

Are people in Milton prejudiced against Jews? I don't know you all well enough yet to say. I presume there are some anti-Semites within any group of people anywhere. Perhaps this is ignorance speaking. Some people might have grown up hearing this and unthinkingly repeat it. If so, please remember that words can cut like swords, too. And they teach our youngsters.

In the last week, I've heard children in my neighborhood using the word nigger to goad my son's friend, who is black, into a fight. Are they racist? I don't really think so. They probably heard their parents use the word many times, so why shouldn't they?

As a Jew who doesn't look Jewish and whose last name isn't Goldberg or Cohen, I have a special privilege of witnessing ignorance and prejudice in a way an African American or native American might not. I hear people say things they might not say if they knew their audience. I normally keep my mouth shut and walk away.

"Don't go looking for a fight," I tell myself. "They'll never change, so why bother."

Maybe that attitude is wrong. Maybe people really don't know any better. Maybe they just need to be given a chance to learn. So, here's your chance. If you've never met a Jew — hello. Here I am. I am not a verb. I am not an ethnic stereotype. I am a human being. Just like you. With feelings.

Allan Kunigis
Milton, Vermont

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WHOSE MESSIAH?

There have been many glitches in the Israel-Palestinian Peace Accord, as one could expect from a complicated political endeavor. However no news has troubled me as much as hearing that Neturei Karta leader Rabbi Moshe Hirsch, will serve in the Palestinian National Authority Cabinet.

Rabbi Hirsch, whose ultra-Orthodox group denounces the existence of the State of Israel, allegedly announced that he will be the new minister for Jewish affairs in the new Palestinian self-rule government. From what I understand, Neturei Karta believes that only the Messiah can mobilize the Jews and bring them to Israel. Therefore it doesn't recognize Israel's existence as we know it, a land that was toiled for and developed by Zionists.

What I am wondering is how can a person who opposes Israel represent its people and comment on Jewish matters? I would expect this to be quite detrimental to the best interests of most Jewish settlers in Israel.

Perhaps Rabbi Hirsch recognizes Yasser Arafat as some sort of Messiah. The question is — whose?

Reba Auslander
Toronto

TREACHERY

Within 24 hours of Goldstein's insane act his deed was roundly condemned by every Canadian Jewish organization. Where is the condemnation of the heinous treachery of "Rabbi" Hirsch?

Michael Wilschanski
Toronto

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ABOLISH SEPARATE FUNDING

Re: "Equality in Education" (*CJN* Editorial, July 21).

In order to achieve real equality in education, all separate school government funding should be abolished as opposed to expanded. We live in a secular society. Within our society, we are free to practise our religion. The government's responsibility is to the population as a whole. Institutions which cater to specific religious groups should be funded by the members of that group.

The Task Force on Jewish Continuity was correct in concluding that Jewish education is at the core of Jewish continuity. However, Jewish education is a process of learning that takes place in the home, the synagogue, and the school, in decreasing order of importance. All too often, we become obsessed with the latter and forget the first two.

It is a fool's paradise to think that the extension of separate school funding is the answer to the crisis of continuity facing our community. If we truly wish to bond our children to their Judaism, we do so by living a Jewish life.

Jack Klein, M.D.
Ottawa

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ON A WHITE HORSE

Yasser Arafat recently declared his intention to visit Jerusalem, which provoked an understandable widespread indignation among the Israelis.

He may be authorized to do so with Yitzhak Rabin's approval. Rabin stated that Arafat has the same right as any other Muslim to pray in Jerusalem. This brings to mind Arafat's promise to his good friend Saddam Hussein, made in 1900 at the beginning of the Gulf War, that they will ride together into Jerusalem on a white horse.

In order to do so, Arafat, the notorious man of his word, would have to invite Saddam Hussein, also a Muslim, to come along.

Isaac Josy
Toronto

Being the person you were meant to be

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

We Jews generally don't have much love or admiration for some of our own who try to pass as gentiles and don't acknowledge who they really are. But there was one period in history when passing meant life — physical life anyway. That was during the days of the Nazis, when any number of Jewish families temporarily (or so they thought) took their children to gentile families willing to pass them off as their own, and thereby hoped to guarantee their survival.

I don't know how extensive are the available statistics on such children. We have a fair idea of the number of parents able to find their children again and reunite with them, but who will ever tell us of those who were hidden and never discovered?

A memorable film about the subject was broadcast June 7 on TVOntario. It had a simple enough title, and perhaps some potential viewers never turned it on because it held no promise of excitement.

But exciting it was. *Hidden Children*, part of the TVO series *From The Heart*, was a one-hour show consisting of a series of interviews with men and women who are now in their late 50s or 60s. Back in the early 1940s they were youngsters — one of them was only 2 when she was farmed out to a Polish-Christian family.

The stories they told were as diverse as one would expect from such a collection of persons who now live in different parts of the world. At the same time they all had something in common: a profound regret and an ongoing — and often tragic — struggle with their identity.

Most of those interviewed grew up as Christians. They had not been told who their real parents were and only later found out — like someone discovering that he/she is adopted — that the parents they knew were not their biological ones. Out of this discovery grew an inner struggle, part of which they shared with the television audience. It was a memorable hour.

I only knew one of them, Toronto author and teacher Andre Stein; the others were strangers to me, but I came to know much of their inner feelings as the minutes went by.

Rabbi Plaut

One of the women summed it up for all of them. She was well groomed, and spoke good English. She said something to this effect: "I have lived all these years with the knowledge that I am not really today the person I was meant to be. It is the kind of knowledge that you never get used to."

One child grew up Roman Catholic and later became a priest. He still serves a parish in Poland. His parishioners call him "the Jewish priest," and while his capacity to perform his duties is not being called into question by others, he himself does so at all times. For many years he has lived as a believing Catholic, and now he knows this is not what he was born to. He feels a bond with his long-dead parents and has decided to acknowledge it in a remarkable manner. "If possible," he says, "I want to be buried in a Jewish cemetery."

The film begins with the tale of a woman who has been angry all these decades — angry at the Nazis who brought it all about, but angry also at the Jews who came to Poland to search for hidden children and never found her, leaving her to an ambiguous existence. At last she made contact with an uncle who lived in Israel, but the Polish communist government did not allow her to emigrate or even visit him. An angry woman — wife of a Pole, mother of five children and grandmother of many — she made it at last to Israel, but the uncle was dead. After meeting her cousins, she said: "I am finally at peace, after all these years." She wanted to belong to a family that had its roots in a common ancestry, and now at last she had found it. She is still bitter, but the bitterness has been lessened to some degree.

My wife observed that the common strand in all these interviews was the issue of survival: the interviewees survived physically, but in all too many instances Hitler had his victory by robbing them spiritually.

Andre Stein tells us quietly and calmly about his own struggle, about the early decision he made to acknowledge his true identity. But I will let him tell you his own story, for I hope you will persuade TVOntario to show this segment of *From the Heart* once again. Perhaps some of our communal organizations and synagogues will make the tape available to the public. *Hidden Children* deserves more than one viewing.

Israeli army integrates new immigrants

By CARL ALPERT

One of David Ben Gurion's most frequently repeated comments was that he confidently looked forward to the day when a Yemenite would become chief of staff of the Israel Defence Forces, thus indicating that group's full integration and full acceptance into Israel's society.

Today there are some who look forward to the time when the chief of staff will be an Ethiopian. Even the optimists, however, acknowledge that several generations must yet elapse before that comes to pass.

There are more than a thousand Ethiopians in Israel's armed forces, 22 of them officers. Of these, three are women.

Military service is a source of enormous pride to the Ethiopian youth, reflecting their awareness that they are thereby leaping generations forward. Unlike most Israeli soldiers, who quickly get into civilian dress when on home leave, the Ethiopians proudly remain in uniform. They want to be seen, especially in their own community.

The number of officers is relatively small. A discussion in a recent issue of the IDF weekly magazine, *Bamahane*, notes some of the difficulties facing them.

For one thing, they are bewildered by the psychometric exams. Coming from an entirely different culture, they don't know what is expected of them in these unusual tests which are applied in the very first stages of officer candidacy.

Further, as an outgrowth of their culture, they display a spirit of compliance, of submissiveness, marked also by lack of initiative. These are hardly the qualities which characterize a good military officer.

The authorities accept that these traits are an outgrowth of the society in which the Ethiopians were reared, rather than an indication of any mental or human deficiency, and are therefore prepared to ease somewhat the criteria for acceptance into officers' training courses. Once in the course, however, the candidates must measure up to the standards set for all.

It is recognized, too, that those who aspire to be officers are already displaying commendable enterprise and ambition, worthy of encouragement.

The army fills yet another function. Because of the great differences in culture and background, the absorption of the Ethiopian immigrants has not been easy for Israel. There has been some criticism that they have been shunted to out-of-the-way settlements, rather than absorbed into the big cities.

Could this be due to discrimination, or fear of color prejudice? Is it an attempt to keep them out of sight as much as possible? Such criticism is based on ignorance of the problems involved.

Social workers and psychologists have explained that the group of Ethiopians was too large to be housed in a typical Israeli middle class neighborhood. They would be made painfully aware of the immense differences, and would immediately want to have the same conditions and facilities as their neighbors, for which they were unprepared.

The army, on the other hand, is the great leveller. All live under the same conditions and undergo the same experiences. Here the Ethiopian young people see and feel that they are like everybody else — hence the importance of military service.

Letters to farblonget meeskeits really hock a cheynik

By ALLAN GOULD

Letters. You remember them. No, not A-B-C or Aleph-Bet-Gimel. I'm referring to those letters that we used to write, in the good/bad old days. We'd actually sit down, scrawl out our feelings and concerns, and then write to mom/dad/sibling-who-was-loved-more-than-us/friend/etc.

And today? Ha! Today, we type on our computers, hit our modem button, and zap it electronically into someone's computer. Or, for the old-fashioned bubbies and zaydes among us, we choose to hit the PRINT-PAGE-EXECUTE buttons on our computer, actually get it printed out on hard copy, and then fax it to someone else. (You old fashioned soul, you!)

But I'm still young enough to recall when people used to send letters, via . . . uh, er, uh — mail — that's it. It was called "mail."

Well, here are a few letters which probably used to be written, if not sent. Maybe one of them will fit *your* Jewish needs; feel free to copy, with my warm permission:

LETTER TO YOUR LONG LOST BUT SUDDENLY BELOVED RELATIVE

Dearest Auntie ------- and Uncle -------,

How wonderful to finally manage to track you down! I'd lost your address, so I couldn't tell you till now how much I miss you both and think of you and love you! We Jews really do need to be in more frequent touch, since there are so few of us in the world!

I especially wanted to tell you about the birth of our beautiful new baby. You may not have even known that I was married, right? Or even realized that I was grown up? It's been so long since we've seen each other!

But I remember all the countless stories my parents used to tell me about my "super-duper aunt and uncle!" They used to regale the whole family with how kind and warm and sweet you people were — and how generous, too! I've never forgotten those lovely stories.

But enough about me! Are you two well, and in good spirits? I know it must have been terribly hard, with all the media coverage, and all those people trying to tell you what to do with the $33.8 million you won in Lotto 6/49. We wouldn't dream of giving you any suggestions, of course, but we still send our deep love, and our sincerest hope that we can all spend some time together real soon!

Much much love

P.S. — Our daughter will be entering McGill this fall; we're so proud of her!

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LETTER TO MOM

Dearest Mother,

I got your letter, informing me about your tough luck and asking if you could borrow a couple of hundred bucks.

Yeah, Mom, I realize how you carried me for nine months, and nursed me, and fed me, and calmed my fears, and protected me, and helped me with my Hebrew School homework, and assisted me in choosing my career in business, and even paid my way through the University of Western Ontario, and furnished my office so tastefully.

And I appreciate it all, dearest Mom, really I do. But you also helped me to become a Quality Businessman, Mom, and everything, as you know, has a bottom line.

So, what have you done for me lately?

Your grateful but businesslike son

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LETTER TO MY ACUPUNCTURIST

Dear Dr. ----------,

Just a note to say that I found your recent treatment of my ailment with acupuncture to be most satisfactory and exotic.

I have only one, relatively minor complaint: Whenever I drink liquids now, I leak out of 23 different places on my body. Why did we not discuss this side-effect earlier??

Still stuck on you, but concerned

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Allan Gould

LETTER TO A ROTTEN CHILD

Dear ----------,

For some years now, you have been continually expressing the fear that "you and Eema might get divorced." We have both been touched by your concern, and well aware of it.

Well, your Eema and I have slowly come to the realization that we never had any intention whatsoever of getting divorced, and that all the conflicts in our marriage have been due to you, you nasty little thing.

For that reason, Eema and I are now seriously considering divorcing YOU. Our (Jewish) lawyer will be calling you in the morning.

Thanks for the idea,

Abba

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LETTER TO YOUR DOCTOR, THANKING HIM FOR THAT GREAT NEW DRUG

Dear Dr. -------,

Thanks so much for that great new drug you gave me! It's really great, you know what I mean? And I truly appreciate the fact that you send all these knock-out new mind-benders my way, and don't waste them on my husband, or on other people who just wouldn't appreciate how really great they are.

I've had it with aspirin! I haven't had so much fun since I went to Disneyland as a kid, and I just can't believe that this is all legal, for heaven's sake.

You really are Doctor Feelgood, and on behalf of all the little people dancing around in my head, I want to thank you so very, very, VERY much! And bless you, as well, for making the prescription open-ended, so I can always go and get as much as I need. And I do need a lot, lemme tell you!!!!!!

What a great guy you are! I want the whole world to know! I mean, I'M SO PERFECTLY, GLORIOUSLY HAPPY!!

Yours for stronger & stronger drugs

cc: Canadian Medical Association
The World Health Organization
The Police Department of -------

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LETTER TO THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

Dear Canvasser/Solicitor/Extortionist for the UJA:

Don't get me wrong. I think that the State of Israel is a wonderful country, and has as much right to exist, in peace and security, as any other nation.

But I AM NOT JEWISH!!! My mother and father were not Jewish. My grandmother and grandfather on my mother's side were not Jewish. My grandparents on my father's side were not Jewish, either. Even my great-grandparents were not Jewish, which should be good enough for anyone.

Yet every other day, a letter, a phone call, a telegram; men appearing at my door, women apearing at my window. Are you people running a charity, or a Mafia enforcement bureau??

Look, I enjoy Mel Brooks and Woody Allen movies as much as the next guy, and Sid Caesar used to be the best thing on television. Norman Lear's situation comedies have brought me much pleasure, and I have been known to hum tunes by Rogers and Hammerstein and Stephen Sondheim; I can't deny it. Why, I even have a few family Bibles around the house, which do, indeed, contain Jewish personalities in both the Old and New Testaments.

But, once again, I AM NOT JEWISH!! I'M NOT JEWISH, AND THAT'S THAT!! So stop bugging me already!

Listen, you guys: If you fershlugginer, farblonget meeskeits don't stop hocking me a cheynik, I'll give you such a shlog in the kop, your keppele will look like a tzibboleh. Farshtay? So gay avek, already.

Most sincerely yours,
Lindsay MacIntyre, Jr.

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Allan Gould, who always, **always** *answers the phone on Super Sunday, even though he did give at the office, is the author of 20 books, including* **The Great Big Book of Canadian Humor**. *So,* ***write him a letter, if you like his stuff!***

Features

Ties with Germany are solid

Reporting from Bonn, Sheldon Kirshner looks at the state of Israel's relations with Germany.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

After a two-year period of tension, climaxed by an emotional call from an Israeli cabinet minister to withdraw its ambassador in Bonn, Israel's relationship with Gemany is once more placid.

German and Israeli diplomats in Bonn grudgingly acknowledge that bilateral relations were ruffled by a series of incidents dating back to the 1990 crisis in the Middle East precipitated by Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

But they steadfastly maintain that Israel's strategic friendship with Germany was never really at risk and always remained on a solid footing.

Tensions rose due to a number of factors — the sale of German-manufactured dual-use technology to Iraq before the 1991 Gulf War; the upsurge of neo-Nazism and anti-Semitism in Germany; Germany's denial, under American pressure, of loan guarantees to Israel; Germany's refusal to make restitution payments to Israel on behalf of the now-defunct East Germany; and the decision by German Chancellor Helmut Kohl to receive Kurt Waldheim, the Austrian president with a dubious past.

The 1990-91 crisis in the Persian Gulf, with its sobering revelations that German firms had illegally transferred sophisticated, potentially potent equipment to Israel's arch enemy, Iraq, aroused fury in Jerusalem.

Embarrassed by the disclosures, Germany launched a fence-mending campaign. Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the then-foreign minister, declared that Germany regarded Israel's security and its right to exist as a "moral imperative."

Then, in a gesture of solidarity following the launching of Iraqi Scud missiles against Israeli cities, Genscher visited bombed-out neighborhoods in Tel Aviv. And, more importantly, he offered humanitarian aid, Patriot missiles, two Dolphin submarines and specially-equipped armored vehicles. The package was valued at DM 1.4 billion.

Germany's assistance to Israel, combined with its pledge of $11 billion (US) to help defray the costs of the Gulf War, eased strains considerably.

Hard feelings were also assuaged by the passage of revised legislation in Germany to curb the export of arms to renegade nations such as Iraq, the arrest of German businessmen who had been involved in these clandestine transactions, and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's official visit to Germany in September 1992, during which he met with Kohl, the then-president, Richard von Weizsacker, the new foreign minister, Klaus Kinkel, and Defence Minister Volker Ruhe.

But within months of this event, another problem emerged to cloud the horizon.

With neo-Nazi violence increasing, and anti-Semitic manifestations on the rise, the-then Israeli health minister, Haim Ramon, recommended that Israel recall its ambassador for consultations as a form of protest. At the same time, the-then Israeli education minister, Shulamit Aloni, urged Israeli tourists to boycott Germany.

Meanwhile, placard-carrying protestors demonstrated in front of the German embassy in Tel Aviv, accusing the German government of being lax in the fight against neo-Nazism and anti-Semitism.

Taken aback by these reactions, Kinkel paid a visit to Israel, his first. In an attempt to assure Israelis that Germany intended to combat right-wing radicalism, he said: "If the impression has been created that we in Germany are blind in our right eye, then I must say that this is not true."

Subsequently, Germany took concrete steps to curb neo-Nazi outrages, but some Israelis were skeptical. In July 1993, the outgoing Israeli envoy to Germany, Benjamin Navon was quoted as saying that growing anti-Semitism had imposed a severe strain on relations. He called on Germany to take serious measures to contain neo-Nazism.

Amid these crises, Israel and Germany were faced with the necessity of putting out a series of smaller political brush fires.

☐At the request of the United States, Germany withheld loan guarantees, reportedly in the order of nearly $6 billion (US), for immigrant absorption. "Credit guarantees for Israel are not acceptable under the current circumstances," said Heinrich Lummer, a spokesman for Kohl's Christian Democratic Union party. "So long as Israel builds settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories... Germany should give no support."

In the end, a compromise was struck, with Germany giving Israel DM 140 million in aid for road construction and water works projects.

☐On a visit to Bonn in March 1991, David Levy, Israel's then-foreign minister, asked Germany to assume responsibility for an East German pledge of restitution funds to Israel. The issue was never resolved, though Germany has forwarded several billion marks worth of such payments to Israel since the 1950s.

☐In the wake of Kurt Waldheim's reception in Germany, Levy scolded Kohl, and the Knesset held a special session to discuss the incident. Kohl shrugged off the incident, and it faded away, causing no discernible harm to German-Israeli relations.

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Although this relationship is haunted by the spectre of Nazi crimes against European Jewry, Israel's links with Germany are of the utmost importance, according to Miryam Shomrat, the second-ranking diplomat in Israel's embassy in Bonn, its largest in Europe. (Israel's ambassador was unavailable for an interview.)

"Due to the shadow of the Holocaust, you will never have 'normal' relations between Germany and Israel," she observed.

Nevertheless, as she pointed out, Israel's bilateral ties with Germany run "broad and deep" in fields ranging from trade to tourism.

A senior German diplomat, who has served in Israel and prefers to remain anonymous, agreed with her assessment.

"Despite the tensions of the past, the network of basic relations is strong and stable."

He added, "The real basis of our relationship is the interlocking grid of people-to-people ties, trade, political dialogue, tourism, youth exchanges and town twinnings."

Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Bonn, 1992.

It is not generally known that Germany is Israel's second biggest trading partner after the Unted States, and that Israel is Germany's chief trading partner in the Middle East.

In 1992, German exports to Israel totalled DM 3.2 billion. Israeli exports to Germany amounted to DM 1.4 billion. In the main, Germany sells machinery, cars and electronic and high-tech products to Israel. In turn, Germany buys computer technology, chemicals and fruits and vegetables from Israel.

With Israel and Germany putting the finishing touches on an economic agreement signed recently, the Israelis will certainly try to narrow the gap in their volume of trade with the Germans.

The passage of an anti-boycott law in Germany in July 1992 may well contribute to this process. The legislation, criticized by the Federation of German Wholesale and Foreign Trade, was keenly greeted in Israel. "We've had no complaints from Israel, so it must be working," said a German official.

German investments in Israel, primarily in hotels, banks and industry, are relatively substanial. One of the most prominent German investors is Ignatz Bubis, chair of the Central Council of Jews in Germany and a wealthy businessman. Among other things, he owns a 40 per cent chunk of the Sheraton Hotel in Tel Aviv.

Israeli investments in Germany, which are less weighty, are found mainly in computer technology.

Cultural relations are thriving, as evidenced by an eight-point protocol signed recently. "Interest in Israel and Jewish culture is genuine and is growing rapidly," a diplomat in Germany's embassy in Tel Aviv said last month.

Partnerships now link 87 German cities and districts with 62 Israeli localities, while German-Israeli youth exchanges involve 7,000 Germans and 3,000 Israelis.

Last year, 173,000 German tourists arrived in Israel, more than from any country except the United States. (By comparison, 38,000 Canadians and 170,000 Britons visited Israel.)

Defence cooperation between Germany and Israel appears to be growing.

Gen. Klaus Naumann, the chief of staff of the German armed forces, has visited Israel at the invitation of his Israeli counterpart, Gen. Ehud Barak, who recently repaid the visit. Barak thus became the first Israeli chief of staff to make an official trip to Germany.

Two years ago, the political director of Germany's defence ministry, Willy Weiner, paid a visit to Israel and revealed that the two countries are cooperating on security matters.

In 1993, the German defence minister was invited to Israel, and Rabin described his trip as a "further milestone" in German-Israel relations. Indeed, Rabin noted that Israel had better relations with Germany in the area of security policy than any other European country.

Observers believe that Germany purchases or has purchased Israeli weaponry, but details have not been divulged.

Viewed in its totality, Israel's bilateral ties with Germany can even be described as "special," notwithstanding surveys taken by the American Jewish Committee and *Der Spiegel* newsmagazine in 1991 and 1992 that indicated an increasing number of Germans reject that kind of relationship.

Addressing this issue, a German diplomat said that Germany has "special relationships" with only a few other nations apart from Israel — Russia, Poland, France and the United States.

Although Germany plays no leading role in the Middle East peace process, it takes part in the multilateral working group sessions on water resources, economic development, refugees, arms control and the environment.

Germany welcomed the September 1993 Declaration of Principles between Israel and the PLO. Germany has no official relations with the PLO, but the PLO maintains an observer's office in Bonn. In December 1993, the PLO's Yasser Arafat visited Bonn.

Together with other members of the European Union, Germany has extensive Palestinian aid programs in place in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Currently the largest European donor of assistance to the Palestinians there, Germany intends to open a representative office in the Palestinian autonomous areas. It will be an independent office, not affiliated with the German embassies in either Israel or Jordan.

In line with European Union policy, Germany opposes the presence of Jewish settlements in the territories. "They have no legal standing in international law and pose an obstacle to the peace process," a German diplomat said.

Germany, as well, does not recognize Israel's annexation of East Jerusalem, arguing that its final status can only be determined in Arab-Israeli negotiations.

Israel and Germany also hold differing opinions on Iran, an Islamic fundamentalist nation which does not even recognize Israel's existence.

Along with the United States, Israel wants to isolate Iran. But Germany, which has vital economic interests in Teheran, thinks that a "critical dialogue" with Iran can be of benefit to the entire region.

Mideast Analysis

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Germany has a new export control law which forbids the transfer of technology and equipment which could be used to build atomic, chemical and biological weapons of mass destruction.

Enacted about a year after the 1991 Gulf War, the legislation is aimed at loose-cannon countries like Iraq and Libya.

Miryam Shomrat, the second-ranking diplomat in the Israeli embassy in Bonn, believes that the law is exceedingly strict, certainly far stronger than that passed by any other country in Europe.

Nevertheless, Shomrat realizes that even the tightest controls are not foolproof "if people want to circumvent them."

This is precisely what happened following the passage of similar legislation in 1989. It was drafted in response to media disclosures that a German company had played a key role in the design and construction of a Libyan chemical factory in Rabta.

The 1989 curbs were contravened by private German companies. Their activities, of course, were illegal. But that didn't stop them from helping Saddam Hussein of Iraq to build a formidable war machine. Not only German firms were involved in these efforts. American, British, French, Austrian and Brazilian companies, among others, were implicated.

In any event, Iraq used German expertise in several related fields: to design, build and equip chemical weapons plants; to acquire deadly mycotoxins required in the production of biological weaponry; to develop its missile program; and to try to build a nuclear arsenal.

According to the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency, 13 companies, the majority German, supplied equipment for Iraq's ambitious nuclear program, including sophisticated machinery needed for the manufacture and assembly of centrifuge enrichment machines.

New German law

While government officials in Bonn maintain that the German companies were merely strands in an elaborate web of Iraqi contacts around the world, the fact is that German technology was crucial to Iraq.

Apart from know-how for the building of a gas centrifuge factory, German companies reportedly provided Iraq with ring magnets and a special grade of steel, both of which are vital in the production of nuclear weapons.

This was done illegally. However, Jurgen Moellmann, the former economics minister, has disclosed that some German companies acted legally in selling dual-use equipment to Iraq, which it used in its chemical and nuclear weapons programs.

According to the Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control, German firms sold many of the components which Iraq integrated into its Scud missile program. Anlagen Bau Contor supplied laboratory equipment; Aviatest built wind tunnels; Beaujean developed and supplied test stands for missile propulsion; BP, Carl Zeiss, Degussa and Tesa supplied training in missile electronics, wind tunnels and test facilities; Gildemeister provided machine tools, furnaces and control facilities; H&H Metalform supplied rocketry equipment and cylindrical presses; Heinrich Muller sold precision lathes; MBB and Transtechnica helped build a radar tracking station; Siemens supplied switching devices, transformers and electrical systems to control missile fuel production; Thyssen supplied turbo pumps.

Daimler-Benz, the automobile giant, was suspected of having sold heavy-duty trucks that Iraq converted into launching platforms for mobile Scuds.

A number of German businessmen were arrested in connection with illegally exporting equipment and materials to Iraq. But whether these arrests will be a deterrent in the future remains to be seen.

Under the new export control law, companies found guilty of violating its terms are subject to heavy fines, executives are subject to imprisonment, and judges are empowered to confiscate profits earned from illicit sales.

Will the legislation be effective? We will see. In the meantime, the words of German novelist Gunter Grass sound a warning: "When laws are passed to regulate the sending of arms to crisis regions, and nothing is done to enforce those laws, then those in political power are guilty."

Jewish leaders' meeting 'encourages' Zeitz-Pollard

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Esther (Elaine) Zeitz-Pollard of Toronto, who was reported to have married convicted spy for Israel Jonathan Pollard earlier this summer, said she was "very encouraged" by meetings she held here last week with President Ezer Weizman, Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron and Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu.

Elaine Zeitz-Pollard

Both Rabbi Bakshi-Doron and Netanyahu promised to visit Pollard in prison during their next visits to the U.S. and pledged firm support, Zeitz-Pollard said last Tuesday night.

She refused to divulge details of her private meeting with Weizman.

Zeitz-Pollard, a 39-year-old teacher of children with special needs, told the three that her husband is suffering from extreme conditions in his Butner, N.C. jail, where he is serving a life sentence, and that "he cannot go on much longer.

"My husband is a soldier who fought for Israel, was wounded, and was left in the field. It is inconceivable that at a time when Israel is freeing prisoners whose hands are drenched in the blood of innocent people, the man who did so much for [Israel] should be the one to stay in prison."

This past spring, U.S. President Bill Clinton denied a commutation of Pollard's sentence, despite intense pressure from groups around the world.

Palestinians rescue new Jewish resident

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — A new resident of the settlement of Talmon Bet, whose car broke down after he took a wrong turn near Ramallah and ended up surrounded by Palestinians throwing rocks at his car, was rescued by two Palestinians who took him in their car to the Ramallah police station.

"I was driving from Talmon to Jerusalem," said Ehud Gali, a National Religious Party activist and employee at the Chief Rabbinate, "when I took a wrong turn. My car broke down and I came under attack from a barrage of rocks. I got out of the car and walked in the other direction, and saw another group of Arabs coming at me with rocks."

Gali, who moved from Jerusalem to Talmon just last month, was unarmed. He said he confronted the Palestinians and asked what he had done, and that "it was in their interest" not to continue hurling rocks at his car.

"They asked if I was armed, and I said 'no,' that I would not do them any harm."

Gali, a veteran of an elite Army unit and who speaks fluent Arabic, said "all of a sudden a car came by and the two men inside told me to get in, that they would take me to Jerusalem. I asked if they were terrorists, or came to help. They said they were there to help."

Gali, who said he had gone through more harrowing experiences in the Army and as a member of the Golan settlement of Ramat Magshimim, when it was subjected to Syrian bombardment in the early 1970s, said, "I knew that I could not show I was frightened, that I could not panic. I understand the mentality."

Gali said the two men who picked him up were "very tense" because some of the Palestinians started running after their car. "They said that they were not going to take me to Jerusalem, but rather to the Army in Ramallah. They dropped me off at the police station and left.

"Everything is from Heaven," Gali said of the men who rescued him. "The whole incident is incredible."

Effi Arditti, deputy commander of the Judea District Police who confirmed that the incident took place, said Gali's car was found torched a short while later near Ramallah.

Comet blast foretold in Zohar: Lubavitcher

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — The comet fragments which struck Jupiter last month were a sign for all the world to see.

This, according to the International Campaign to Bring Moshiach, which last week issued a statement claiming the event was foretold in the Zohar, the 13th century Jewish mystical text.

Rabbi Shmuel Butman, chairman of the campaign and member of a follower of Lubavitch, said the smashing of fragments from the comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 into the planet Jupiter coincides with the arrival of the messianic era.

Rabbi Butman said the Zohar predicted that in messianic times the world would witness a "great fiery plume" streaking through space, striking a large planet "three times daily" and sending out "great flashes of light in all directions."

Twenty-one fragments from the comet struck Jupiter between July 16 and July 22, at an average rate of three per day. The dazzling light show produced by the impacts was broadcast on worldwide television.

The comet is believed to have been traveling through space for 4.5 billion years.

Rabbi Butman, a leader of the campaign to anoint the late Lubavitcher Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson, as the messiah, said the world should know that redemption is near.

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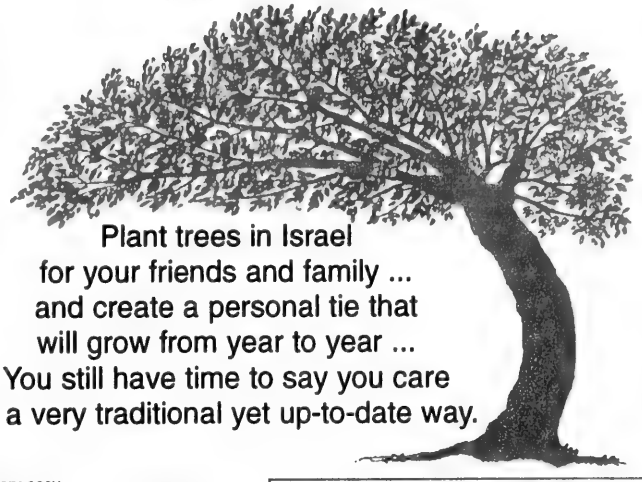

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World

Serbian Jews steering clear of nationalist politics

Children play in a Sarajevo park under the watch of UN peacekeepers. Serbia's Jewish community is laying low throughout the Bosnian crisis, preferring not to get entangled in the bloody three-way war. Life goes on, but anti-Semitism is never far below the surface. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

SUBOTICA, Yugoslavia — The Jews of Serbia, attempting to maintain a normal life against the backdrop of the Bosnian war, are steering clear of the nationalist politics that dominate discourse in all parts of the former Yugoslavia.

But, say community leaders, they feel isolated from the rest of world Jewry and are concerned that critical statements by foreign Jews about the Serbian role in Bosnia and Yugoslavia may boomerang back to harm the local Jewish community.

There has already been some evidence of officially inspired anti-Semitism in direct response to anti-Serb positions made by foreign Jewish organizations, the leaders say.

"There are Jewish organizations in the United States that are very critical of the Serbian role in the Yugoslav war," said David Albahari, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Yugoslavia.

Present-day Yugoslavia consists of the former republics of Serbia and Montenegro.

International Jewish organizations have the right to criticize, Albahari said in an interview during recent Holocaust commemoration ceremonies in the town of Subotica, on the Hungarian border.

"We are critical also," he said, referring to the private sentiments of many Serbian Jews.

But, he said, these organizations issue statements "that the Serbian press reprints in a way to make it seem that it is the Jews who are against the Serbs.

"This is leading to anti-Semitism, which unfortunately is becoming stronger," he said, citing as example the recent publication of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion in several publications.

He also said there have been "strong attacks on the Jews of the world on television and in the official newspapers."

"In the current situation, the Serbs explain everything in terms of a conspiracy against Serbs, so they speak about the international conspiracy of freemasons and Jews, and so on," he said.

"In such an atmosphere, it is easy to pick out Jews as targets. They fit easily into part of the 'conspiracy against the Serbs.' "

About 3,000 Jews live in the rump Yugoslavia. About 2,000 Jews live in the capital, Belgrade, and almost all the rest live in the Vojvodina province along the Hungarian border.

Many members of the community, particularly younger and middle-aged people, have left for Israel or elsewhere since the outbreak of the war in 1992.

Their departure has been somewhat countered, however, by the arrival in the community of Jewish refugees from Bosnia, and also by the formal affiliation of a number of younger Jews who had never before had formal contact with the community.

Serbia's Jews have attempted to maintain the full schedule of Jewish activities that went on before the war, despite physical isolation and hardships brought on by the UN sanctions.

The international community imposed sanctions as a result of Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic's military and financial support for the Bosnian Serbs.

The monthly Jewish Federation bulletin for July/August reads almost like any other community newsletter, describing the activities of the sisterhood, the formation of a Maccabee sports club, plans for sending young people to the Jewish summer camp in Hungary, Holocaust commemorations, renovation work at the Jewish museum, death notices, exhibitions and the like.

One section of the bulletin also tracks anti-Semitism, noting that, as in other countries, anti-Semitic material is turning up on local computer networks.

Serbia's Jews have only one rabbi, Cadik Danon, who is frail and elderly. A local young man is currently in Israel training for the rabbinate, and his return is eagerly anticipated.

"The new rabbi will mean a lot for the community," Albahari said. "The Jewish community here is predominately secular.

"He will be able to bring activity to religious life in Belgrade and all of Serbia," Albahari said. "I'm sure he will find the ways to deal with people who want to go to synagogue and have not done so before."

Albahari and other members of the community stressed that Serbia's Jews had to steer clear of politics.

"We've decided not to interfere in daily politics," said Judita, a teacher who gave only her first name.

"No one is in political parties. Of course we are all unhappy because of the war. We have opinions, but in public we are not political," she said.

According to Mira Poljakovic, the president of the Yugoslav Jewish Women's Organization, "It is very difficult to stay out of the war, but we Jews cannot be involved in politics.

"We are only Jews. We belong to the Jewish federation of the world; that's our world," she said, adding that "the war is not our business."

"Our first decision is that we cannot take sides," said Albahari.

"If we were to accept the idea that we were to be a political loudspeaker for the 'Serbian cause,' we realize that we would be simply abused. At least one thing we have learned from history is that sooner or later (Jews) will become a target whatever you say."

In addition, he said, "we wanted to show and to prove to important world Jewish organizations that they should not get involved politically in this situation by taking sides. Their role should be humanitarian."

Albahari said major Jewish organizations such as the Joint Distribution Committee, the Jewish Agency and the World Jewish Congress have "accepted our advice.

"They didn't issue political statements that could hurt anyone here, but are all the time still active in humanitarian operations," he said.

Albahari also said that Serbia's Jews feel isolated from the rest of the Jewish world. They feel that Jews outside refrain from direct contact because of their opposition to Serbian policy.

"One thing that keeps surprising us is that there are Jewish organizations and individuals who simply would not come here because it wouldn't be comfortable with their image.

"We haven't had (many) people coming here and asking us as Jews what about our needs, our concerns, on a Jewish level.

"They all went to Croatia, Sarajevo," Albahari said. "No one will ask people coming here to shake hands with Milosevic; but the Jewish community of Serbia should be of concern to the Jewish community of the world."

He and local leaders of the 200-member Subotica Jewish community said it was an illustration of the Serbian Jewish community's isolation that no fo[illegible] Jewish representatives, not even from neighboring Hungary, attended the two-day ceremony here last month, in which a monument was dedicated to the 4,000 Jews deported and killed in 1944.

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New anti-fascist coalition holds closed-door meeting

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — An anti-fascist coalition is being formed to fight neo-Nazi activities in Victoria but organizers have asked not to be identified to prevent possible reprisals.

"It sounds paranoid," one woman told the *Times-Colonist* newspaper, "but these are creepy people and you can't take them lightly. They are quite ruthless."

The coalition was launched at a closed meeting in Camosun College on July 26. Volunteers trained in "non-confrontational crowd control" were recruited for the meeting.

The CJN was told the Greater Victoria Regional District race relations committee is not officially involved with the coalition, but members of the committee were invited to participate.

Nor is there any official representation from Jewish organizations here, although the social action committee of Congregation Emanu-El was represented at the meeting.

A race relations committee official told *The CJN* he was annoyed the *Times-Colonist* announced the time and location of the meeting in advance. "It was like they were asking for trouble so they could get a few good pictures," he said.

The *Times-Colonist* reported that a pamphlet has been distributed throughout the city headlined: Shut 'Em Down. Kick the Fascist Canadian Front out of Victoria. The pamphlet says the city has recently been subjected to a wave of racist, neo-Nazi activity. Since June, "white supremacists have committed several disgusting acts of racial intimidation."

The pamphlet claims a group calling itself the Canadian Front has repeatedly plastered the windows of Everywoman's Bookstore with anti-choice posters, stickered the downtown area with swastikas, left calling cards at an East Indian restaurant and dropped bundles of anonymous racist leaflets around the University of Victoria campus.

The newspaper quotes one of the organizers of the anti-fascist group as saying much of the energy to counteract right wing groups has come from the university and Camosun, a community college.

"We have heard," the source reported, "that the neo-Nazis will be out in full force during the Commonwealth Games which open in Victoria on August 18."

The pamphlet has an illustration showing a hand pulling a weed out of the ground and a slogan saying: "There is a need to put out the fascist weeds or they will take over the whole garden. Pull 'em up before they take root."

The meeting was by invitation only. It was not a forum for neo-Nazis to speak, said the organizer. "We want to build alliances among people."

Media representatives were not allowed to attend.

THE WHOLE SHMEER
A new Israel Defence Force Engineering Corps soldier helps an elderly Russian newcomer decorate her apartment in Ashkelon. [IPPA Photo]

Bosnian Jewish business expands

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

ROME — The Menorah Club, a group of Bosnian Jewish refugees who a little over six months ago set up a business producing handmade yarmulkes, has had such success that it has expanded its operations.

The club, begun under the sponsorship of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, started with about 20 mainly elderly refugees who were staying at a Jewish refugee center in Makarska, on the Croatian coast.

Hundreds of Jews have fled Bosnia since war broke out over two years ago when Bosnia declared independence from the former Yugoslavia.

Today, the club has 33 members — all but two of them women — living and sewing in Makarska, in nearby Split, and in the Croatian capital of Zagreb.

"The club has enjoyed encouraging success, having supplied more than 2,200 skullcaps so far to various communities, organizations, and individuals in Belgium, Canada, France, Israel, the United Kingdom and the United States," said a JDC staff member involved in the project.

"So far, they have divided among them more than $7,000 (US) in wages. When all the orders are paid for, the total profits to date should reach $2,500 to $3,000," he said.

"We're swamped with work," Lenka Bilalagic-Montiljo, the leader of the Menorah Club, said in an interview published this month in the Sarajevo Jewish community's bulletin.

"Every member of the club makes 50 kipot a month," she said, adding that the best worker in the group is 90-year-old Slavica Bernard.

Those purchasing skullcaps demonstrate their concern for Bosnian refugees and their compatriots still living in Sarajevo, Bosnia's war-torn capital, said Bilalagic-Montiljo, adding they have orders from all over the world.

Bilalagic-Montiljo said that each skullcap costs about $7. Of that, half goes to the person who made it; $2 goes toward purchase of materials; and the remaining dollar goes to a fund for the restoration of the Split synagogue.

The kipot may be ordered — individually or in bulk — through the JDC, 711 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017, U.S.A. Fax: (212) 370-5467. Tel: (212) 687-6200, ext. 254. Attn: Myriam Feldman or Marion Krug.

Demonstration turns into riot

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TEL AVIV — Israeli police arrested some 25 ultra-Orthodox Jews in the Jaffa quarter of Tel Aviv last week after a demonstration against archaeological excavations turned into a riot.

The demonstration involving more than 100 people turned violent last Wednesday when protesters began attacking the police. Some of the protesters overturned a jeep belonging to the Antiquities Authority.

Most of those arrested were released by Wednesday evening, but a few were held in custody for further questioning.

The manager of the site, Yossi Levy, said the demonstration will not stop work on the dig.

Religious groups frequently have held protests at archaeological sites in recent months, claiming the remains being dug up were those of Jews.

But archaeologists at the Jaffa site say the graves being investigated are those of Muslims and Christians dating back to the Byzantine period.

A yeshivah student was arrested three weeks ago for allegedly stealing bones from the site after tying up and beating a guard.

The excavations are being carried out prior to the construction of several hundred new apartment buildings in the Jaffa quarter. Archaeologists are concerned that the construction will destroy all artifacts at the site.

The excavations in Jaffa, like those elsewhere in Israel, are permitted by the attorney general on condition that if human remains are found at any sites, they will be transferred to the Religious Affairs Ministry for examination and re-burial.

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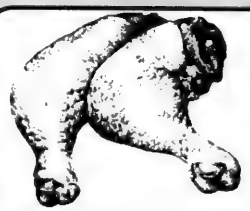

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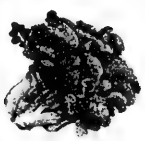

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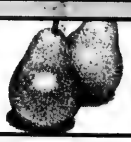

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Raising awareness of the 'deaf culture'

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Beverley Anker, 43, would like to bridge the gap between deaf and hearing people. She feels that hearing people "are afraid to communicate with us, or don't know how," she said during a recent interview at her North York home.

Anker, who became the first woman president of the Toronto Jewish Association of the Deaf (TJAD) last November, hopes that the upcoming 20th Bienniel National Congress of Jewish Deaf Convention will raise awareness of the "deaf culture" among members of the hearing community. Over 200 people have already registered for the convention, which will be held August 7-14 at the Sheraton Centre Hotel. Most of the registrants are North American, but there are some from as far away as England and Israel.

"Hearing people think we're different. We're not," says Anker, a mother of three teenagers (two hearing and one hard of hearing).

Beverley Anker

Anker has worked for the past 13 years as a data output clerk at American Express. A native of Montreal, she was educated at the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf before switching to a hearing school in junior high.

Anker, who was born deaf, can hear sounds such as background noises. She learned to speak at a young age, and while her speech lacks the intonation and precision of a hearing person's, it is no more difficult to understand than a foreign accent. She relies mainly on lipreading to understand hearing people.

Hearing people can enhance communication with deaf people by the use of written language, gestures and facial expressions, she said.

She is happy to have received a good education and proud that her parents raised her in a Jewish atmosphere, she said. After high school she worked for two years as a bookkeeper at a Montreal synagogue, where she learned a lot about Judaism, she added.

Anker moved to Toronto in 1973 with her then-husband. Divorced when their children were young, she remarried in 1987. Like Anker, her husband is both deaf and Jewish.

Although Anker says it's not uncommon to have a marriage in which both partners are deaf Jews, she notes that deaf Jews make up a small segment of the population, and she estimates that more than 40 per cent of deaf Jews are not involved with the Jewish deaf community. TJAD has a mailing list of about 140 people, representing a fraction of a percent of Toronto's Jewish community of 160,000. She noted that the upcoming convention is a place where singles can meet.

TJAD traces its roots back to the 1930s, when the late Joe Rosnick founded the Toronto Hebrew Association for the Deaf which became the Toronto Association for the Deaf in the late 1940s and ran as a secular group until last year.

In the 1960s Eddy Wiesblatt started a small group for deaf Jews, with Rosnick's encouragement. The club faltered in the mid-'70s, but with the help of volunteers from National Council of Jewish Women, who initiated the idea of restarting a group for the Jewish deaf, the club took off again a few years later. Because TTY (telecommunications for the deaf) had come into common use, the timing was opportune.

TJAD activities include social events and celebration of Jewish holidays. The group has received funding from B'nai Brith for the convention and is seeking additional funding to pay for interpreters for their general programming so that hearing people can participate. (All sessions at the convention will have an interpreter.)

"I'd like to welcome anyone to TJAD," said Anker. The group also hopes to have their own place to meet (currently they meet at Council House).

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A singles dance will be held as a fundraiser for TJAD by Sharyn's Singles Soirees on August 14, 8:30 p.m., at the Inn on the Park Hotel's Le Club. For further information call 416-733-9848.

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For information about the Jewish Deaf Convention, contact Anker at 416-496-0372 (TTY) or 905-940-7692 (fax).

WJCC approves 1994/95 budget

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Winnipeg Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The Winnipeg Jewish Community Council (WJCC) has approved a hold-the-line budget for 1994-95.

"Our total projected expenses for the next fiscal year [which runs from Sept. 1 to August 31] are $588,173," reports Jack Cipilinsky, the WJCCs director of finance. "That is about $1,000 less than last year.

"We want to make sure that we aren't increasing our budget when our revenues are decreasing. We also want to set an example for our beneficiaries. We have to lead the way."

Cipilinsky said that while there have been more donators in recent years, the overall monies raised by the annual fundraising campaign have decreased. Some large donors have left the city while others have passed away.

"We are making inroads," Cipilinsky reported. "The decrease in the campaign's revenues was slight and we hope to start turning it around."

Last year, he said, WJCC staff salaries were frozen. This year, staff members can look forward to a 1.5 per cent across the board raise plus an additional .5 per cent for some due to changes in job descriptions. To make up for the increase, Cipilinsky said WJCC planners reduced other lines.

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Book recounts Poles' heroism in helping to save Jews

By CELINE MIGDAL
Special to The CJN

MONTREAL — A collaboration between two unlikely partners, Tecia Werbowski, a Polish Jew and Irene Tomaszewski, a Polish Christian, has produced a book with the intriguing title of *Zegota*.

The book, launched recently at a gala reception at the Polish Consulate, is a compilation of remarkable stories of heroic deeds performed by ordinary people under conditions of extraordinary terror during the Nazi occupation of Poland. These Poles risked their lives and their families to save others.

Zegota was a code name by an underground organization in Poland during World War II, established for the purpose of saving Jews. During the war, secrecy was vital to its success and to the survival of its members. After the war, many members, including those of the Polish underground, deemed it wiser to remain silent, in order to be safe from the new terror of the Communist regime.

Werbowski, a social worker, arrived in Canada with her family in 1968 and met Tomaszewski last year after reading her article on the Warsaw Ghetto uprising in the *Toronto Star*. Tomaszewski, a Montreal writer, was 10 years old when she emigrated with her family to Canada after the war. She conceived the book with Werbowski because both wanted to break down the stereotype of the anti-Semitic Pole.

"What most people don't understand," said Tomaszewski, "is that helping Jews in Poland was not just an act of decency or moral courage — it also meant risking the lives of your children and family."

After their initial meeting, the two realized that they had the same goal in mind — to honor those courageous, forgotten heroes, who risked their lives for others.

The authors found many of the sources for the book through friends and acquaintances. Werbowski said she had tea many times with Polish friends in Montreal, and "I never knew some of these people were part of Zegota or that my father forged documents to help Jews escape, until I started working on this book with Irene."

The authors interviewed the rescuers and the rescued, both in Poland and North America, and researched wartime memoirs and texts.

Dr. Victor Goldbloom, Canada's commissioner of official languages said about the authors, "They have ensured that heroism and altruism will not be forgotten or ignored, that tragic and complex events will not be perceived simplistically or stereotypically . . ."

Malgorzata Dzieduszyscka, consul general of Poland, said in part, that the book celebrated a . . . "get together between Jews and Poles and marked a page in history not to be forgotten."

'He or she who saves one human life has saved humanity'

Pierre Sevigny, one of the keynote speakers at the reception, said that "this story should have been told long ago — it's not a pretty story, it's full of fears, tears and unbelievable cruelty, that of organized and premeditated genocide; but it's also a story of love — people who exposed themselves to death to save others."

He said that generations of today should know and learn from the past and see hope where there was none. "Against impossible odds, some men and women in Poland saw their duty in helping the helpless and they should be honored."

Alan Rose, executive vice-president for Canadian Jewish Congress, said that on behalf of the Jewish community he wanted to "pay homage to the ordinary men and women who faced the Nazi onslaught and risked their own lives to save Jews in Poland. He or she who saves one human life — has saved humanity."

Also addressing the assembled guests was Michael Price, the publisher of *Zegota* and Dr. Ilona Gruda, of the Jewish Polish Heritage Foundation.

Shulamit Zabinska, who arrived in Montreal from Vilna four years ago, remembers fondly her protectors and friends Weronika Stankiewicz and Julia Stanilko. "Without their help, I would not be here; Julia brought food for my family in the ghetto, slipping it under a gate. Some Poles did that; otherwise we would all have starved. And Weronika sheltered me together with her old, ill mother in a one-room cabin, when I escaped from the ghetto — when to help a Jew meant certain death. And she nursed me back to health when I was released from Stutthof concentration camp, ill with tuberculosis, because my entire family perished in the Holocaust," she said. "It's important to honor those few who had the courage to stand up to Nazi tyranny and help the victims. Their dedication and humanity must not be forgotten but must be an inspiration to future generations."

Richard Kalinowicz a former member of Zegota who now lives in Montreal with his wife Irene, two children and four grandchildren, was able to pass for a non-Jew because of his appearance and linguistic abilities and assumed many nationalities in order to help other Jews escape and hide from the Nazis. He said that Zegota was instrumental in helping hundreds if not thousands of Jews by forging passports, arranging for shelters and false food cards and smuggling some Jews through Nazi lines.

One time, he recalls, he impersonated a Swiss Red Cross Official. Carrying a false passport, he boldly entered a labor camp. "The Nazis saluted me, they were good at that, . . . and I took out Jurek Hamerschmidt, a Jew. He was very frightened; I had to tell him to walk slowly, not to run . . . it was very close." Poles and Jews cooperated in Zegota and worked as one. "We all felt that we were simply members of the human race," he said.

A petition to President Lech Walesa of Poland to honor Polish citizens who were members of Zegota was signed by many of the well-wishers, Jews and Poles, who filled the main reception room of the consulate for the book launch.

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Camp offers program for special needs children

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

BALFOUR BEACH — Andrea Cohen, 22, has been spending her summers at Camp Katonim on Lake Simcoe from the time she was a toddler. So it was only natural for her, when she landed a summer job working with a special needs child, to take her young charge back to the site where she had been a camper, counsellor and head of the waterski program.

That experience two years ago was the impetus for what has become known as the SCIP program (Summer Camp Integration Project) which Cohen now runs at the camp.

Michael Forbes, now 8, has been joined by three other special needs children, and there are now five SCIP facilitators, most of whom are university students.

Michael uses a wheelchair because of cerebral palsy (CP), a condition caused by brain damage at or before birth, resulting in muscle spasticity and/or weakness. He communicates by using a book of pictures and symbols, and uses body language to indicate yes (by kicking his legs) or no (by turning his head).

Cohen, a Kinesiology student entering her fourth year at MacMaster University in Hamilton, met Michael when she taught swimming at the Hugh MacMillan Rehabilitation Centre in Toronto.

She had become interested in working with special needs children as a high school student in Toronto while working at CARD (Community Association for Riding for the Disabled). At the time she wanted to be a veterinarian, but by her second month at CARD she was saying, "Forget the horses. I want to work with the kids."

Katonim camper Michael Forbes, 8, enjoys splashing in Lake Simcoe with facilitator Andrea Cohen. [Frances Kraft photo]

Her goal of having campers and staff communicating with Michael by using his book was realized within three days, Cohen recalls. "Of course, our number one goal is having fun," she said, and fun means participating in every camp activity, just like the other boys in his group.

Instead of standing on waterskis, Michael sits on Cohen's lap in a plastic "ski basket." For tennis, he uses a walker which allows him to move quickly, while Cohen holds the raquet with him. On the beach, he sits in a low plastic chair to play in the sand, and gets one-on-one attention in the water.

Michael travels to camp on the regular camp bus, where he uses a car seat. (Although Katonim, a predominantly Jewish day camp, was started 49 years ago for children of local cottagers, in recent years children have been bussed in from Toronto, one hour away.) "I didn't want a wheelchair bus," said Cohen, who wants Michael's experience to be as much like that of the other campers as possible.

"I wanted it to not be any trouble for the camp," she says. Indeed, Katonim had to make very few accommodations for its first wheelchair user.

Ramps were already in place to accommodate strollers for preschoolers. Only one physical change was necessary: the beach changerooms were not previously wheelchair accessible.

The kids welcomed him "with open arms," said Cohen. "Michael was the perfect kid to break down the walls. He can give a lot to the camp, and he can get a lot from the camp."

Rob Fishbaum, camp director, says the SCIP program has been "good for everyone." Recently he saw two campers talking about pushing Michael's wheelchair. "I want a turn," said the first one. "You can't just have a turn," said the second. "You have to ask Michael if it's okay."

Cohen believes that Michael's integration was made easier because so many of the children knew her from previous years and because she and Michael were open to answering all of their questions.

Currently she is working on a children's book based on Michael's experience at Katonim. SCIP program volunteer Michael Anthony, a high school student with a mild form of CP is working on the book with her.

"Michael likes the beach," a smiling Michael tells *The CJN*, targeting the appropriate pictures in his book.

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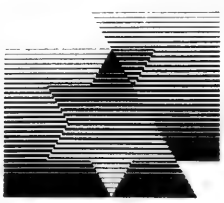

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Expert: peace will continue to unfold

By PHILLIP FINE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The Mideast peace process, barring some major upheaval, is irreversible, an Israeli foreign affairs official said recently.

At a downtown lunch-time discussion sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada's Institute of International Affairs, Dr. Yehoyada Haim said that, despite the concerns that still exist, the path to peace will continue to unfold, simply because there is little likelihood of war.

He believes the developing middle class in Arab lands seeks a stability that makes it unlikely their countries will go to war.

"Today, for the Saudis and the Gulf countries, the Palestinian issue is not an issue," the Israeli official told the group.

Haim said that Israel still has many questions about the outcome of the fledgling experiment in Palestinian self-rule.

For one thing, he said, there is concern over whether Yasser Arafat will be able to change the Palestine Liberation Organization from a terrorist group to a functioning government.

And some have misgivings about Arafat's ability to become democratic enough for those Palestinians who have developed a taste for democracy through contact with Israel.

Turning to recent developments, Haim said Jordan's desire for American aid was the main reason King Hussein decided to come to the peace table. However, the result is that Israel will now be able to discuss such contentious issues as borders and water.

With Syria, Haim believes peace negotiations will not progress because Damascus will always insist that Israel first withdraw from the Golan Heights.

But Syria, he explained, is not likely to take up the cudgels, since Russia will no longer supply it with weapons.

Helping ORT gives volunteer naches

Ruth Druxerman (left), immediate past president of Toronto Women's ORT, hands a plaque to Lily Silver, honoree at the recent 1994 Golden Circle luncheon. [Graphic Artists Photo]

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Lily Silver, honoree at Toronto ORT's Golden Circle Luncheon held recently at the home of Florence and Sydney Cooper, praised the organization for giving her such naches.

Silver, formerly of Toronto, is a past president of Toronto Women's ORT and a member of the executive of Women's ORT in Jerusalem where she now resides.

"I am proud to be part of an organization which has allowed people in Israel to learn a trade or profession and become independent. To this day, I marvel at what ORT does. Since I've lived in Israel, I am happy to see that it is prestigious to be an ORT student. In Israel, an ORT student is a somebody," she said.

In her honor, a $50,000 (US) Lily Silver Perpetual Scholarship will be established at the Joseph Harmatz School of Engineering on the campus of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

David Hermelin, president, World ORT Union and keynote speaker at the luncheon said that we all share the same love affair with ORT.

"If ORT did not already exist," he said, "the Jewish people today would have invented it. It is unbelievable that this philosophical movement has always been productive and carried us through the time in Eastern Europe.

"There are many successful people in the world who say their life began in displaced persons' camps with ORT."

He said that with 400,000 ORT graduates in Israel, there is probably no family that has not been touched by the organization.

"When the Soviet Union opened its doors or the Ethiopians came to Israel, who taught them?" he asked. "ORT is in the forefront of all those activities. ORT is everywhere, and where there are Jews, there is ORT."

Hermelin said that ORT is also in the forefront of computer literacy and using ORTNET, Jews everywhere can hook into programs on Hebrew, Jewish customs or Chumash.

He said that the price of success however "is that we need working capital and ORT is the best deal for the money. Be part of an ORT project because an independent economy is a strong building block for peace in Israel."

Ruth Druxerman, immediate past president of Toronto Women's ORT and a co-chair of the Golden Circle Luncheon with Helen Friedman said that this 20th year of successful Golden Circles is the biggest year yet.

Pins were given out to Golden Circle donors and a top fundraising award was given to Bertha Dermer, national Golden Circle chair and past president, Toronto Women's ORT.

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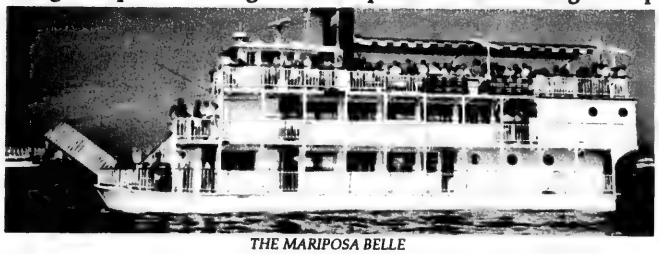
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Karen Eltis, fourth from left, learned firsthand what it's like to be a Surete du Quebec police officer under a summer program for young people from ethnic and native communities.

Montreal teen goes on beat with Quebec provincial police

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — For six weeks this summer, Karen Eltis — a nice Jewish girl from Cote St. Luc — patrolled the highways of the North Shore with the Surete du Quebec (SQ) and got an insiders' look at how crime is solved.

Eltis, 18, was one of eight young people from ethnic and native communities chosen for a program designed to "demystify" the work of the provincial police and to develop "ambassadors" within their respective communities.

The Marianopolis College graduate spent four of the six weeks with the SQ's Lachenaie post, going out in the cruiser every day with her partner, officer Claude Lavoie. She manned the radar and took fingerprints.

Highlights included an all-night search in the woods for a missing pregnant woman, and talking a youth out of suicide.

In these situations and elsewhere, she said she was struck by the patience and devotion of the police. "It really opened my eyes," she said.

"I never would have foreseen the profound manner with which these six weeks have affected me, nor imagined the value of the cultural exchange that took place," said Eltis, a poised young woman soon to begin studying political science at McGill University. She hopes to become a lawyer.

She said she was welcomed with kindness and understanding by the officers at her post. She entered the program expecting to face certain prejudices.

"On the contrary, I was completely accepted, but I was happy to find a number of the police were well-informed about the Jewish people," she said. All encouraged her to share with them her reality, while she learned about theirs.

Eltis is fluent in French, having graduated from Herzliah High School's francophone section. Her parents, born in Romania, are from Israel.

The program, now in its fourth year, has a two-part objective: these young people will return to their communities with a new and hopefully positive view of the SQ, and the officers they work with will gain insight into the cultures of minorities and aboriginals.

Although not its main goal, the program — called Projet Defi 2000 — may also spark an interest in a police career. The SQ acknowledges that those who are not old-stock francophones are under-represented on the 4,500-member force. No Jews are known to be on the SQ, and Eltis was the first Jewish youth to participate in Defi 2000.

Eltis now plans to go into Jewish schools, possibly with an SQ officer, and talk about police work. She would also like to bring Jewish kids up to her Lachenaie station.

"Police work has always fascinated me," she said. Active in Jewish student causes, she has noticed the police often on duty at rallies. "But they are always seen from afar. There is little communication. We don't understand each other's culture; there are a lot of misconceptions."

For Defi 2000, the SQ looks for young people 18 and over who are in college, knowledgeable about their communities and able to speak and write French well. They must receive a recommendation from a leader of their community. Eltis's was written by Rabbi Reuben Poupko of Beth Israel Beth Aaron Congregation.

The eight candidates, known as stagiaires, spent three days at the SQ's Montreal headquarters on Parthenais Street and the police academy in Nicolet before being sent to their posts.

The stagiaires worked 40-hour weeks and were paid according to government scale. They were, of course, unarmed and were not taken along on patrol when there was any danger, said community relations director Lt. Louis Boudreault. They cannot, however, be shielded from such unpleasant facts as traffic accidents.

"This is not a holiday," he said. "They are expected to earn their pay."

The stagiaires wore the regular SQ khaki pants and black boots, but were set apart by their white T-shirts.

Both Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith have given the program a thumbs-up as an effective means of promoting rapprochement.

The other stagiaires this year were from the Lebanese, Salvadoran and Nicaraguan communities, and the Algonquin and Montagnais bands.

Hooked on learning

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At the Institute for Jewish Learning (IJL), Chevra, which means friends or community, uses a curriculum developed by the Florence Melton Centre at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

A two-year, comprehensive overview of Judaism, it is described by Mark Charendoff, IJL director, as "a kind of conversion course for people who are already Jewish."

For thirty weeks a year, on Tuesday evenings, the class members explore their roots. After the first few sessions they are hooked on Jewish learning and connect as a close social group.

But the real heart of the program's success is the faculty. They inspire the students to become independent Jewish learners — to explore and to experience, to challenge and define what Judaism means to them. The curriculum has expanded outside the actual classroom to include experiences such as Shabbat dinners, sessions in a sukkah and Chanukah parties.

The graduating class has requested that the program be expanded to include a third-year program for those wishing more advanced studies. "We've only just begun to crack the surface," one student explains. They have already begun what they call Chevra III: The Year After, in which they will continue with their weekly studies.

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Organizations and People

What's New

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication. Thursday, August 4, is deadline for August 18 issue, and Thursday, August 11, is deadline for August 25 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Friday, August 5

AFTERNOON MUSIC

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** presents a program of dancing and popular music 2-3 p.m. at Lincoln Place, 429 Walmer Rd.

Sunday, August 7

JEWISH STORYTELLING

Jewish storytelling for adults takes place 7:30 p.m. at Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Rd. (Bathurst-Glencairn). Everyone is welcome to tell or listen to Jewish stories. Pay-what-you-can donation at the door. For information, 440-1330.

Tuesday, August 9

WOMEN AND TORAH STUDY

The Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Study's series, Just For Her: Women's Unique Place in Judaism, concludes with Women and Torah Study with **Shoshana Zolty**, author of *And All Your Children Should Be Learned*, 10-11 a.m., Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. For information, (905) 889-6066.

THE SCRIBAL ARTS

JEP/Ohr Somayach Toronto summer series for men and women, entitled Practical Judaism, continues with The Scribal Arts, a multi-media journey through the world of Torah, tefillin and mezuzot by **Rabbi Zvi A. Fleissher**, highly respected sofer, 8 p.m. at 2939 Bathurst St. $3 donation per lecture. For information, 785-6899.

Thursday, August 11

THE YIDDISH GYPSY VIOLIN

Skylight Theatre and Nathan Garnick Productions present *The Yiddish Gypsy Violin*, a musical review in Yiddish, Hebrew, English and Russian. Program features music by the Musical Ledgend Ensemble — **Michael Ziskind** (violin), **Igor Ziskind** (flute), **Eduard Kagansky** (accordion); dance with **Alexei Fateyev** and the Kalika Dancers; songs by singer/guitarist **Eleonora Cheloznova**, tenor **Igor Portnoi**, and pianist/singer **Nina Shapilsky**; comedy, Learning Yiddish with Humor, with **Naphtoli Gimel**. Producer and director is **Nathan Garnick**, with co-producer and emcee **Richard Bassett**, artistic coordinator **Mary Goldlust**, and artwork by **Marvin Schiff**.

Nathan Garnick

It all takes place in the Barry Zukerman Amphitheatre in Earl Bales Park, matinee 4 p.m., evening 7 p.m. Box office opens one hour before each performance. In case of rain, 7 p.m. peformance only at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

And What Else Is New...

JEWISH HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS

People in our community need your help. The Jewish Hospice Program is looking for committed and caring volunteers to provide in-home practical assistance and support to Jewish persons and their families during the final stages of a terminal illness. If you are searching for a challenging experience, this may be your opportunity. Through training you will acquire new skills and work with a health care team dedicated to ensuring quality care. If you are interested, call **Renee Montpellier**, volunteer coordinator, Jewish Hospice Program, 635-2860.

POOLSIDE BARBECUE AND DANCE

The Jewish Student Federation, Jewish Students Council, Jewish Students Union and Jewish Students' Network will be hosting a Splash Dash at the Jewish Community Centre Valley branch. The night of wet'n wild entertainment is Sunday, August 14, beginning at 8 p.m. The cost for this bit of summer fun is $5. Good food and drink will be available inside. There will also be a draw for a surprise door prize. A wrist band policy will be in effect. Kindly note that "outta control" type of fun is encouraged, but please don't drink and drive. For information, **Dave** or **Susie** at JSF, 736-5178 or **Mike** at JSC, 636-1880, ext. 365.

CREATIVE DANCE

Jacque Foesier, director of the Koffler Centre School of Dance at the Jewish Community Centre, says children ages 6-8 enjoy an enriching and fun experience by exploring their potential, learning to use tools such as space, music, movement, pathways, energy levels, direction and expression in movement. The Creative Dance program allows children to develop, through exploration of their own creative ability, while they learn how to make their own statements. For complete information about all courses, call 636-1880, ext. 273 or 359.

SHABBAT SERVICES IN THE CITY

The Downtown Reform Minyan continues Shabbat services at 902 Bathurst St. in the meeting room of Family Realty, Saturday, August 6, 10 a.m.; Friday, August 12, 7:15 p.m.; Saturday, August 20, 10 a.m.; Friday, August 26, 7:15 p.m. Everyone welcome. Also, extensive High Holy Day program in the Bloor-Avenue Rd. area is offered. For information, 633-2912 or 422-1266.

STUDENTS HEADING TO B.C.

If you are a university or college student who will be attending the University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University or any of the colleges in Vancouver and the surrounding area and would like information about Jewish activities on campus and in the larger Vancouver community regarding High Holiday services, housing and such, call **Esther**, (905) 764-5565.

USDS BAYVIEW EXTENDED PROGRAM

United Synagogue Day School (USDS) Bayview extended day program is looking for experienced staff to work with children Grades senior kindergarten to 6, in the after school program, Mondays-Thursdays 3:30-6 p.m. Your background will include knowledge of sports, arts and crafts and cooperative games. Call **Stephen** or **Robyn**, 493-2423.

HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

The Ben A. Himel Borochov Cultural Centre and Kol Yisroel Congregation, 272 Codsell Ave., announce that tickets for High Holy Day services are now on sale. Services are held in the newly renovated, air-conditioned hall and seats are reserved. Phone 630-9444 for reservations.

PREPARING FOR SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

Jewish Vocational Service is offering students at junior high school level (Grades 6-8) an opportunity to develop skills to improve school performance and become more effective, efficient learners. Students will learn listening and organizational skills as well as practical strategies for note-taking and test-writing. The four-session workshops of 1½ hours each are offered daily August 23-26, morning or evening, at a cost of $95. Pre-registration required. Call for information, 787-1151.

KIDS-ON-THE-BLOCK VOLUNTEERS

Kids-On-The-Block is a puppet group that teaches children about various disabilities and accepting others who are different. Volunteers are trained to perform shows using child size puppets in various schools during the school year. Call Volunteer Centre-North York, 631-6117.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering the following groups — Looking Ahead (discuss anger, loneliness and looking ahead, begins Oct. 4); Positive Parenting (pre-schoolers, school age, pre-teens and teens, begins in October); Widows/Widowers (discuss coping with grief, living alone, changing relationships and new beginnings, starts Wednesday, Oct. 5). For information concerning fees and registration, **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

JEWISH COUPLES BOWLING

Attention, soon to be married and newly married couples! Come out and join the fun with Jewish Couples Bowling and Social Club. Come and meet new friends. **Janice**, (905) 472-8521.

SENIORS' JUBILEE CONCERTS

There's no business like show business for hundreds of talented seniors featured in the sixth annual Royal Bank Seniors' Jubilee Concerts '94. Over 800 seniors in over 80 acts from 45 different communities will take the stage at Roy Thomson Hall August 15, 16, 17 and 18. The Jubilee is a true variety show featuring singing, dancing, music, comedy, cabaret, novelty acts and more. Doors open at 11 a.m. for lobby entertainment, and stage presentations begin at 1 p.m. For tickets, 872-4255.

BREASTFEEDING INFORMATION

The North York Public Health Department holds a week-long information campaign called Breastfeeding — Anytime, Anywhere; August 1-7. Public health nurses will provide information and discuss problems and practical tips for breastfeeding moms at displays at Bayview Village, Sheppard and Bayview, August 4, 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and at Fairview Mall, Sheppard and Don Mills, August 5 and 6, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

VENDORS WANTED

Vendors wanted — hand made crafts of all kinds, as well as interesting collectibles and antiques, for Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am's Craft and Collectibles Show, Sunday, Nov. 6, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., 55 Yeomans Rd. Contact **Phyllis Wasserman**, 223-5934 or **Jean Bernholtz**, 787-9039.

PRESCHOOL FINE ARTS PROGRAM

Children 2½-5 and a caregiver are invited to join Hillcrest Library's creative arts program, Wednesdays and Fridays, August 10-26, 10:30-11:30 a.m. The emphasis is on enjoying the process of creating art, encouraging each child to develop self-confidence and individuality while experimenting with a wide range of materials. Library is at 5801 Leslie St. $24 fee. Call 395-5830 to register.

DOCUMENTARY SCREENED

Members of the New Leadership Group of the Jerusalem Foundation of Canada (Toronto) celebrated a successful evening at the Film House, where the screening of the documentary, Black to the Promised Land, successfully raised more funds for the group's Nurit Street Playground Project in Jerusalem. From left are Alisa Siegal; Andrew Kerzner; Mark Buck; Glenn Gold, NLG co-chair; Connie Putterman, NLG co-chair; Renee Wortzman, executive director; and Ted Perlmutter.

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER

Joseph Grossman (right) received the Baycrest Centre Men's Service Group (MSG) President's Award as oustanding volunteer. Presentation was made by immediate past president Ted Waldman at the MSG annual general meeting and installation of officers and executive. [BDS Studios]

YAD VASHEM AWARD

Canadian Society for Yad Vashem presented a plaque to Marylyn Light (centre), chair, Beth Tzedec Holocaust Memorial Committee, in appreciation of the many educational programs the committee co-sponsored with the Society at the synagogue. Making the presentation are Dr. Joel Dimitry, national chair, and Miriam Gelbloom, co-chair, Canadian Society for Yad Vashem.

LOW-FAT LIVING PROGRAM

North York Branson Hospital's Centre for Health Promotion announces the new Think Light — Low-Fat Living Program will begin this fall. The program is designed for individuals who wish to improve their health by lowering the amount of fat and cholesterol they currently consume in their daily diet. For information, **D. Dunn**, director, Centre for Health Promotion, 635-2500.

CANCER SOCIETY BOARD MEMBERS

The North York West unit of the Canadian Cancer Society urgently needs leadership volunteers to fill two challenging seats on its board of directors. The positions require individuals with the skills to develop goals and objectives, prepare an annual budget, and effectively manage a committee.

Volunteers are also needed to help plan an upcoming major special event. For details, **Arlene Tubman**, 636-0421.

for seniors

Rendezvous for Seniors, a non-profit organization working in cooperation with Harborfront Centre to provide educational, recreational and cultural programs for older adults, presents Heritage Day, Wednesday, August 10, with programs taking place in the Brigantine Room, Water's Edge Cafe, the Breezeway throughout the day. The Jewish Community Centre Singers will be performing 12:45-1:45 p.m. in the Brigantine Room. For information, 973-3000.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). For information, 661-4689 or 783-9453.

LZA Seniors Club next luncheon meeting is Wednesday, August 17, at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. A few seats are available for the Lake Simcoe cruise Wednesday, August 24. Also, seats are available for the Stratford visit to see *Pirates of Penzance* Wednesday, Oct. 12. A trip to Washington, D.C. is planned Oct. 30-Nov. 3. Registration is being taken for Miami trips. Phone **Libby**, 782-2059 or **Belle** 633-5841.

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What's New

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Lifestyle Retirement Communities Forest Hill Place lecture series, Topics in International Relations, with **Morton Manilla** continues Thursday, August 11, with Unity and Nationalism in Europe, 2 p.m. at 645 Castlefield Ave. Addmission free but early reservations requested. For information or registration, **Gloria Gibbins**, 785-1511.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club's opening luncheon is Monday, August 22, 12:30 p.m. The Israeli trip has been extended to three weeks, Oct. 31-Nov. 21. Registration is still open for the two Stratford trips, Sept. 29 to see *Twelfth Night* and Oct. 18 to see *Cyrano de Bergerac*. For information on programs and trips, **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club busy schedule includes — Saturday dance August 6, 7-10 p.m. (members free, non-members $1); Sunday dance with live band in the Community Centre, August 7, 7:30-10:30 p.m. (members $4, non-members $5); overnight casino trip to Windsor Tuesday, August 9 (members $95, non-members $100); the movie *The Jolson Story*, Wednesday, August 10, 2 p.m. (members free, non-members $1); barbecue party Sunday, August 14, 1-4 p.m. (buy tickets in advance); Niagara-on-the-Lake and the Falls trip Tuesday, August 23 ($18); bingo every Tuesday, 1-3 p.m.; ballroom dancing class every Thursday, 2-3:30 p.m. (free to members). For information on day trips to Stage West Oct. 12 and *Show Boat* Oct. 19 and all activities and trips, 395-7881.

Young at Heart Seniors is arranging a trip to the Washington Holocaust Memorial and tour Oct. 16 for five days. Package deal $484 double occupancy includes bus, Ramada Plaza Hotel and medical. **Doreen** or **Helen**, 635-6343.

During August, **Club Hadar** meets Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2, for Bible study, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. Call **Viola Landman** (905) 886-2625.

Sunrise Group upcoming trips — Las Vegas in November; Cincinnati New Year, Dec. 29-Jan. 1; Florida Jan. 14-27 ($799). **Esther**, 223-9165 or **Ida**, 636-8696.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

August is Membership Awareness Month at the Centre and a variety of exciting events are scheduled including Open House, August 17; New Members' Tea, August 22, Weekly Coffee Corner and several trips. If you would like more information and a tour of the Centre, call **Helen Issenberg**, 225-2112.

Also, you are invited to picnic Tuesday, August 23, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Earl Bales Park Area 3. Bring lunch and family. There'll be entertainment, refreshments, prizes and more. RSVP at the Information Desk.

Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) Music Appreciation presents classically trained baritone **Kevin Drizen** in an Afternoon with the Classics singing the music from operas, **Mozart** and **Schubert**, Monday, August 8, 1 p.m. Members $1, non-members $2. For information, **Bookie Kwart**, 225-2112.

A reminder that Changing Families: Towards the 21st Century, a four-session series with **Benjamin Schlesinger**, professor emeritus, School of Social Work, University of Toronto, begins Tuesday, August 9, 10 a.m. and continues August 16, 23, 30. Series is sponsored by LLI and Awareness Project on Abuse of the Elderly. Members $1 each class, non-members $2. Pay at the door but sign up at Information Desk to reserve your place. For information, **Bookie** or **Sheila**, 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. A fifth anniversary party with full course dinner and entertainment is set for Oct. 5. Tickets available at the Centre. For information, **Anna**, 225-2112.

The movie *Sleepless in Seattle* will be screened Sunday, August 7, 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members $1.

The Wednesday social August 10 features an afternoon of song with **Jeff King**, 1:30 p.m. Members $3, non-members $4.

GIFT OF CLOTHING

Motti and Rachel Shlagbaum, owners of Slack's Wholesale, holding presentation made to them by Emunah Women of Toronto in gratitude for shipments of children's clothes sent from their store to Neve Michael Children's Village in Pardes Chana, Israel. The centre for disadvantaged children is supported and maintained by Emunah Women. The presentation was made at a brunch held recently in their honor.

PAYING TRIBUTE

Shown above are eight boys and girls from the Secular Jewish Association Children's School who, on the occasion of their bar/bat mitzvah and as part of the heritage education program on the Holocaust, paid tribute to the six million who perished during the Holocaust by saying a few words and laying a flower at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Earl Bales Park. Program was coordinated with the Canadian Society For Yad Vashem. Pictured front row (from left) Matthew Kutler, Jarrod Bines, Renee Kutler, Adam Levy, Corrie Goldfinger, Jeremy Freed. Back row (from left) Ernest Rabb, artist; Goldie Raab; Alex Eisen, Society vice-chair; Eva Goldfinger, the school coordinator; Jessica Palter; Fiona Forman; and Melissa Harendorf.

About People

ASSOCIATED STAFF APPOINTMENTS

The appointment of **Randy E. Spiegel** to the newly-created position of coordinator, Capital Projects and Public Relations, was recently announced by **Sheldon Goodman**, president of Associated Hebrew Schools. Spiegel comes to Associated from the endowment fund division of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto with extensive experience as well as a deep involvement in the Jewish community.

Promoted to the new position of executive director is **Arthur Landa**, who for the past five years has served as executive administrator.

Rabbi Abraham Soffer, educational director, as well as **Arthur Tannenbaum**, executive vice-president who recently completed 21 years at AHS, continue in their executive capacities with the school.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE

A poetic tribute to artist **Ken Danby**, created by **Martin H. Kramer** at the request of the Lung Association (Ontario), was presented at the Association's recent annual meeting. The poem, printed on parchment and specially framed, was well received, and there are plans to involve Kramer with the promotion of several chapter events.

CFHU TORONTO PRESIDENT

Jack Frieberg, co-owner of the WTF Group, a real estate development/management company, has been elected president of the Toronto chapter of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University (CFHU). He succeeds **Stephen Diamond.**

Jack Frieberg

The chapter's new executive committee is comprised of **Elaine Solway** and **Daniel Halbert,** vice-presidents; **Elana Fleischmann,** secretary; **Steven Warsh,** treasurer; and **Mark Diamond** and **Michael Silver** as members-at-large. New board members are **Ira Bond, Lou Goelman, Howard Irving, Candace Kimel, Cary Solomon, Harvey Coleman, Bayla Gross, Jerry Levitan** and **Stephen Sandler.**

APPEAL FOR SOLDIERS

The Beth Jacob v'Anshe Drildz Synagogue held its annual Shavuot Yizkor Appeal for the benefit of the soldiers of Israel and were presented with a certificate for their untiring efforts by the Association for the Soldiers of Israel. From left are Joseph Joseph, vice-president; Joseph Rosenthal, treasurer; Sam Favish, chair of the appeal, seen accepting the certificate; Irving Matlow of the ASI, pictured accepting the generous proceeds; and Rabbi Moses Burak, spiritual leader of Beth Jacob v'Anshe Drildz Synagogue. [Graphic Artists photo]

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"Floating Jewish Singles" 40-65. Oneg Shabbat Friday Aug. 12/94 at 8 p.m. at Pride of Israel Synagogue, Bathurst St. S. of Steeles. Refreshments following services. Bring a friend

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Sharyn's Singles Soirees presents **Charity Evening Dance**, ages 28-40's. Sun. Aug. 14 8:30 p.m. _$15. "Le Club" Inn On The Park. Proceeds to "TJAD" Toronto Jewish Association Of The Deaf.

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Baycrest's new program provides client liaison

TORONTO — Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care has recently established a new Client Representative Program.

Although client representatives are often found in acute care facilities, they are new to long-term care institutions. Baycrest has a long-standing commitment to soliciting feedback either directly from clients or through councils, forums and staff consultations.

The new service, available to recipients of Baycrest's many programs and services, will enhance these channels by providing an independent liaison to whom people have direct access.

"As their representative, I'm here to offer clients and their families assistance in communicating concerns and resolving problems," says Brenda Conway, who was recently appointed to the position.

Conway is a sociologist with experience in eldercare services, as well as the daughter of a patient in Baycrest Hospital, which gives her a personal perspective on long-term care issues.

"There are good communication mechanisms in place at Baycrest," she says, "but sometimes it is helpful to have another person facilitate the resolution of issues. This service offers families an additional resource."

Her first step is to encourage people to speak with their head nurse, social worker or physician, or to approach client and family councils.

"If there is no resolution, or if they feel uncomfortable coming forward with a problem," she explains, "they can talk with me and together we can find a way to handle it."

The client representative's role at Baycrest differs somewhat from a similar position in an acute care facility where patient stays are generally shorter.

Conway has the opportunity to actively solicit feedback from clients and build long-term relationships so that, as issues arise, they can work them through together.

Brenda Conway

She also works, either directly or behind the scenes, as a consultant to staff, families and committees on issues of concern. People need to hear good news, too, says Conway, so she is available to receive compliments as well as complaints.

By providing this kind of personalized service, she explains, Baycrest is making every effort to hear what clients have to say, so that services can be improved and the best possible care can be delivered.

Beit Dagan undergoes radical transformation

TORONTO — Eight years ago, Beit Dagan, south-east of Tel Aviv, was a town in which few wanted to live — even the residents.

Heroin use was widespread. Fifty-two per cent of the student population had dropped out, and only three per cent of those who remained actually graduated from secondary school.

Today, thanks to United Jewish Appeal's (UJA) Project Renewal, there's a new civic pride in Beit Dagan.

Project Renewal started 16 years ago as a means by which world-wide UJA cities could, in effect, adopt an Israeli community with special problems. Beit Dagan is one of three municipalities assigned to Toronto.

So far, UJA has spent more than a million dollars to stop the town's disintegration.

"Beit Dagan was the drug hot-spot of the country," notes Laura Kindler, UJA's Israeli representative for Project Renewal. "Dealers used to arrive from the airport in untraceable taxicabs."

Among the many remedial measures adopted by Beit Dagan was the formation of a civil guard that closed off entrances to the town.

In Toronto, UJA's Bryan Keshen also cites an education program for parents about the consequences faced by their drop-out children. "We showed them the connection between education and army units," he says.

Students who failed to pass their national matriculation exams were shunted to low end army tasks, if they were admitted at all.

UJA also helped to set up a mentor program for older children to counsel their younger friends and neighbors.

As a result of Beit Dagan's emergency action plan, the town's drop-out rate has plummeted to just under seven per cent this year. More than 30 per cent of students have matriculated, and no child has been arrested in Beit Dagan for nearly a year and a half.

Even the mayor, Eli Dadon, was one of the youngsters who benefited from Project Renewal.

"Beit Dagan had a shrinking population," observes Laura Kindler on the scene. "Today, 800 new apartment units are being built. Real estate values are rising. It's a great location."

Robert Harlang, who along with Billy Kassel recently visited Beit Dagan as co-chairs of Toronto's Project Renewal committee, offers a simple summation of the transformation.

"Now, no one's embarrassed about living there."

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EYE ON ARTS

Joe Rotman & The Barnes Exhibit: The cover story of the current issue of the *Financial Post* magazine explains how Toronto snagged the phenomenal assortment of impressionist canvases known as the Barnes Collection, which opens at the Art Gallery of Ontario Sept. 17.

After initially deciding against Toronto, the Barnes committee was swayed to reverse itself through the determined efforts of 59-year-old Toronto businessman-philanthropist Joe Rotman, AGO president since 1993, who reportedly refused to take no for an answer.

A home-heating czar who parlayed his wealth into a diverse financial empire, Rotman reportedly fought for the art show as hard as he might have fought for anything in any of his own companies.

Holding surveys that showed that the Barnes Collection would bring 50,000 visitors to Toronto and pump $35 million and 1,000 jobs into the local economy, he quickly got Premier Bob Rae onside and raised the necessary $1.5 million in corporate support from Gluskin Sheff & Associates, Inc., and other sponsors. Then he pulled every string he could, making lobbyists of influential colleagues such as Canada's former ambassador to the United States, Allan Gotlieb, international hotelier Izzy Sharp, and land developer Murray Frum.

The Barnes is expected to provide a much-needed financial boost to the AGO, whose ledgers have shown so much red ink in recent years that the institution was forced to close down for seven months in 1992. In only a few months since tickets became available, more than 100,000 have been snapped up by eager buyers, making this the fastest-selling exhibition in the Gallery's history.

From Cezanne to Matisse: Great French Paintings from The Barnes Foundation features masterpieces by 15 of the best known and most admired artists of all time, including Renoir, Monet, Matisse, van Gogh, Cezanne, Picasso and Modigliani. The show has attracted record crowds and millions of people in Washington, Paris and Tokyo.

"This exhibition sold out in Paris and Tokyo and I urge those who have not yet ordered their tickets to do so quickly," says AGO director Glenn Lowry.

Tickets ($15 for adults) may be purchased at the AGO (no handling charge) or through TicketKing at (416) 872-3333 or 1-800-461-3333.

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At the Koffler Gallery: The Order of Things, the first Toronto showing by Vancouver artist Lee Goreas, is on view through Sept. 18. Here's what a Koffler press release says about the exhibit: "As a collection of multiples, Goreas' work can be installed in a variety of arrangements and this fragmentation of the picture plane subverts painting's traditional narrative function and undermines its cultural authority as an icon of authenticity and originality." Get the picture?

Another show, Wurmhole, by Fastwurms, parodies the popular 1960s TV series *Star Trek*. To Sept. 18. (416) 636-2145.

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Toronto Street Festival: Friday August 5 to Sunday August 14, the second annual Circle Ball Fair explodes in the Bloor-Yorkville area of Toronto. Street performers include acrobats, singers, dancers, jugglers, comics, story-tellers, stilt-walkers, mime artists and street painters. All performances are free, but donations on August 13 will benefit REACH for the Rainbow Children s Foundation, whose mandate is to integrate disabled children into the community.

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Department of Nepotism: Known as The Acoustics, a trio of musicians — Martin Gladstone, Marci Wilson and Rob Binstock — who hail from the Jewish community of north Toronto, have recently recorded a remarkable first album, *All In The Name of Love*. It contains a diverse assortment of pop-folk tunes, with many jazz and blues overtones, refreshing '60s sounds, touches of Latin and ragtime and aboriginal rhythms, outstanding vocal harmonies, and the musicianship of more than a dozen quality performers.

One song, *Here We Go Again*, sounds remarkably like The Beatles in their prime — which is due primarily to the five years that Martin spent playing in a popular Beatles-clone band, The Grottybeats, before becoming a lawyer. Another selection, *Goodbye Love*, shows off the strong vocal talents of Marci, who runs an off-site word-processing company when she isn't pursuing an entertainment career. Rob, who works for Ontario s Privacy Commission, provides guitar, vocal harmonies, and lead vocals on the ballad *Don't Want Your Love Anymore*. (All these songs are original compositions of Martin Gladstone.)

It's really quite exciting being able to play music with a lifelong friend and seeing his music recorded, which was a dream of his since I've known him, says Rob, who has known Martin since the age of 12. Twins, Martin and Marci are brother and sister not only to each other but also to this writer and three other siblings, all residents of Toronto.

The album, in CD or cassette form, is available in music stores across Canada, or direct from Whale Records, 225 Richmond St. West, Suite 205, Toronto ON M5V 1W2. The Acoustics CD Release Party is set for Clinton's, 693 Bloor St. W., Toronto, on August 31 at 8.30 p.m.; a cover charge applies. For details, phone (416) 535-5541.

BUSMAN'S HONEYMOON

Appearing at the Royal George Theatre at the Shaw Festival, from April 21 to Oct. 15, are Jennifer Phipps (Mrs. Ruddle) and Gordon Rand (Constable Sellon).

MP Simma Holt profiled

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Simma Holt, the first Jewish woman member of parliament, credits an Orthodox grandfather in Vegreville, Alberta, for her sense of social justice.

The 72-year-old journalist and author also reveals little-known details of a succession of suitors for her hand, in a CBC-TV program airing August 30 at 7 p.m.

The half-hour show *Our Stories* is one of 13 about ordinary Canadians who have an unusual story.

After Holt had joined *The Vancouver Sun* as a reporter, she said her mother, still living in Vegreville, sent a number of young men to date her.

"She was particularly pushing one fellow, but when he told her I made wonderful liver rolls by wrapping them in bacon, my mother lost interest in him," Holt said.

But she restored her mother's faith in her by marrying Leon Holt in a traditional Jewish wedding in 1949.

"We agreed that our careers would come first and we would have no children. The more notorious my career became, the more loyal Leon was. He died in 1985, and there isn't a day that I haven't missed him. In fact I'm still mad at him for dying when he did."

Holt said she was "unaware" of anti-Semitism when growing up in Vegreville, where her father, Louis, operated Milner's Trading Store.

It was her grandfather who generally set the tone in the household where no light switches were used on the Sabbath, advocating justice for all.

But in one instance, she recalls her father speaking out to a crowd in the street, defending the right of free speech for Jehovah's Witnesses.

Holt's stint in Ottawa as a Liberal MP (1974-79) left her feeling that "parliament is irrelevant, it's other people who run the country." But she made her mark as vice-chair of the justice committee.

Narrator Jane Glassco described Holt as "a crusader, reformer and feminist."

The TV show traces her 30-year reporting career in Vancouver, during which she saved three men from the gallows, travelled to Uruguay in 1963 to expose a Doukhobor sect causing violence in British Columbia, and authored *Terror In the Name of God*.

"She was a reporter who not only looked for stories, but also looked for solutions and often found them," narrator Glassco said.

As the only woman in the newsroom when she first joined *The Sun*, Holt had to fend off snide asides when she landed the waterfront and skid row beat.

Her interest in crime reporting was foreshadowed when, as a high school girl, she sat on the rail of the courthouse in Vegreville where a murder trial was unfolding and soaked up the details when participants emerged.

There was a continuing battle against sexism in the newsroom, and Holt had more than one run-in with a city editor who had photos of near-naked women plastered behind his desk.

One of eight children, Holt said it was her mother who convinced Milner pere that Simma should have a university education and she enrolled in the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg. A summer stint on the *Winnipeg Free Press* and a reporting job on *The Calgary Herald* followed; she joined *The Vancouver Sun* city desk in 1944 at $22 a week.

Holt said the most difficult time in her life came when she lost her husband, her mother, and her job on the Parole Board of Canada in quick succession.

She joked about her ability to agitate. "One of my school teachers said 'if you ever shut up, you'd suffocate.'"

And she vowed that her gravestone would contain only three words: "Silent at last."

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BOOKS

By BERNARD BASKIN

Einstein Lived Here by Abraham Pais (Oxford University Press $32.95)

There is no argument, Albert Einstein who died in 1955 was the most esteemed physicist of the 20th century. His scientific accomplishments brought him world-wide acclaim and the Nobel Prize in 1921.

Some years ago Abraham Pais, a renowned physicist, wrote *Subtle is the Lord*, which focused on Einstein as a scientist and mathematician. His new book, more informal and accessible, is a kaleidoscopic portrait that probes Einstein's ideas on religion, philosophy, politics, Israel and Zionism, the menace of fascism — and much more. To document these diverse opinions the author makes use of newspaper and magazine archives from 1902 to the present.

Reared in a secular home, never having had a Bar Mitzvah and totally unobservant, Einstein's views on religion were understandably singular and non traditional. For him God was an impersonal force that manifested itself in nature.

He wrote, "A knowledge of the existence of something we cannot penetrate, our perceptions of the profoundest reason and the most radiant beauty, which only in their most primitive forms are accessible to our minds — it is this knowledge and this emotion that constitute true religiosity; in this sense, and in this alone, I am a deeply religious man."

This notion of a mystical, cosmic religious force offered no challenge to science. He concluded that "Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind."

It was Chaim Weizmann who recruited Einstein to the Zionist cause and over the years he displayed unremitting interest in Jewish institutions in Palestine. In 1925 he wrote, "Zionism is on its way to create in Palestine a centre of Jewish spiritual life. For this one should forever be grateful to its leaders. The existence of this moral homeland will, I hope, successfully give a plus of vitality to a people that has not yet deserved to die out . . . I believe I can maintain that Zionism, an apparent nationalistic movement, has in final analysis significant merit for humanity at large."

This emphasis on the moral and spiritual values of Zionism was to remain Einstein's view for the rest of his life. Pais writes, "I am sure that he would have been disgusted with the later governments of Begin and Shamir had he lived to see their methods — and would have said so publicly."

Offered the presidency of Israel in 1952, he refused on the grounds of age and lack of the necessary qualifications.

When Hitler came to power Einstein promptly resigned from his research position in Berlin to settle permanently in the United States as an honored member of Princeton's prestigious Institute for Advanced Study.

Although a firm believer in pacifism, he decided that it was a fruitless tactic against fascist brutality and called for an alliance of anti-fascist forces, in order to resist Nazi aggression.

He was frequently credited — or blamed — for his role in suggesting the atomic bomb project to the United States and the subsequent development of atomic energy. He resisted this notion. "I do not consider myself the father of the release of atomic energy. My part in it was quite indirect. I did not, in fact, foresee that it would be released in my time. I believed only that it was theoretically possible." After the war he warned increasingly against the dangers of nuclear weapons and favored universal disarmament under the aegis of a world government.

At one point in his career, Einstein was moved to wonder, "Why is it that nobody understands me and everybody likes me?" This readable book will increase the number of those who will better understand him as a remarkable and many-sided human being.

Film targets the life of a 10-year-old boy

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Jesper Salen in The Slingshot, now playing at the Carlton Cinema.

Ake Sandgren's film, *The Slingshot*, is a delightful romp into the life of a 10-year-old boy with an inquiring mind and an insouciant personality.

The boy, Roland Schutt (Jesper Salen), is constantly being defined by others. As a result, he begins to question himself.

In essence, Roland's problem revolves around religion and politics, an explosive mixture at any time and in any place. But in 1920s Stockholm, where *The Slingshot* is set, these factors seem to be especially important.

On his Russian-born mother's side, Roland is Jewish. So, naturally, he is the butt of anti-Semitic insults and insinuations.

From his Swedish father, Roland inherits his incipient Socialist beliefs. He is therefore twice cursed, Swedish society of the day viewing his father's red-hot politics as treasonous and his mother's religion as blasphemous.

To make matters worse, Roland is bullied by his older brother, Bertil (Niclas Olund), an amateur boxer who uses his nose as a punching bag. More often than not, Roland's much-maligned nose is bandaged, a conceit which viewers may find somewhat charming.

The Slingshot, which opened at the Carlton on July 29, begins on a wintry afternoon in a park. Roland's playmates dare him to lick a metal pole, and being a feisty kid, he responds to the challenge, albeit foolhardedly.

His tongue stuck to the pole, the kids taunt Roland. He's saved from a terrible fate when his mother, Zipa (Basia Frydman), comes along and saves him. Caustically, one of the boys refers to his "Jew nose" and his circumsized penis.

But, as Roland learns, more of the same lies ahead. At a political meeting he goes to with his father (Stellan Skarsgard), an attendant brushes him off as a "little Jew boy," prompting Roland to declare rather proudly that he is a Jew and a Socialist.

The worst, though, is yet to come. Roland's pompous teacher, Lundin (Ernst-Hugo Jaregard), scathingly dismisses Roland as an "anti-Christ," a "revolutionary," a "Jew," and a "criminal."

These diatribes are triggered in equal parts by Lundin's crass anti-Semitism and by his puritanical reaction to Roland's invention, a slingshot made of condoms.

The slingshot, in fact, is an apt metaphor insofar as Roland is concerned. For, like a slingshot, he always springs back from each setback, learning as he goes along.

Jesper Salen carries the movie with self-assurance and panache. He is a natural actor, with an animated face that the camera adores.

Fine performances are also turned in by Stellan Skarsgard, whose avuncular manner is quite appealing, and Basia Frydman, whose world-weary demeanor strikes an immediate chord of recognition.

The Slingshot — which was Sweden's entry as best foreign film at the 1993 Academy Awards — unfolds effortlessly and is never less than entertaining.

A preview of the Film Festival

TORONTO — The 1994 Toronto International Film Festival (formerly the Festival of Festivals) recently announced a partial line-up of films for its 19th year.

India is the focus of this year's national cinema program in *India Now!*, a survey of the very best of that country's current art, documentary and commercial film industries.

Festival goers can catch the North American premiere of the Indian film *Bandit Queen*, and five films by Tamil director Mani Rathnam: *Bombay, Thief Thief, Roja, Nayakan, and A Silent Symphony*.

The 1994 Directors' Spotlight program salutes the remarkable career of Nikita Milhalkov, one of Russia's greatest contemporary filmmakers. His latest, *Burnt By The Sun*, won the Special Jury Prize at the 1994 Cannes film festival.

Cuban filmmaker Tomas Gutierrez Alea will be the focus of a tribute culminating in the gala presentation of his new comedy, co-directed with Juan Carlos Tabio, *Strawberry And Chocolate*.

The 19th annual Toronto International Film Festival takes place Sept. 8 to 17.

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Meet the Sesame Street characters at Sesame Place.

A family-oriented themed play park

LANGHORNE, Pa. — At Sesame Park, the family-oriented, Sesame Street themed play park near Philadelphia, there are over 52 (double the number of letters in the alphabet) activities and water rides that are fun for the whole family.

Besides the regular performances of the Big Bird & Company Musical Revue and other audience participation shows, there is a new and exciting Alphabet Parade filled with favorite Sesame Street characters, floats, an exciting new soundtrack and opportunities for children to join in the fun.

Children can enjoy Sesame Place's newest attraction, Twiddlebug Land, where adults and kids alike can feel like the tiny creatures that live in the flower-box outside Ernie and Bert's window on Sesame Street.

Different larger-than-life activities delight visitors — like the Mix-and-Match Twiddle Tracks, an unusual energy-saving railroad where youngsters use their arms to power gears that propel them down the track; Silly Sand Slides, where they can slide down a five-metre sand bucket and a giant tablespoon; and Teeny Tiny Tidal Waves, with a five-metre billboard of Ernie peering down on a half-metre-deep wave pool.

Fitness fun abounds in Big Bird's Court. There's Nets & Climbs, a Giant structure three stories high of cargo nets where children and parents build muscle strength while crawling through tunnels and climbing up hills of suspended netting. High energy is needed for jumping on Ernie's Bed Bounce, and Instant gratification is felt when youngsters climb to the top of Cookie Mountain.

Just as important as the fun and the educational enrichment at Sesame Place, is the value of building an interest in fitness with these Kid-powered activities.

Live stage performances are offered daily throughout the season. Musical shows are featured this season with two new productions created by Vee Corporation in conjunction with Children's Television Workshop. New shows include *Bert & Ernie's Island Vacation*, where memories of their tropical adventure are relived in a Caribbean setting. Oscar the Grouch, Jim Henson's popular Sesame Street character, also debuts in another new show called *The Perils of Miss Prairie*, where he plays the role of a villain who wants to turn the local ice cream parlor into the town dump. Playful exotic birds return to delight park visitors with their antics in the *Birds of Paradise* show.

Quite cute and eminently huggable are two more Sesame Street friends. Rosita, the turquoise-blue, furry and affectionate Latina monster will greet guests in Sesame Neighborhood. Telly Monster, too, will be there to supply children with furry hugs.

Undeniably, an incredible family adventure, Sesame Place offers a Variety of Wonderful experiences for Young and old alike who have a Zest for life!

Sesame Place is open April 30 through October 9 and operating days vary throughout the season. A single admission price of $20.95 (US) entitles visitors to all in-park activities. Guests 55 years and older pay $17.80, and children under two years are admitted free. A special late afternoon rate of $14.95 applies to tickets purchased three hours before closing. A 10 per cent discount applies when four or more passes are purchased by a family. There is a $4.00 charge for parking.

Sesame Place is located off PA Interstate 95 at the Route 1 North/Morrisville exit to Oxford Valley and is a 30-minute drive north of Philadelphia, 15 minutes southwest of Trenton, New Jersey, 90 minutes from New York City, and two-and-a-half hours from Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

Sesame Place, an Anheuser-Busch Theme Park, was developed in conjunction with Children's Television Workshop, a leading communications corporation and creator of the internationally acclaimed TV show *Sesame Street*.

TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

Travel Guides for Canada: You'd think that a country as vast as Canada would be too large a subject to fit into the pages of a single travel guide. But Michelin's 244-page guide to Canada, which I have used on numerous trips from coast to coast, has been a worthy companion over the years. Its succinct, colorful phraseology, combined with its numerous spot maps and three-star rating system, has proven adequate to the task of summarizing the wide multitude of geographic and man-made wonders of which this nation is comprised.

However, I've recently discovered that a French tire manufacturer is not the only party capable of putting out a first-rate tourist guidebook of Canada. An American company that specializes in mass-market tourist guidebooks also does the trick superbly well. *Frommer's Comprehensive Travel Guide to Canada*, updated for 1994-95, is a well-organized, concise, highly readable capsule guide whose 800 pages contain all the important information a visitor needs in almost any place within our precious Dominion, from sea to sea to sea.

Unlike Michelin, the Frommer guide offers detailed information on hotels, restaurants, bars and the entertainment scene, including prices. As well, it offers many practical tips and Cool for Kids boxes. Its capsule history, which begins with the Vikings and ends astutely at the present moment with a section called Union or Separation?, compares favorably with Michelin.

Its opening sentence on Toronto demonstrates how well the guide's three writers have captured flavor, atmosphere and history: Once lampooned as dull and ugly, a city whose inhabitants fled to Buffalo for a good time and where the blinds were drawn on Sunday at the main department store (Eaton's) to stop anyone from sinfully window-shopping, Toronto, now with a population of over three million, has burst forth from its stodgy past during the last decade, and grabbed attention as one of the most exciting cities on the North American continent.

Not lightweight by any means, and a great deal of fun besides, *Frommer's Comprehensive Travel Guide for Canada 94-95* is available in bookstores for $24.50.

Funerary stelae

Sinai Treasures: Visitors have been flocking to the Israel Museum in Jerusalem for one last look at some of the ancient treasures that Israeli archaeologists dug up in the Sinai desert when it was under Israel's control in the '70s. These items, some of which date back 5,000 years and more, would almost certainly still be covered with sand if not for Israeli diggers. Still, when Egypt claimed ownership of the artifacts, Israel agreed to return the collection, and has lived up to its word.

Many items have already been transferred to Cairo. But some prized remaining items, including oil lamps, burial masks, urns, funerary stelae, arrowheads and necklaces, were recently taken from museum storage and put on public display. The exhibition, Sinai: A Farewell for Peace closes on Sept. 12, and the remaining artifacts are due to be in Egyptian hands by December.

"This is the first time I know of in the 20th century that, as the result of a political agreement between two countries, cultural property is being returned," says museum director Martin Weyl.

Lenin's residence

Kolel Israel Study Tour: A tour geared for those who want to experience Israel with a Bible in their hands is offered by Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, in conjunction with Ayelet Tours, Inc. Dates are March 12 to 23, 1995, and cost is $2,350 per person.

The tour, which is based in Jerusalem, focuses on biblical sites. It allows participants to study at four Israeli institutions that are counterparts to Kolel. Each day's lesson deals with actual textual references to the next day's journey. Rabbi Elyse Goldstein expects to be in attendance.

The tour includes round trip air via New York, seven nights in Jerusalem's Windmill Hotel, one night in Kibbutz Nof Ginossar (Galilee), one night in the Grand Beach Hotel (Tel Aviv), various meals, and all touring, classes, lectures and sightseeing. Kolel, (905) 709-1900.

Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam: An unusual exhibition of self-portraits by Vincent Van Gogh is on view at Amsterdam's Van Gogh Museum thru Oct. 9. Twenty of the canvases, painted in Paris between 1886 and 1887, are on display for the first time. Five, rarely displayed, were painted on both sides of the canvas. Thanks to new frames, both sides are open to viewing simultaneously.

Switzerland Steamships: The Lake Geneva Steamship Company offers a new two-hour Folklore and Dinner Cruise, daily thru Sept. 30. The two-hour Castle Cruise leaves Geneva for the old private harbor of the Rothschild family estate, then continues to the 12th-century Castle Bellerive, and the romantic Villa Diodati where Lord Byron stayed in 1816. En route, the steamship passes a chalet that was Lenin's residence in 1914 when he planned the Russian Revolution.

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Yuk Yuk's Mark Breslin

Mark Breslin, the man who brought stand-up comedy to Canada, knows how to make people laugh.

Breslin began Yuk Yuk's in 1976 to give aspiring Toronto comics a place to perform. From a one-night-a-week experiment in a converted church basement, Yuk Yuk's International has grown into the largest chain of comedy clubs in the world.

He has hosted his own two-hour radio talk show on Q107 and CFRB, produced The Late Show *for the Fox Television Network, acted as comedy producer for* The Joan Rivers Show *and was executive producer of* Friday Night with Ralph Benmurgui, *the Canadian variety show scrapped last year because of poor ratings. Breslin is currently artistic director of the Toronto People's Comedy Festival.*

Breslin talked to The CJN's *Carolyn Blackman in his Bay Street office.*

CJN: *What role did you play in bringing comedy to Canada?*

Breslin: There was always comedy in Canada but there was not the kind of comedy we are doing [when I started]. Back then the only kind of live comedy performance was sketch comedy as practiced by people like Second City, rural humor by people such as Dave Broadfoot, Don Heron or the Royal Canadian Air Force, and dinner theatre such as *Spring Thaw*.

We came from a totally different kind of generation — Canadians raised on American television, watching American stand-up [and saying they could do stand-up too]. What I did was get that generation of people to do it.

CJN: *Do you have a major competitor?*

Breslin: There are other comedy clubs in many of the cities we operate in but we really think the major competitor in this life is apathy. The real difficult thing is [getting] people to get out of their houses when it has become so convenient to turn on the television and see whatever they want. It is becoming more and more difficult to motivate people to come out of the house, get in the car, pay a babysitter, find parking and brave the unsafe streets. That is what we see as our major competitor. We have to market harder and harder each year.

CJN: *What is the update on the clubs?*

Breslin: We open and close clubs like shoe stores. When there is a hot area, we open one up and then if it is supposed to become a cold area we close it down. It ranges in any year from 12 to 18 clubs depending on circumstances. We just opened one up in Windsor and we closed the one in [Toronto's] Yorkville because Yorkville is no longer a happening place.

CJN: *Did you always want to become a comedian?*

Breslin: No. I wound up on stage by accident because I was the cheapest emcee I could find. I would rather pay myself than somebody else.

I had all kinds of ambitions but in the '60s I became involved in a kind of counter-cultural perspective on things and I knew I didn't want a straight job. I was a good student. I could have become a lawyer and I was accepted into a master's program but none of that interested me. I wanted to do something that was much more subversive and challenging so when comedy fell into my lap, I chose it.

I was part of the first team hired to develop Harbourfront in 1974. As a programmer I met comics and although I loved all the acts that we would bring in, it was the comics that affected me because they epitomized the kind of existentialist, anti-hero loner that I see myself as being. Basically [comics] are misfits and I see myself as very much a misfit in this society.

CJN: *Are comics always comics, even offstage?*

Breslin: The truth is that comics are most often depressives and that is probably one of the reasons they become comics. They are basically very serious people who cannot handle the seriousness of life so they invent another self which is a funny self and that funny self is like coming up for oxygen.

If you dig deep you probably find that most comics have a kind of personal tragedy that goes way back. Generally speaking, they are trying to overcome feelings of inadequacy and worthlessness passed on by their parents. They could be fat, short, tall, gay, black or Jewish — they've got something going on that makes them feel not particularly well. That is why they have developed this way of communicating with people.

CJN: *Is there a particular stream of Jewish comedy?*

Breslin: Ten years ago I would have said absolutely, but the Jewish community has become so homogenized and assimilated over the past decade or two that it is very difficult to identify specific Jewish humor.

Only a generation ago I would have said that people like Lenny Bruce, Robert Klein, David Steinberg and a lot of other people represented a kind of humanism that is very much within the tradition of Jewish cultures. There's not much of a leap from Phillip Roth and Saul Bellow to Robert Klein and David Steinberg. I do not see that so much now.

As a matter of fact, fewer and fewer Jewish kids are coming up on our amateur nights saying they want to become comics. When I started, 80 per cent of the talent was Jewish. I think they have become suburbanized and the drive to express themselves in what is perceived a hostile, gentile society no longer exists.

I lament this because Jews have always contributed way beyond their numbers in comedy, probably because comedy is always about sad beauty. There is a sadness underneath the laughter. There is something hurting and that's what makes it valuable. That's why Jews are so close to that feeling. Now it's just not true because we do not hurt enough.

Jewish comics aren't talking about what I would consider to be traditional Jewish themes. The social action component seems to be missing now. These kids are so far from any ethnic groups that in most cases they don't even have grandparents who remember what it was like then. I think that is one reason Jackie Mason has done so well as a kind of nostalgia act. So many Jewish people are hungry for that kind of world. Where do you find Yiddishkeit anymore?

CJN: *Is the Canadian comedy industry thriving?*

Breslin: I do lectures in which I explain to people that Canadians are represented in the world market in comedy disproportionate to their numbers.

It is very interesting, the number of comedy institutions in the United States that are actually controlled by Canadians. Half the writers on *Roseanne* are Canadians and *Saturday Night Live* is basically a Canadian invention by Lorne Michaels.

If you want to make $1 million a year or more you cannot stay in this country. You can't blame people for leaving when fame and fortune beckons. What Yuk Yuk's has been able to do is offer people a middle class living while they are in this country but nobody really gets into this business to make a middle class living. They want to gamble for all or nothing and that is why ultimately people do go to the United States.

CJN: *Do you feel abandoned when people leave?*

Breslin: I never feel badly when people leave me for something better. If they leave for something worse I feel bad. As long as they are bettering themselves though, I don't feel resentful because there are so many other guys coming up that we have to have people leave or there won't be room.

CJN: *What is Yuk Yuk's annual revenue?*

Breslin: Yuk Yuk's clubs bring in $12 million annually.

CJN: *Do you have clubs in Montreal?*

Breslin: We had one decades ago but we would never presume to program bilingualism, so we got out of that market.

CJN: *What big names started out at Yuk Yuk's?*

Breslin: Howie Mandel and Jim Carrey, who at this moment is probably the hottest comedian on the planet, started right here on amateur night. We gave Carrey the hook the first three times he was on. That is how bad he was. He jokes about that now. Comedians such as Mike McDonald and Larry Horowitz also started here, and Rick Moranis started here before he went into sketch comedy. A lot of very talented people started at Yuk Yuk's.

CJN: *Do you have a favorite comedian?*

Breslin: I have a lot of favorite comedians, a pantheon of people I love and resect. Going back over time, I guess Chaplin, Jackie Gleason, Jack Benny, Lenny Bruce and Mort Sahl. My favorite modern comedians could be Joan Rivers or Mike MacDonald.

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By SIMON GRIVER
Special to The CJN

KARMIEL — Those ever-present labels on clothes which tell the size, fabric and washing instructions do not seem like the stuff of which fortunes are made.

Moshe Belzer, a resident of Karmiel in the western Galilee, thought otherwise.

Last year, Belzer, a 44-year-old entrepreneur, established his own company to design, manufacture and market labels to leading clothing manufacturers in North America and Western Europe, including The Gap and Marks and Spencer.

His Bet Hatavit (House of the Label) employs six people, including a new immigrant graphic artist.

"I could not have achieved this on my own without Maof," confesses Belzer. "I had good ideas and lots of energy but absolutely no previous entrepreneurial experience."

Belzer's Bet Hatavit is one of 140 businesses supported by the Maof Entrepreneurial Encouragement Centre in the western Galilee city of Karmiel. Set up in 1991 by the Jewish Agency with funding from the UJA/Federation Annual Campaign, Maof helps new enterprises receive Jewish Agency guaranteed loans.

Maof also provides rent-subsidized workshops and office equipment such as fax and photocopying machines.

Moshe Belzer, owner of Bet HaTavit.

The Maof centre is part of a larger nationwide network of business and hi-tech incubators funded by the Jewish Agency through Operation Opportunity. The program creates employment opportunities for new immigrants. Maof is also funded through the Jewish Agency by the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, Israeli government ministries, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Karmiel Municipality.

"We rigorously scrutinize proposals for new business and the ways in which budding entrepreneurs intend to put their ideas into practice," says Maof director Moshe Armon. "That's why we have seen the success of 140 businesses that we've backed. They employ more than 500 people of whom more than 40 per cent are new immigrants from the former Soviet Union."

Maof allows new companies to spend a maximum of two years at the centre's modern premises, after which they must make way for newer entrepreneurs.

Maof's premises were designed by Gabi Magen, 47, an architect from nearby Moshav Yuvalim. "The business world is a jungle," he says. "Being in a business incubator such as Maof saves us from being devoured."

Entrepreneurs like label-maker Belzer agree. "I used to be a taxi driver," says label-maker Belzer. "I worked in a factory that made labels. But the owner lacked initiative and ambition. He sold to the local market and told me I was a fool when I suggested he look for export outlets."

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BIZ BRIEFS

British Firm Wants To Buy Bezek Shares

JERUSALEM — The British telecommunications company Cable and Wireless has expressed interest in buying Bezek shares.

The chair of the company, Lord Young, met with Bezek director-general Yitzhak Kaul in London to discuss the proposal. The British firm is also willing to sell some of its stock to Bezek.

Kaul said the proposal must be brought before the government, as it owns majority control of Bezek. After the next issue, the government's share in the company will drop to 51 per cent.

Over the past year, Cable and Wireless has been conducting experiments on "TV by demand" — in which subscribers can select movies that are beamed into their TV via a regular phone cable. If the two companies cooperate, this service may be one of those on which they work together, Kaul said.

Kaul also met with the chairman of the board of British Telecom to discuss options for Israel's joining a major bloc in world telecommunications.

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$1 Million Investment

JERUSALEM — Darcom, the private telecommunications company, will invest $1 million during the next three months on developing and expanding its international communications network in Israel, Europe and the northern United States.

Darcom chair David Reichmann said the investment in infrastructure results from demand "way beyond our expectations" for overseas calls via Darcom's network.

The number of calls increases by 25 per cent each month, he said. The company, founded two years ago, offers videoconferencing, data transmission, overseas faxes and calls, voice mail and connections to Internet.

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Firms Cement Deal In China

JERUSALEM — Several local metal companies have signed contracts with Chinese firms, said the chair of the Manufacturers Association's metal and electricity division.

Zvi Plada is currently heading a delegation of industrialists to China, Burma and Vietnam to collect information for assisting Israeli companies doing business there.

In China, the delegation's representatives signed a number of know-how and joint industrial cooperation agreements.

Zika Electrode Works general manager Israel Shotland has signed a joint research agreement in the aluminum welding field for the Chinese aviation industry.

Gamma Aluminum, which is managed by Plada, has signed an agreement in principle with the Shantung province to establish a joint plant near the Korean border.

Tadiran Electrical Appliances Industries general manager Moshe Erez is reportedly interested in selling refrigerators, air conditioners and other products in China, Burma and Vietnam.

The association said Deutsch Dagen, the manufacturer of electrical and fiber-optic connectors, is about to sign an agreement with a company based in Shanghai.

Hish Processing and Conveying Technology is also examining the possibility of signing joint partnership agreements with Chinese firms.

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Corporate Credit Cards

JERUSALEM — American Express plans to offer corporate credit cards to leading companies and ministries in Israel, said Michael Stolowitzky, director international business development of American Express Travel Related Services Company.

Stolowitzky has arrived in Israel for a seven-week visit to assist American Express's local efforts to expand its business here. American Express plans to offer credit cards to large local businesses and also plans to encourage tourists to visit the country by offering them attractive packages.

The credit card company has already published a colorful travel brochure of Israel, Egypt and Turkey. The brochure will be distributed at American Express's 850 branches in the United States and also in its offices in England and Germany.

The director said American Express plans to start promoting its corporate credit cards by sending letters to leading businessmen. The cards offer access to the company's network of free services, including travel arrangements and hotel accommodation worldwide.

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BIZ BRIEFS

CPI Jumps By 1.4 Per Cent

JERUSALEM — The Consumer Price Index (CPI) jumped 1.4 per cent in June, as an expected moderation in housing prices did not materialize and fruit prices soared due to a poor harvest this summer.

Rahamim Ozama, head of the Central Bureau of Statistics' price division, estimated that inflation is now running at 14.5 per cent annually, based on the past half year.

Treasury officials were caught by surprise, expecting housing prices to moderate. Treasury internal estimates predicted that prices would only rise half a percentage point last month.

The Bank of Israel defended its anti-inflationary policies in the wake of June's high CPI.

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Strategic Plan To Target Deficit

JERUSALEM — Finance Minister Avraham Shohat and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel met recently to discuss the framework for next year's budget.

Both sides declared a wide area of agreement on budgetary goals and on the budget's general framework that is needed to continue economic growth and lower inflation.

Shohat and Frenkel said a smaller budget deficit is required to guarantee growth and keep prices under control, but it is not clear if they agreed on a specific reduction.

Budget Director David Brodet has said recently that the deficit will be cut by more than a tenth of a percent under this year's deficit of three per cent of GDP.

Both sides agreed that taxes have to be cut, especially since the tax burden is expected to rise when the health tax and the union tax are imposed with the implementation of the National Health Insurance law.

Frenkel called for tax cuts to encourage production and employment and keep prices under control. His statement implies Frenkel is pushing for tax cuts for employers, rather than lowering Value Added Taxes or purchase taxes, which would encourage greater consumption and increase the pressure on prices.

Frenkel emphasized the importance of continuing the policy of opening the local market to imports and of increasing competition, since these reforms help lower prices.

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Elscint Sells To Elbit

JERUSALEM — Elscint is leaving the ultrasound arena, combining all products into a package to be sold to Elbit.

Elbit announced its acquisition of California-based ultrasound concern Diasonics. Elscint corporate secretary Chaim Ben-Dayan stated that the company welcomed the purchase, which complemented Elbit's holdings and strengthened its position in the world artificial imaging market.

It was further stated that Elscint would assist Elbit in the successful absorption of the ultrasound line by merging all holdings in subsidiary Elscintech together with the newly acquired company. The ultrasound division will be sold along with a transfer of manpower, knowhow and R&D.

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First Delivery in $22 Million Deal

JERUSALEM — TAAS-Israel Industries held a festive ceremony in Jerusalem to mark their supplying of the first 50 Tactical Air Launched Decoys (TALD) to the U.S. Navy.

Officials of the U.S. Navy, McDonnell Douglas, the Lockheed Corporation, the American Embassy and members of the Knesset finance committee participated in the event at TAAS's Netz plant.

The $22 million deal for the supply of 1,500 TALDs is to be completed by October, 1995.

Under the contract, TAAS is obligated to supply 100 TALDs a month. TAAS's TALD system confuses enemy anti-aircraft, allowing aircraft to reach their objectives while significantly reducing or eliminating loss of life and aircraft.

Despite plans to close the Netz plant, the factory received a $4.5 million order from McDonnell Douglas for the production of an item which is exclusively made by the Jerusalem plant.

Israel's godfather on Wall Street

By ALLISON KAPLAN SOMMER
Special to The CJN

ISRAEL — One might have thought that Harvey Krueger had seen and done it all when it came to managing investments in Israel.

But the senior managing director with Lehman Brothers — and the closest thing Israeli business has to a godfather on Wall Street — has found a new vehicle with which to usher in the era of the peace economy.

Krueger has taken a leadership role in a partnership in a fund which will privately place investments in Israeli companies. The Renaissance Fund was formed by Claridge Israel Inc., the Bronfmans' Israeli vehicle, and Stockton Partners, an investment company that Krueger heads.

The Renaissance Fund, which has raised $157 million — $137 million from abroad and $20 million from within Israel — thinks big.

"We will not do deals smaller than $5 million, and we will commit a maximum of 20 per cent of the fund [$30 million] to each deal," says Krueger.

The fund will, however, be capable of handling deals of more than $30 million, since the individual partners will have the opportunity to co-invest in projects with Renaissance.

The main requirement is size. Specifically, Krueger and his partners are eyeing a substantial stake in Bank Hapoalim. They are also aiming at large established firms about to be or in the process of being privatized, such as Bezek, Israel Chemicals and Shekem.

Why think so big?

"We're all such lazy people!" Krueger jokes. "You know, it's easier to do five deals for $30 million apiece, than 30 deals for $5 million apiece."

It is a rare light-hearted moment for Krueger, who is the picture of the serious Wall Street figure. He is all business when discussing the current markets and the role of Renaissance.

But his eyes light up when he is sidetracked into discussing his primary volunteer activity in Israel, working for the Hebrew University, of which he is a former chairman of the board of governors.

It began in 1961, when he took Bank Leumi public in what, at the time, was "a modest offering in American terms." A year later he did the same thing for Israel Discount Bank.

It was a time when the Arab boycott was taken seriously on Wall Street. The firm Krueger was associated with at the time, Kuhn, Loeb & Co. (which later merged with Lehman Brothers), was the only American firm willing to do business with Israel.

Even as Israel's international image grew stronger, local firms were still not considered hot commodities in the investment world.

"It was interesting that during the strong political period of 1967-73, Israel was not viewed as much of an economic success story," Krueger observes. "It wasn't viewed as a place to invest in, and things were relatively dormant."

In the mid-1970s, Krueger handled the financing of the Hadera power plant. In 1987 the new era of Israel on Wall Street was ushered in. Krueger handled public offerings for Elbit and Teva.

As the intifadah took hold, it was definitely a challenge to rally interest in Israeli securities; sales were almost exclusively retail at first, as there was little interest from institutional investors.

Today, both the number of companies going public in New York and the size of the companies has grown. Krueger has handled 17 offerings of Israeli companies of $25 million or more.

One lesson Krueger learned early was that he couldn't count on big Jewish philanthropists as ready customers for Israeli stocks.

"There has definitely been a mindset among many that Israel is a place to give money to, not to invest in."

Though he refuses to name names, Krueger says the formation of Renaissance changes that, because it includes Jewish investors who, until now, have seen Israel strictly as a recipient of philanthropy.

The prospect of peace between Israel and its neighbors seems to have changed their minds, and the minds of other investors. The targeted amount for the Renaissance Fund had been $100 million, but they got together $157 million.

The idea for forming Renaissance evolved at a lunch with Jonathan Kolber, who has been president and chief executive officer of Claridge Israel since 1989 and also serves as chairman of the board of directors of Renaissance.

Business and government leaders have long consulted with Krueger.

As during previous visits to Israel, he doesn't mince his words. He warns the government that it must carefully time the launching onto the capital markets of companies like El Al, Bezek and Israel Chemicals, in order to maximize the returns.

Opportunities have already been missed, he says. El Al should have been put on the block several years ago when the value of airlines was at an all-time high.

To the Israeli companies traded on the exchanges in New York, Krueger sends a strong message to keep their investors better informed and up-to-date, so they are not surprised by price fluctuations.

While these developments may be of concern to Krueger in his role at Lehman Brothers, it actually works in the favor of a private placement group like Renaissance, which offers companies an alternative source of capital to the stock markets.

"People who were going public at a crazy price are now willing to talk to us," Krueger says.

"We believe that as the stock market is becoming sober, we can buy things at reasonable prices," adds Kolber, sitting beside Krueger.

In any case, Krueger says Israeli stocks will stabilize. Despite the current gyrations, "it is our experience that people understand that Israel, in the long run, is a good place to invest in," Krueger says. "You can make money here."

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Business & Finance

ENHANCING ECONOMIC TIES

Bank Hapoalim is involved in enhancing Israel's economic ties and in helping absorb waves of new immigrants, said Ehud Arnon, manager of Foreign Trade. Arnon (left) spoke recently at the World Conference of Jewish Communcal Service (WCJCS). At the right of Arnon is the Honorable Abba Eban who was the keynote speaker at the closing plenary session. Hapoalim was among the conference's sponsors.

Advertiser's Corner

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This week The CJN features . . . Israel Discount Bank

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN

TORONTO — the Israel Discount Bank of Canada has strong ties with the Jewish Community — 60 per cent of its customers are Jewish — but you won't find it near Bathurst Street.

Located at Avenue Road and Cumberland Avenue, the elegantly appointed bank with its dark mahogany and white marble interior, blends into the chic surroundings of Yorkville. And the name Discount is something of an anomaly in this neighborhood.

Amos Tuval, the CEO of the Israel Discount Bank of Canada told *The CJN* the name was appropriate when the bank was founded in 1935, because it discounted promissory notes, but today it no longer applies. In Israel, the bank is no different than any of the other large Israeli banks, he said.

The Israel Discount Bank of Canada operates as a fully chartered Canadian bank, and is a member of the Canadian Deposit Insurance Corporation. It was established here 12 years ago, a year after the government passed legislation to allow foreign banks into Canada.

"We offer a boutique service," he said. "It's very personal. This is why people keep coming to us. You talk to the same credit officer as you did 10 years ago. You know him. He knows your family and your children. You feel more comfortable with him."

The bank has deliberately set up this type of service in Canada, Tuval said, because it cannot compete with the "supermarket" of the large major Canadian banks, with their wide range of customer services.

The specialty product offered by the Israel Discount Bank is an expertise in international banking; the staff are very skilled in expediting letters of credit for international trade, Tuval said.

He explained that it takes a large Canadian bank an average of three to five working days to set up a letter of credit, while officers at his bank can get the job done in one day. "The big difference is this is our niche," he said.

The Israel Discount Bank of Canada has focused on the financial paperwork associated with international trade, because its main agenda is to promote trade between Canada and Israel, Tuval said.

He insists that making a profit is a secondary goal. "With the same capital we can make more money in Israel. It's our own turf."

The bank, as a member of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce, also finds Canadian customers or investors for Israeli products, and vice versa, Tuval said.

With its focus on business and trade the Israel Discount Bank does not cater to small accounts. The minimum loan is $100,000 and it offers term deposits from $10,000 and up. The rates are competitive for both Canadian and U.S. dollars. There is no RRSP service at this time.

There are commercial checking accounts, but the bank discourages personal ones because it doesn't have the manpower for this level of banking and it cannot duplicate the services offered at the major banks, such as the instant cash machines, Tuval said.

The bank is interested in attracting Jewish clientele, but there are no plans in the immediate future to open a bank closer to the Jewish community, he said. And, he added, with today's technology the location of the bank is not that important.

The cost of increasing the bank's profits in the Jewish community, may outweigh the benefit, Tuval said.

He admitted to being cautious but said his caution reflects the conservative philosophy of the Israel Discount Bank outside of Israel. The bank finances relatively safe ventures, he said. "We knowingly give up profits for security. In the long run we do better."

He said the bank did not make a huge profit during boom years of the '80s, but it has continued to be profitable in these leaner times. It doesn't regularly finance real estate; nor does it offer mortgages, which were areas of loss for many banks during the recession, Tuval said.

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BIZ BRIEFS

Unemployment Up By 3.3 Per Cent

JERUSALEM — Unemployment rose 3.3 per cent in June compared with the previous month, the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry announced recently.

The number of unemployed in June was 109,400 compared with 105,900 in May, after adjustment for seasonal factors, the ministry said.

Moreover, the number of jobs offered in the market increased 25.3 per cent in June, with 19,300 jobs offered compared with 15,400 in May. Most of the new jobs were in the construction industry.

However, the number of unemployed college graduates went up 3.4 per cent in June. Some 14,300 of them were unemployed in June compared with 13,900 in May.

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$12.7 Million Credit Line

JERUSALEM — Israel Discount Bank has signed a $12.75 million credit line agreement with the State Bank for Foreign Economic Affairs of Ashkhabat, Turkmenistan.

Discount is the first Israeli bank to sign a commercial agreement with Turkmenistan.

The five-year agreement is intended to finance Merhav (MNF) export of agriculture products and equipment.

The company has commercial agreements with the authorities in Turkmenistan.

Discount has received documentary credit of $5 million from the Turkmenistan bank to guarantee that Merhav will receive payment for export products purchased from local suppliers.

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TASE Targets English Customers

TEL AVIV — The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE) has launched an English-language publication for the international business community.

Financial Data of Israeli Listed Companies: 1993 Edition is a compilation of annual statistics from 1990 to 1993 on more than 600 Israeli companies traded on the TASE. Additional data on 31 companies traded abroad is also listed. The publication is priced at $40.

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Converting Military Industries

JERUSALEM — The country has to convert military industries into commercial enterprises to achieve a healthy economy, said Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

He stressed that the effects of the massive worldwide reduction in defence spending are being felt everywhere, with the continuing threat to tens of thousands of jobs.

Rabin called on the Technion board of governors to ensure the group plays a leading role in finding innovative ways to move military industries into commercial areas, and help grasp the opportunities presented by the peace process and the general openness in world markets.

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Firm Plans To Open Branches

JERUSALEM — Metro Cash and Carry, a leading consumer product distribution chain in South Africa and the U.S., plans to invest $8 million in two branches here.

The company, which was founded 26 years ago, supplies products to the business sector, grocery shops, offices, factories, institutions and companies engaged in the tourism sector.

The local franchise is jointly owned by Metro Cash and Carry South Africa and Koor Industries.

The company's first branch in Haifa Port will open at the end of the month at an investment of $6 million. In August, the company plans to open its second branch in Ramat Gan at an investment of $2 million.

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Official Cooperation

JERUSALEM Lannet Computer Communications and office machines giant Olivetti have agreed to cooperate in the supply, marketing, distribution and support of LAN equipment.

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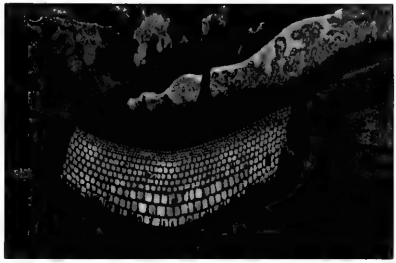

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Weekend of violence

TEL AVIV — Two Israeli soldiers were killed last weekend in an attack by Hezbollah fighters in southern Lebanon.

Hezbollah also launched a series of rocket attacks on IDF units and the allied South Lebanon Army inside the security zone and on civilian targets in the Galilee, leaving three Israeli children slightly injured.

Hezbollah said the attacks were in retaliation for the Aug. 4 Israeli air strike on the Lebanese village of Deir Zahrani, which reportedly left seven civilians dead and 17 wounded.

Israel issued a highly unusual apology for the attack, saying the missiles mistakenly hit the village during a series of separate strikes on terrorist positions in southern Lebanon.

Israel lodges official complaint

Canada's acceptance of Israeli refugees provokes angry diplomatic response

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The flap between Israel and Canada over the granting of refugee status by Canada to Israeli citizens has provoked a flurry of activity among diplomats and politicians in both countries.

"It is an insult to one democracy that another democracy should accept its citizens as refugees," Itzhak Shelef, Israel's ambassador to Canada, said on CBC-TV August 4.

And in Israel, the Foreign Ministry lodged an official complaint with Canadian ambassador Norman Spector. [See story on page 10.]

The refugee claimants, who were granted Israeli citizenship under that country's Law of Return because of their Jewish background or their Jewish spouses, allege Israeli police failed to protect them from abuse, beatings, telephone threats and rape.

Canada has granted refugee status to about 300 claimants from Israel since 1992, almost all of them from the former Soviet Union.

Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi has said he will instruct the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) to check more closely into claims made about persecution in Israel. "I am very sensitive to the fact that if anyone knows what a true refugee is, it is the Jewish people," he said last week.

About 2,000 Israelis are in Canada seeking refugee status and collecting welfare while they wait. Another 1,200 claims have been dismissed.

"They [refugee claimants] have taken money from Israel, a year of free accommodation and a year of free study and now they are collecting benefits in Canada, abusing the goodwill of both countries," Oren David, director of the Canadian desk in Israel's Foreign Ministry, told the CBC program *As It Happens* from Jerusalem.

Canada is the only country in the world to accept Israeli citizens as refugees, Eli Yerushalmi, a consular official at the Israel Embassy in Ottawa, told *The CJN*.

Yerushalmi said his staff will submit evidence to the IRB that Israeli citizens enjoy full civil rights.

"People who come from the Soviet Union used our system for a year, the money we provided, getting used to Western ways, then they come to Canada and say, 'I'm a Christian married to a Jew and I want you to accept me.' They have learned through lawyers that Canada has an opening in their refugee laws, a loophole they can come through," Yerushalmi said.

Gerry Stobo, the IRB's top legal counsel, said Canada uses the United Nations' definition of refugees as those fearing legitimate persecution in their home countries. In cases where people can show they fear persecution, he said, refugee status is granted no matter where they come from. from.

Itzhak Shelef

Sergio Marchi

Norman Spector

"We can't accept that there are refugees from Israel," said Chaim Waxman, Israel's vice consul in Toronto. "Israel isn't a refugee producing country. The claims are absurd and groundless."

Others, like the Canadian Council for Refugees, have said Canada is not going far enough in demanding proof of state-sanctioned persecution in Israel.

In one case, Montreal adjudicators granted refugee status to a family of three, even though there were doubts about the father's claim that he was forced to serve in the territories as part of compulsory military service.

Council president David Matas has said the problems facing Israeli citizens from the former Soviet Union — unemployment, housing shortages and cultural alienation — are not bases for refugee claims. "You could hardly consider that persecution."

Matas has also pointed to the high ratio of acceptance in Quebec as proof that Israel's democratic image may not be consistent across the country. IRB statistics show that one in every three Israeli claims heard in Quebec last year was accepted, while one in 12 Ontario claims was successful.

The IRB numbers show:

- Quebec adjudicators accepted 108 refugee claims last year and rejected 203. Another 38 were withdrawn.
- Ontario adjudicators last year accepted 44 claims and rejected 508. Another 261 were withdrawn.
- Five of 27 were accepted in the rest of the country.

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IRB to re-evaluate policy on Israeli refugees

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — Canada's controversial policy of granting refugee status to Israeli citizens will be examined and re-evaluated at a special session of the Immigration and Refugee Board to be held in Montreal later this month.

On August 19 the Board is to hold the special hearing to examine and re-evaluate its Israeli refugee policy, according to human rights lawyer Irwin Cotler, one of three expert witnesses who was asked to testify at the session.

The three experts who will testify include: Cotler, who will review international criteria for granting refugee status; Natan Sharansky, head of the Zionist Forum, the main lobby group in Israel for immigrants from the former Soviet Union; and Lynda Brayer, the Jerusalem lawyer who supplies the Israeli applicants with documentation to support their claims of discrimination.

Brayer, a South African-born Jew who immigrated to Israel and then converted to Roman Catholicism, works as a lawyer for the Society of St. Ives, a legal resource centre active in defending Palestinian rights under the auspices of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. She provides applicants with an affidavit stating that Israel "is not a democratic state for a heterogenous population," that it discriminates against non-Jews in a de facto manner, depriving them of many civil rights, including ownership of land, public education, employment and health benefits. The affidavit also states that Israel pursues a systemic policy of "aggression, brutality and even murderous assault against Palestinians" — something which, the document implies, sheds light on Israel's overall treatment of non-Jews.

These claims suggest that any discrimination experienced by non-Jewish immigrants in Israel is part of a pattern of state-sanctioned persecution — the main criterion for conferring refugee status according to international law, says Cotler.

Allegations of state-sanctioned persecution are also reinforced by other documentation supplied to the Refugee Board, including excerpts from the *Journal of Palestine Studies*, reports from Israeli human rights groups and even statements made by Israeli leaders that appeared in Israel's Russian-language press.

In one such article, published three years ago, Meretz leader (and current minister of culture) Shulamit Aloni called Israel "a racist state."

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Argentina's consul general in Toronto, Jorge Vinuela (right) makes a point at last week's solidarity rally, as Argentine consul Betina de Fonseca (centre) and B'nai Brith's Paul Marcus look on. [Talia Klein Photo]

Solidarity rally held in Toronto for Jewish victims of terror

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A veritable who's who of federal, provincial and municipal politics joined over 800 members of Toronto's Jewish community last week at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue for a service for the victims of recent terrorist attacks directed at Jewish and Israeli targets.

Strong messages of solidarity and condemnation of the Buenos Aires, London and Panama attacks came from federal Treasury Board president Art Eggleton; Ontario Citizenship Minister Elaine Ziemba; Toronto Mayor June Rowlands; Argentina's ambassador to Canada, Lillian O'Connell de Alurralde; and Israel's consul general, Dror Zeigerman, among others.

Canadians were "shocked and appalled" by the July 18 bombing of the Jewish community centre in Buenos Aires, which claimed an estimated 100 lives, said Eggleton, adding that Foreign Minister Andre Ouellet was quick to condemn the incident.

He said Canada "expects" Argentina, Great Britain and Panama to "act quickly" and apprehend those responsible for the terrorist attacks.

Last month's car bombing in Buenos Aires was followed in short order by the explosion of a plane killing 12 members of Panama's tiny Jewish community and by the bombings of the Israeli Embassy and a Jewish fundraising organization in London, injuring at least 19 people.

The world seems to expect more of Israel than it does of other nations when it comes to negotiating peace, Eggleton stated.

Argentina "has been hit hard, and we feel the pain," remarked a sombre O'Connell de Alurralde. "This is a time to mourn, but also a time to take action."

She called the Buenos Aires bombers "ruthless terrorists."

Argentina's embassy in Ottawa is willing to provide callers with updates on the investigation, she said.

In his remarks, Britain's acting consul general, Noel Guina, said the recent bomb attacks are attempts to undermine the peace process. "But instead, they only serve to draw [Jews] together and heighten Jewish solidarity" he said. The attacks "are proof that the peace process is working. Far from impeding it, they will accelerate it."

Ziemba read a message of support and solidarity from Ontario Premier Bob Rae, while Rowlands too offered words of comfort.

To applause, Zeigerman acknowledged the presence of Rashad Saleh, head of Palestine House in Toronto, and he thanked Saleh for having participated in a recent meeting Zeigerman held with Ziad Malawi, editor of *Al-Mersal*, a Canadian-Arab newspaper.

Iran, widely rumored to have been involved in the Buenos Aires and London attacks, "is a danger to the free world," Zeigerman said.

Similar attacks can easily take place in Canada, he warned.

Israel "will do everything in its power to stamp out terror."

Canadian Zionist Federation national president Kurt Rothschild read messages of support and condolences from the National Congress of Italian-Canadians and the Anglican Diocese of Toronto, and one from the Argentinian Zionist organization, thanking Canada for its support.

In his keynote address, Shaarei Shomayim Rabbi Mark Dratch warned against Jewish complacency.

"An attack on Jews anywhere is an attack on Jews everywhere. We have learned the lessons of silence too many times," he said.

"Silence is deadly. We have no choice but to get involved."

Jews are obliged — indeed, they have "a specific responsibility" — to visit Israel "and not be scared off" in times of tension.

Cantor Martin Steinhouse sang *O Canada* and *Hatikvah* and chanted the *K'el Malei Rahamim*.

A prayer for the State of Israel was delivered by Andrea Silverstone, national chair of the Jewish Students' Network.

Also on hand at the service were MPs Barry Campbell, Maurizio Bevilacqua and Joe Volpe; MPPs Tony Rizzo, John Sola, Monte Kwinter, Tony Ruprecht, Zanana Akande and Charles Harnick; Metro councillors Howard Moscoe and Norm Gardner; North York Councillor Mike Feldman; Vaughan Mayor Lorna Jackson; and Vaughan Councillor Bernie Green.

Joining them were Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella, representatives of Christian-Jewish Dialogue, and a visiting Jewish couple from Buenos Aires, Moises Azzerrad and his wife, Florinda.

Sponsoring organizations were B'nai Brith Canada; the Canadian Zionist Federation, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and United Israel Appeal.

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Government cutbacks irk senior citizens

Applaud call for special ministry

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Discontent over the NDP's policies of slashing OHIP payments for "snowbirds,", cutting some drugs off the free list, and boosting rates at homes for the aged and nursing homes surfaced at a public forum attended by 200 at the Bernard Betel Centre recently.

Perhaps the Ontario government went too far in reducing the out-of-province payments, Jenny Carter, NDP member for Peterborough and parliamentary assistant to the ministry which covers senior services, told the audience.

"If (the cut) is illegal it will be revoked," she promised

"You should have the courage to revoke it and start over again," said Charles Harnick, PC member for Willowdale, who earlier said the government had cut the out-of-province payments from $400 to $100 a day.

"What really galls me is that they (the government) know it is illegal," Harnick said. "They could delay the measure at least until it's known if it is illegal."

Loudest applause of the afternoon came in response to statements from the audience that seniors deserve a ministry of their own in the Ontario cabinet, and that eliminating some drugs from the free list will mean more seniors will sustain injuries in falls and cost the province even more in health costs.

(Senior services are now combined with other portfolios under Elaine Ziemba, minister of citizenship.)

Harnick opened the forum with a sharp attack on the NDP government. "The NDP decided to blame the seniors for rising health costs even though the number on welfare receiving benefits increased to 1.3 million in 1992. This was a politically motivated move. Seniors don't vote NDP but welfare recipients do."

Carter later denied that the government had targeted seniors and said putting the senior services portfolio in with other departments under Ziemba gave the seniors more political clout.

There are 35,000 seniors in Ontario paying an extra $12 a day in homes for the aged and nursing homes, an increase of 38 per cent, Dianne Poole, Liberal member for Eglinton, said. "The government is looking in the wrong places to cut spending," she said.

On cutting some drugs from the free list, Poole declared, "Some seniors can't take the generic brands, they get an allergic reaction; they're making our seniors go through hoops."

Twenty per cent of the residents in her riding are seniors, Poole said, double the provincial average. She said seniors face an increase of from 15 to 18 per cent in auto insurance premiums, and that delays in obtaining beds for long-term care are a serious concern.

The government is favoring welfare recipients over seniors in allowing free drugs, she said.

"We haven't got the shoulders to bear the burdens you are putting on us," said Betel member Sadie Rose in thanking the panel. "You have given us information but no plan."

Harnick said there are no ward rooms available for seniors who want to avoid the extra costs of semi-private rooms. Seniors are now prisoners in their own province because of the government's cut in out-of-province OHIP payments.

Forty per cent of seniors receive supplementary pensions and of that group, 80 per cent are women, said Bea Levis, co-chairman of the Ontario Senior Citizens Coalition. She is also a member of the Task Force on Transition Care. Most seniors are in the $20,000 to $35,000 income range, and only five per cent of Canadians have an income more than $50,000.

Cuts in the government's funding of homes for the aged and nursing homes means that residents "are lucky if they get a bath once a week," said Levis. "Unfortunate changes have been made in drug benefits. They are very discriminatory. Calcium pills are deleted. If it's a question of buying pills or food you know which way it will go."

Carter said positive moves by the NDP government on behalf of seniors include a seniors' bill of rights, a $15 million cancer straegy grant, allocations of $5.4 million to 20 quick response programs and an Advocacy Act.

She denied that the government had cut 234 drugs from the free list, saying generic drugs are just as good, or better. On the question of calcium pills, she said, "if you really need it, it will be made available."

Monte Kwinter, Liberal member for Wilson Heights, originally scheduled to speak, was in Hong Kong with a trade mission.

Lou Goldenberg was chairman.

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Charbonneau's candidacy gets mixed reception

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The return of former labor leader Yvon Charbonneau to the public eye — this time as a candidate for the Quebec Liberal party — has stirred up bitter memories among some members of the Jewish community.

Premier Daniel Johnson confirmed Charbonneau's candidacy in Bourassa, the northeast Montreal riding held by former Liberal cabinet minister Louise Robic. The party considers Charbonneau quite a catch considering that he was once a strong voice for Quebec independence.

Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) did not protest the selection of Charbonneau, whose strident anti-Zionism and open ties with Libya in the 1970s and early '80s as president of the largest teachers' union federation, outraged much of the Jewish community.

Lawrence Bergman, the Liberal candidate in the heavily Jewish riding of D'Arcy McGee, supports Johnson's decision.

John Parisella, coordinator of the Liberal campaign, told *The CJN* the party is satisfied Charbonneau does not have the same views as he did a decade ago and has been made aware of how much the party "cherishes the Jewish community."

Parisella said the party questioned Charbonneau about his Middle East stance and allegations of anti-Semitism, and found that his opinions had "evolved" and did not conflict with those of the party. "The world has changed and he has changed."

The clash between Charbonneau and the community reached its peak in June 1983 when Israeli defence minister Ariel Sharon visited Montreal to speak at a fundraiser for Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital, in the wake of the Sabra and Shatilla refugee camps massacre in Lebanon.

Charbonneau led the anti-Sharon forces, which included representatives of unions, the Parti Quebecois and St. Jean Baptiste Society, against a Jewish community coalition led by the Canada-Israel Committee. At the time, the community, including CJC, denounced Charbonneau for disseminating "pro-PLO propaganda" and for his association with the Tripoli-based organization EAFORD (Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination), set up by Libyan leader Muammar Khadafi using the United Nations' 'Zionism is racism' resolution as its leitmotif.

Parisella said Charbonneau was fighting for the rights of the Palestinians to a homeland, and though at that time this cause was associated with terrorism, today that struggle is almost resolved with the support of the international community.

Charbonneau, he added, always made a distinction between anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism. "He never had a problem with Jewish people."

Parisella observed that former longtime Liberal MP Marcel Prud'homme supported the Palestinians "and that never stopped people like Leo Kolber" raising funds for the federal Liberals.

Yvon Charbonneau

Charbonneau "should not be put on trial on the basis of the past. There are not many politicians who don't have something in their past. I think we should have the tolerance to believe people can evolve and change."

Parisella said the party first approached Charbonneau last spring and he refused at that time, having the previous October been appointed to a five-year term as vice-president of the province's Societe Quebecoise de Developpement de la Main-d'oeuvre, an agency for manpower retraining.

Parisella noted that his selection to this public position passed without controversy, indicating to the party Charbonneau was no longer a controversial figure. In fact, it was Charbonneau's second job with the government. In 1989, he was appointed head of a provincial inquiry into hazardous wastes, displacing the respected ex-cabinet minister, Victor Goldbloom.

In recent years, Charbonneau has also worked for the engineering firm Lavalin-SNC and headed his own public relations firm.

Parisella said Charbonneau has been a supporter of the Liberal party for six or seven years. "Most conversions are from federalism to sovereignty. Rarely do sovereigntists come to the Liberal side."

With Johnson's confirmation of Charbonneau, the nominee of the Bourassa riding association, businessman John De Luca, has stepped aside. De Luca, a member of the riding executive and the local Montreal Catholic School commissioner, said his first loyalty is to the party, but he could not hide his disappointment.

He grew up in the riding, lived there until 1½ years ago, and headed Robic's fundraising drives. He, like Charbonneau, now lives in nearby Riviere des Prairies district.

About a quarter of the riding's population is ethnic, mostly Italian, he said.

"I have nothing against Charbonneau. I met him and it went pretty well."

D'Arcy McGee independent candidate Robert Libman has not withdrawn his objection, and is using it against opponent Bergman. "This is a clear example of the Liberals' total disregard for the sensitivities of the Jewish and anglophone communities, and it further shows the ineffectiveness of the Liberal candidate in D'Arcy McGee who has been astonishingly silent on this issue."

Libman, the incumbent, is hoping the issue will convince voters that he can more forcefully speak out on their concerns than Bergman.

That same day, Bergman did speak publicly for the first time on the Charbonneau affair. In an open letter to constituents, he wrote that he had met with Charbonneau for a "frank discussion."

"We both agreed that the world has changed a great deal in the past 10 years. Mr. Charbonneau is clearly supportive of the current peace process which recognizes the existence of the State of Israel and the efforts made for a negotiated settlement in the Middle East with its neighbors.

"He has also asked that I recognize, and by extension all the constituents of D'Arcy McGee, that individuals and their ideas evolve over time."

Bergman said French- and English-speaking Quebecers have to "work in harmony" to promote political stability and economic growth.

Libman declined to apologize to the Ottawa-based National Council on Canada-Arab Relations. Its director, former MP Ian Watson, had called on Libman to apologize to Charbonneau, Arab-Canadians and "all those Canadians who are committed to the support of international law and the application of universal standards of human rights."

Libman's perceived offence was showing "an anti-Arab, anti-Palestinian bias" for denouncing Charbonneau's candidacy because of his "championing" of Palestinian rights in the past.

"It is Mr. Charbonneau who owes an apology to the Jewish community for his vehement attacks against it and Israel," Libman insisted.

"Charbonneau's association with the likes of Muammar Khadafi should be abhorrent to Canadian Arabs as it is to Canadian Jews and all Canadians."

David Reichmann dies at 34

JERUSALEM — David Reichmann, son of Ralph and Ada Reichmann of Toronto, died in Israel on August 2 of a heart attack. He was 34.

He was stricken while returning to his home in Bnei Brak from Tel Aviv. Police found him in his car by the side of the road.

Besides his parents, he leaves his wife Rachele and five young children, and three brothers and one sister.

He was buried the next day in Bnei Brak. Among the thousands attending the funeral was Rabbi Eliezer Schach, who heads the Ponevezh Yeshivah where Reichmann had studied.

Reichmann's father, brother of Paul and Albert, owns the Olympia Tile company. The Reichmann family are known for their philanthropic endeavors in Israel and the Diaspora.

David Reichmann and his family made aliyah three years ago. He had previously worked for Olympia Tile in Toronto.

In 1992, he founded Darcom Communications, an Israel-based telecommunications company. The company, which provides private long-distance lines, set up communications links between the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv and the State Department in Washington, and between Israel and several Arab countries.

Forbes, a leading U.S. business magazine, reported a month ago that Darcom had "opened shop" recently in South Africa and the United Kingdom and was planning to enter the western European market.

Darcom lost a "young man with a highly developed business sense," said Zvi Amid, the firm's chief executive officer.

Even as he dreamed of turning his company into an international telecommunications giant, Reichmann maintained his family's devotion to Torah and learning. His daily Torah study, he said, helped keep his priorities in order as he spent the day building his business.

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Visitors describe life of average Israeli teenager

Tali Haviv (left), 17, from Or Yehuda in Israel, talks about the Mideast peace process with Matt Pinchuck and Carly Guberman of Montreal at Camp Kadimah in Nova Scotia. Fellow Or Yehudan, Einav Haim (right), was part of the six person, four-week tour of small Jewish communities in Atlantic Canada and Ontario. [Joel Jacobson photo]

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — Six Israeli teenagers are spending four weeks in Canada this summer, trying to convince their peers that Israeli teens listen to Metallica, play Nintendo, love to shop and do all the things teens in other parts of the world do — but with a slight difference.

"We are mostly asked about the peace process in the Middle East, something we are living every day" said Einav Haim, a member of the Or Yehuda group visiting small Jewish communities in Atlantic Canada and Ontario. "Peace is our life, our future."

And if you ask the six young people if there will be peace, you will get six different answers.

"We can't give a straight answer to the people asking us because we all see peace in different ways," said Yosi Arviv.

The six teens, all 17, live at Or Yehuda, a community of 25,000 people outside Tel Aviv. They have been in Canada since July 11 and will leave for home August 16.

Their town was established in 1949 ("from a dump," said Haim) as a refuge for Sephardi Jews from the Middle East.

"It was a distressed area," said Anthony Lowenstein of Toronto, the group's leader on the one-month Canadian speaking tour of summer camps and community gatherings. "There was a high crime rate, high infant mortality and high illiteracy."

In 1976, Menachim Begin decided Diaspora Jews should take the responsibility of rehabilitating such communities. A twinning process took place and Or Yehuda was joined with the small communties of Atlantic Canada and southern Ontario.

With support from those communities, "our community went from black to white," said Arviv. "There were miraculous changes and today there is industry, much better housing, adult education, almost 100 per cent literacy, the lowest infant mortality rate in Israel, and 90 per cent of high school graduates go on to university."

During their three-day visit to Camp Kadimah, 100 km from Halifax, the Israelis offered a dramatic presentation in which they played Palestinians and Israelis expressing their hopes and fears about the peace process. Later, they participated in small group sessions and even one-on-one situations with campers and staff, talking about Israel.

"We were amazed that the people hear only the bad things about Israel, about death and war," said Tali Haviv. She said it's not easy to live in Israel "but it is not just war. We are teens like everyone else. We have entertainment, pubs, rock bands and the same interests as teens anywhere."

What amazes the visitors is the feelings Canadian teens have for Israel. "People here feel Israel is their own. They want to live there and serve in the army," said Shag Elattr, who, with his mates, will enter the Israeli army within the next year.

"Going to the army will mature us," he said. "And we want to give to our country. Most of us have brothers and sisters and parents who have served, or are serving, in the army. It's a tradition."

The Or Yehuda tour visited Saint John and Moncton, N.B., Prince Edward Island, where they saw the stage production of *Anne Of Green Gables*, Halifax, Springhill, Kentville and Sydney, N.B., and several Ontario communities including Ottawa, Kingston, Muskoka, London, Windsor and camps in Hamilton and Toronto. They also performed at Camp B'nai Brith in Montreal.

Haim said she sets great satisfaction connecting with Canadians. "We have done song and dance with them, taught some Hebrew words and talked about peace."

Elattr interjected, "And we're learning about the Canadian culture. We'll take some of that back to Israel with us, too."

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RESIDENTIAL-COMMERCIAL

Community activist to head medical centre support group

MONTREAL — Longtime Jewish community activist Julius Briskin has been appointed national executive director of the newly established Canadian chapter of the Children's Medical Centre of Israel (CMCI).

Opened in October 1992 in Petach Tikvah, the CMCI is the only facility in the region providing full medical service exclusively for children. It is also a teaching medical centre affiliated with the Sackler School of Medicine at Tel Aviv University.

The seven-floor, ultra-modern building houses 224 beds, 60 per cent of them for day patients and emergencies and the remainder for longer-term patients.

Briskin, a Montreal lawyer, most recently served as national executive vice-president of the State of Israel Bonds in Canada (1983 to 1991). He was a senior partner in the law firm of Masse, Briskin, Bouchard & Associates and from 1957 to 1963 was agent to the federal minister of justice in tax evasion, narcotics and fraud.

His is a founding president of the Inter-Service Clubs Council of Quebec, organizer of the CFCF Television Telethon of Stars for research into children's diseases at the Montreal Children's Hospital and Hopital Ste. Justine, past chair of Bnai Brith-Eastern Canada, chair of the 1976 Montreal Olympic Ball and latterly campaign director of the Jewish Rehabilitation Hospital expansion campaign.

Julius Briskin

Briskin emphasized that the CMCI is open to all children of Israel and the Middle East, regardless of religion, race, nationality or ethnic origin. "It serves as a humanitarian bridge to peace," he said.

"Since the operation began, CMCI doctors have attracted international attention with breakthroughs and innovations. It is now time for Canadian Jewry to learn more about this great facility."

National headquarters for the Canadian arm of CMCI are located in Montreal. A national executive will be formed shortly. Programming is expected to begin in the fall. For more information on the CMCI, Briskin can be reached at (514) 343-9840.

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NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

KRIEGSMAN — KRIEGER

I received an interesting letter from Vahn Pailakian, of Montreal, enquiring not about his unusual surname, but that of an American friend named Kriegsman. The suggestion is that since Kriegsman literally means a warrior or a quarrelsome person it is an odd name for any person to adopt.

The problem arises from a curious pronunciation of the German and Yiddish word Krug — which means a jug or a mug. Correspondingly, Kruger denotes an innkeeper who sold beer by the tankard. Krieger and Kriegsman are misspellings of Kruger.

My correspondent's surname is more difficult. It appears to emanate from a place name that attracted pelicans.

Israel/Jordan border crossing opens for tourism

By BILL GLADSTONE
CJN Travel Reporter

TORONTO — A new era in Middle East tourism dawned this week as Israel and Jordan opened a border crossing for tourists between the neighbouring Red Sea resort towns of Eilat and Aqaba.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin crossed the frontier Monday morning to make his first formal visit to Jordan. He was King Hussein's lunch guest at the royal palace in Aqaba and then took a short trip on the royal yacht.

Israel Television reported Sunday night that Hussein may visit Israel as early as this Friday.

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, in the region for another round of shuttle diplomacy, became the first to traverse the new Arava crossing. Monday, he drove the five km stretch from Aqaba to Eilat.

The formal inauguration was attended by Rabin, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Chief Justice Meir Shamgar, IDF Chief of Staff Gen. Ehud Barak and other government leader.

Representing Jordan was King Hussein's brother, Crown Prince Hassan. There was no explanation of why Hussein did not attend.

A group of 40 Spaniards were the first tourists to use the crossing.

The Eilat-Aqaba crossing was to open this week to all ordinary tourists in Israel holding valid passports, provided they stay in Jordan at least one night before returning to Israel.

"As of [this] Tuesday, it'll be as easy as crossing the border to Buffalo," said Ruth Ben-Tzur, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office (IGTO) in Canada, at a press conference last week in Toronto. "Canadians who have become accustomed to easy entry into the United States will appreciate the same situation in the Middle East."

Until this week, a tourist wishing to cross from Israel to Jordan could do so only at the Allenby Bridge, east of Jericho, and only if his or her passport did not contain an Israeli stamp. Once admitted into Jordan, the traveller was not permitted to cross back into Israel.

Like Eilat, Aqaba is a resort town that trades on the perennially sunny weather, pure sand beaches and excellent diving and recreational opportunities of the Red Sea. However, it lacks the nightlife and big hotels of its Israeli sister; it has about 2,400 hotel rooms, versus about 7,500 in Eilat.

Last year, the absence of a crossing between the two cities posed a ticklish diplomatic problem when a horse belonging to King Hussein swam from Aqaba to Eilat. To return the animal to its rightful owner, the Israelis transported it north to Jericho, a five-hour ride, then gave it to the Jordanians at the Allenby Bridge. The horse was then shipped back to Aqaba, another five-hour highway journey.

Situated three km north of Eilat, the new border crossing point gives foreign tourists to Israel unprecedented access to the spectacular rose-red city of Petra, roughly an hour-and-a-half north of Aqaba by car along the King's Highway.

Considered one of the wonders of the ancient world, Petra is a city carved from solid rock by the Nabateans, and accessible mainly through a narrow, winding canyon known as the Siq.

Ironically, although many Israelis long to visit Petra, they will not be permitted to cross into Jordan until an official peace treaty between the two countries is signed.

Only third-party nationals — not Israelis or Jordanians — may cross between Eilat and Aqaba.

Israeli tourism officials, along with their counterparts in Egypt and Jordan, have innovative plans for the area they have dubbed the "Red Sea Riviera" — the 30-km-long, horseshoe-shaped stretch of coastline that runs from the Egyptian resort of Taba, through Eilat and Aqaba, to Jordan's boundary with Saudia Arabia.

Tourism officials are preparing a large international promenade that features shops, restaurants, new hotels and other touristic attractions, including a pedestrian and bicycle path. "Imagine the thrill of being able to ride your bike through three countries," said Howard English, a public relations consultant who works with the IGTO.

Famous Red Sea coral reefs

Israeli, Jordanian and Egyptian tourism officials are also jointly planning an underwater park where divers may explore the famous coral reefs of the Red Sea without worrying about inadvertently crossing an international boundary. (As of this week, windsurfers and waterskiers in the Gulf of Eilat needn't be concerned about carrying passports, either; no national coast guard will harrass them if they inadvertently sail over the border).

Tourist submarines will also move freely through these waters, which are to be marked with submerged signs announcing geographical locations.

Other planned projects include a Spice Trail Park, tracing the route of ancient spice merchants, and The Lowest Point On Earth Park in the Dead Sea area, featuring the health and healing centres of both Israel and Jordan.

According to Ben-Tzur, two more border crossing points — on the north and south sides of the Dead Sea — will open between Israel and Jordan in coming months, and two additional border crossing points will eventually give Jordan access to Ashdod and other Mediterranean seaports, providing invaluable shipping channels for freight.

According to IGTO figures, some 40,000 Canadians visited Israel in 1993. Ben-Tzur expects the number to climb steadily as more peace gains are achieved.

"As of Tuesday, Egypt, Israel, and Jordan form a beautiful touristic triangle that opens a whole new world for Canadian tourists," she said. "At the least, we expect to double the number of Canadians going to Israel next year."

Although Israel and Jordan have yet to declare a formal peace, popular sentiment in both countries seems increasingly congenial. Israeli television camera operators were recently permitted into Jordan, Ben-Tzur related, and conducted on-the-street interviews in Amman with ordinary Jordanians, most of whom spoke positively about peace for Israeli television. "We feel that we have friendly people on the other side of the border. That's just as important than a piece of paper."

Ben-Tzur related that she recently watched children on a Dead Sea kibbutz release hundreds of coloured balloons bearing messages of peace, which the wind carried over the border into Jordan. "We saw the Jordanian kids running after the balloons, catch them, and wave to us," she said. "You didn't even need binoculars."

— With files from Isranet and the Jerusalem Post Foreign Service.

Canadian Jews join JDC's Rwandan relief efforts

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

Marilyn Aarons-Guttman

Steve Drysdale

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish organizations are climbing on board in the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)'s relief efforts to aid Rwandan refugees.

Mazon Canada, which distributes funds to grassroots organizations fighting hunger, announced last week that it was making its largest single allocation ever of $5,000 to the JDC.

Meanwhile, the Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress, in conjunction with the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, last week established the *Rwandan Relief Fund*. The Fund will raise money in Canada that will be channelled to the JDC for use in providing shelters, water purification units and medical aid for Rwandans in refugee camps in Tanzania, said Congress spokesman Daniel Fine.

Congress and the Federation established the relief fund to give Canadian Jews the opportunity to aid Rwandans through reputable Jewish organizations, Fine said.

"It will be a Jewish response to the Rwandan tragedy. We can draw on our history for a uniquely Jewish response," he said.

In Montreal, Federation CJA is offering a similar opportunity for those wishing to aid in Rwandan relief. Federation executive-director Steve Drysdale said cheques made out to *Federation CJA* and marked for Rwandan relief will be forwarded to the JDC.

B'nai Brith Canada added its voice to the chorus of those urging a Jewish response to the Rwandan tragedy, calling on the Jewish community to support relief agencies.

And the government of Israel, in conjunction with Magen David Adom, has started its own emergency relief fund named *Israel for Rwandan Refugees*. Donations to the fund will be used to purchase equipment vital to the Israeli relief effort in Goma, Zaire.

On July 25, the first of eight Israeli Hercules transport planes landed in Goma, ferrying in a contingent of about 50 medical staff and an additional 30 auxiliary personnel to operate an IDF field hospital.

The response of the Jewish community to the Congress/Federation effort has been generous, Fine said. In the first two days, the fund received about 75 cheques including "quite a few $100 cheques."

In addition, Congress and the Federation have sent a letter to rabbis and executive directors of Ontario synagogues urging them "to enlist the support of your congregants to aid in providing a Jewish response to this crisis." The letter goes on to ask the rabbis to "make mention of this initiative during your Shabbat sermon."

Congress has had regular contact with the JDC over the past few years and about a year and a half ago, airlifted pharmaceuticals and clothing to the former Yugoslavia through the JDC, Fine said.

Marilyn Aarons-Guttman, executive director of Mazon, said the organization's executive committee gave unanimous consent to the Rwanda relief effort.

"The need for humanitarian aid is obvious," she said. "The Jewish community in North America is horrified and wants very badly to help these people."

Aarons-Guttman said the emergency allocation is Mazon's second such transfer in under a year. She said Mazon's largest ever allocation up to that time took place last fall when $4,000 was sent through JDC for relief efforts in Bosnia.

Those wishing to participate in the Congress/Federation relief effort can make their cheques payable to the *United Jewish Welfare Fund: Rwanda Relief* and send them to the Rwanda Relief Fund, 4600 Bathurst St., Willowdale, Ont., M2R 3V2.

B'nai Brith is offering a similar service for those who wish to make a contribution to Rwandan relief through a familiar Jewish agency. B'nai Brith will distribute money to the appropriate relief agencies, the fraternal agency said in a news release. Donations may be sent to: *B'nai Brith Foundation*, 15 Hove Street, Downsview, Ont., M3H 4Y8, Re: Rwanda relief.

Those wishing to aid the Israeli program can make cheques payable to *Israel Leman Plitei Ruanda* and forward donations to: Israel Leman Plitei Ruanda, c/o Bank Leumi, Yad Eliahu Branch (No. 814), Derech Moshe Dayan 64, Tel Aviv, Israel, Account No. 280000/07.

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Alan Rose leaves Congress

Will serve on Immigration and Refugee Board

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The names Alan Rose and Canadian Jewish Congress have been synonymous for a quarter-century.

Whether it was campaigning for Soviet Jewish emigration, making claims for restitution from Germany, representing Jewish concerns in Ottawa or dialoguing with Christians, Rose was in the forefront.

Those days have quietly come to an end as Rose, 73, prepares to begin his new duties Aug. 22 as a member of Canada's Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) determining refugee claims in the Montreal regional office.

The three-year appointment, made by cabinet, was one of 27 announced in June by Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi. Rose joined Congress in 1970.

"I felt it was time for a generational change," Rose said of his new job. "My time had come...I think I leave with my reputation, if not polished, at least untarnished."

Rose, who has been Congress' national executive vice-president since 1977, said he never considered retirement.

At the IRB, Rose will be working full-time from an office in Complexe Guy Favreau. He admitted he will miss his Congress office.

Rose would not say much about his opinions on immigration other than to note that "most Jews were refugees once." He thinks he has the compassion necessary to hear refugee claims, but wonders if he has "the wisdom of Solomon" to decide who can stay and who must go.

Alan Rose

Born in Scotland, Rose served in the British army during World War II as a tank officer and was among the liberators of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.

He emigrated to Canada in 1957 and worked for the Jewish Agency and the forerunner of the Canada-Israel Committee until coming to Congress in 1970 as assistant director. Those were the days when Congress was run by Sam Bronfman and right-hand man Saul Hayes.

His said his greatest achievement in his communal career was gaining freedom for Soviet Jews thanks to pressure from the Canadian government and the Jewish community. "We were one of the best organized communities in the world," he said. "We had a parliamentary committee for Soviet Jewry that including virtually every MP. We were effective in using the Helsinki Final Act (an international agreement on human rights) as a lever against the Soviet Union."

Rose also threw himself into the effort to get Ethopian Jews to Israel, visiting that African state three times.

Rose said Congress officers asked him to stay until 1995. He does not know if his position will be filled. If not, national Congress staff in Montreal will be reduced to three. He thinks Congress will eventually centre its national operations in Ottawa, but much depends on the outcome of the Quebec election.

"The increased professionalism of the Jewish community has enabled it to be an engine of social change, affecting not only Jews, but all Canadians," he said.

He also said Congress has made great strides in generating "tremendous goodwill" in Ottawa, translating into friendly relations between the government and the Jewish community and Israel. "We are regarded in Ottawa as amongst the most persuasive advocates.

"Over the years, we have built up a large network of contacts with parliamentarians and civil servants by being moderate and working within the parameters of what is possible."

Being a Jewish communal civil servant has not always been easy, he admitted. There have been "spiteful and petty" people among the lay people he has worked with, but they were the exceptions, he emphasized. Rose is proud of "never having compromised [his] principles," no matter how much heat he received.

What touches him most are the many letters he has received from people whom he helped in some small way, people like Holocaust survivors who needed help to get pensions.

Kagedan appointed to immigration post

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — Ian Kagedan, one of 27 people recently appointed to the Immigration and Refugee Board, began his education in refugee and immigration matters at the family dinner table. His father served as the executive vice-president of the Jewish Immigration Aid Service in Montreal.

"I grew up in a home very conscious of immigration and refugee affairs and I think I grew up with a great sensitivity to the situation of newcomers to this country, whether as immigrants or refugees," Kagedan said.

To take up his new duties, Kagedan is leaving his position as director of government relations for B'nai Brith Canada, where he was responsible for keeping various levels of government and ambassadors abreast of B'nai Brith policy.

Ian Kagedan

Of particular concern to him during his five-year tenure was the rise in racism, anti-Semitism and hate crimes in Western democratic and the former communist countries. Two years ago he helped organize a conference in Toronto on racism, anti-Semitism and xenophobia. And last year he was a member of a small B'nai Brith delegation that went to observe Germany's response to increasing racism and attacks against foreigners.

"He was a human sponge," said Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai Brith and mission leader. "He was able to absorb a great amount of data and then make a brilliant analysis of it."

Although saddened to see Kagedan leave B'nai Brith, Dimant said he is delighted about the appointment. He said Kagedan's commitment and grasp of the issues makes him a wise choice for the job.

"I think that Ian has a tremendously good sense of judgement and he will do the government proud," Dimant said.

Kagedan began his career as a lecturer in religious studies at the University of Winnipeg. He went on to be the director of community relations for the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council and then joined Canadian Jewish Congress.

It was about that time that a boatload of Sri Lankan refugees was rescued off the East Coast. The government panicked, and Kagedan got involved preparing briefs about refugee and immigration issues as the Conservative government drafted its new immigration legislation.

As a democracy and a "freedom-loving" nation, Canada has an obligation to provide asylum for people fleeing intolerable situations, Kagedan says. "We should never get into a situation where we close our doors."

That doesn't mean Canada should bear the brunt of the refugee crisis, he added, but it must do its share.

"People don't want to leave their country, people love their countries. When my ancestors came from Europe they didn't leave because they wanted to, they left because their lives were threatened. It's a horrible situation to be in, to leave the place of your birth because it's turned into a toxic environment."

Kagedan and his fellow board members were, for the first time, selected through consultations with people outside government. In the past, the Conservative government, which established the board, appointed the members and was accused of patronage.

All the new members have backgrounds in advocacy or immigration law.

Ottawa immigration lawyer Ian Fine said although the board members in Ottawa have been excellent, he applauds the new selection process.

"We're dealing here with people's lives and when you're dealing with people's lives you want the people who judge [them] to know what they are talking about."

230-year-old Quebec cemetery named national historic site

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — For only the second time, a Jewish site in Canada is about to be named a National Historic Site by the Canadian government.

The venerable Beth Israel cemetery of Quebec City, which dates back to 1852, will be designated a national historic site August 18, at a special ceremony hosted by the Heritage Ministry at the cemetery.

"This is Canada's oldest existing Jewish community cemetery, and probably the oldest visual testimony of Jews in Canada," said Frank Toker, a Quebec native and professor of architectural history at the University of Pittsburgh who has relatives interred at the cemetery. "There is no building standing that is earlier than that."

The only other Jewish national historic site is the Congregation Emanu-el in Victoria, B.C. Built in 1863, it is Canada's oldest functioning synagogue and was named a national historical site in 1983.

There are about 750 designated historic sites across the country.

The Beth Israel cemetery, situated on St. Cyrille Boulevard in the suburb of Ste. Foy, won approval despite some long odds and a lengthy review process.

According to Laurence Friend, chair of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, until 1990 the Heritage Ministry would not consider commemorating cemeteries if their historical value came only from connection to early settlements.

The Beth Israel cemetery fulfilled two of three criteria the board put into place after 1990: it contained "a concentration of noteworthy mausolea, monuments, markers, or horticultural specimens," and was "an exceptional example of a landscape expressing a distinctive cultural tradition."

Any one of those criteria, Friend said, made the Beth Israel cemetery eligible for consideration as a national historic site.

As part of the application, Jacqueline Hucker, a director of Heritage Canada's architectural history branch, prepared an "agenda paper" containing a vivid and richly-detailed history and description of the Quebec City Jewish community and Beth Israel cemetery.

The first known Jewish residents of Quebec City arrived in 1759, the year of the British conquest. But there was no minyan, Hucker notes, until 1852, when the Jewish population of the city reached 40.

Land for the Beth Israel cemetery was acquired sometime between the later 1840s to 1858, according to different reports, but Toker said it was probably 1852, the year the first minyan was formed. The first Quebec City map to show the cemetery is dated 1867.

The cemetery was privately owned by a Jewish merchant, Charles Shapeara, until he ceded it to the Beth Israel Corporation in 1894. Shapeara is buried in the cemetery.

The cemetery was enlarged but later reduced in size in 1965 — to 280 ft. by 220 ft. — to allow for the widening of St. Cyrille Boulevard. The contents of disturbed graves were shipped to Jerusalem for reburial.

About 300 markers remain, and the cemetery is still in use. It has undergone two restorations and has also been vandalized on occasion.

According to Hucker, the Beth Israel cemetery qualified for the special designation in part because, along with the Spanish and Portuguese/Shaar Hashomayim cemetery in Montreal, they "are the only extant cemeteries directly associated with more than 230 years of continuous Jewish settlement in Canada."

Although "It is uncontestable," Hucker writes, "that the Montreal cemetery is larger and contains a wider selection of characteristic Jewish markers and religious symbols...its continuing development into the 20th century overwhelms the smaller 19th century section.

For the Quebec City Jewish community of 35 families, the designation is seen as important both symbolically and substantively.

Symbolically, because it constitutes a national recognition of the Jewish presence in Quebec since 1759. Substantively, because the designation could play a role in the community's desire to see the cemetery maintained in perpetuity if the community disappears.

Ena Robinson, 76, is among those in the community who want to see the cemetery maintained.

It was Robinson, as a member of the Beth Israel Ohav Shalom Synagogue, who had the congregation form a corporation to afford the cemetery a measure of legal protection if the synagogue ever stopped functioning.

Meanwhile, however, the cemetery has been able to maintain its own chevrah kadishah, or burial society, and Robinson said the community and synagogue are still functioning well under Rabbi Samuel Rogers.

In Toker's view the historic designation will be the surest guarantee that the cemetery will stay intact, not because the status will provide maintenance funding, which it will not, but it will reinforce the idea that "the community has to care for the cemetery and to see how important it is," he said.

GOLDEN VOICES

Three Canadians took part in last month's Halleluyah Worldwide Song Contest for Jewish Youth, held in Israel: Neshama Carlebach, 19, of Toronto (above left), Nathaly Fedida, 20, of Montreal (above right) and Elinor Ochayon of Montreal (right). Singers from France won the competition. [Isranet Photos]

U.S. places Nazi doctor on 'watch list'

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — The U.S. government has placed Dr. Hans Sewing, a leading German physician, on its "watch list" of undesirable aliens after the Justice Department found he had participated in Nazi-sponsored acts of persecution, the World Jewish Congress reported recently.

The ban on Sewering's entry into the United States follows by a year and a half his resignation as elected president of the World Medical Association after documents found in German archives were released showing Sewering had been a member of the Nazi Party and the Nazi SS.

The WJC had asked the U.S. Justice Department to investigate Sewering's wartime activities.

According to the uncovered documents, in 1943 Sewering signed an order transferring a handicapped 14-year-old girl to a so-called "healing clinic," where she was soon killed, along with hundreds of other patients, in the Nazis' "euthanasia" program.

'Euthanasia' program

Although Sewering acknowledged signing the transfer order, he had denied knowing the clinic was a euthanasia centre. He had said that the Roman Catholic Church, which ran the clinic, would support his claim.

Instead, the hospital's director and four nuns on staff rejected his explanation.

They released a statement saying, "In the interest of the memory of these criminally murdered people, we cannot remain silent any longer. The sisters knew that these severely physically and mentally handicapped people would be exterminated as so-called 'unworthy lives.' "

The Justice Department said Sewering had been placed on the "watch list" for having "ordered, incited, assisted or otherwise participated" in persecution "because of race, religion, national origin or political opinion."

Charges against Sewering were first made by the German magazine *Der Spiegel*. The campaign to bar him from becoming the medical association's president was initiated by Prof. Michael Kochen of the University of Gottingen, Germany, and doctors from Canada, Israel and the United States.

Sewering lives in Dachau, Germany, the site of the wartime death camp.

Work continues on Jewish museum

By **SHELDON KIRSHNER**
CJN Staff Reporter

BERLIN — Work on the Jewish Museum, an extension of the Berlin Museum, is well under way.

The DM130 million project — which had been plagued by financial troubles — is expected to be finished in 1997, according to museum official Dominik Bartmann.

The complex is on Lindenstrasse, near what was Checkpoint Charlie, an entry point into former East Germany.

The zigzag building is shaped like a lightning bolt, with a hollow space running through it to symbolize the near-destruction by the Nazis of Germany's Jewish community.

Dominik Bartmann

It was designed by Daniel Libeskind, a Lodz-born architect whose parents are Holocaust survivors.

In a competition, he beat out more than 160 architects to win the commission.

The museum was originally scheduled to be finished in 1995, the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

But fiscal restraint, caused by the enormous costs incurred by German unification since 1990, delayed the much-discussed project.

City officials consider the museum important in maintaining cordial relations with the local Jewish community.

Before the rise of the Third Reich, Berlin was home to about 185,000 Jews. Today, the figure is down to 10,000. Nevertheless, Berlin still has the largest Jewish community in Germany, whose overall registered Jewish population is 43,000.

Wolfgang Nagel, the senator in charge of construction and housing in Berlin, says the museum is intended to be "a meeting place of German-Jewish traditions which promotes, at the same time, an examination of our own history."

Currently, the Jewish collection in the Berlin Museum is displayed in two exhibition halls in different areas of the city. One is on the ground floor of the old Berlin Museum. The other is in the Martin Gropius building, close to the former headquarters of the Gestapo.

The collection consists of religious objects, paintings, craftwork, documents and photographs.

The exhibits in the new Jewish Museum will be divided into three categories — Judaism, German Jewry and the Holocaust, and the contributions of Jews to German society over the centuries.

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The News in Brief

No to Haiti Invasion

TEL AVIV — Israel has rejected an American request to join a UN-sponsored international military force for a possible invasion of Haiti.

Speaking on Army Radio last week, Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin said Israel was willing to send humanitarian assistance to Haiti.

But he ruled out sending members of the Israel Defence Force, saying the climate in the Middle East prevented Israel from taking such a move.

Despite Israel's decision, the U.S. request marked the first time the Jewish state has been included in UN planning for an international military operation.

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U.S. Fighter Jets Arrive

TEL AVIV — A first group of six F-16 fighter jets the United States promised to deliver to Israel arrived at an Israeli air force base earlier this month.

The six planes were part of a larger package of 50 F-16's, which are scheduled for delivery over the coming months.

The modern fighter jets, which come from U.S. Air Force surplus stocks, were promised by the United States in appreciation for Israel's cooperation with the allied forces during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

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Stabbing Victim Dies

JERUSALEM — Yoram Sakuri, a Kiryat Netafim resident stabbed by terrorists in his home July 1, died of his wounds last week.

Sakuri, 30, is survived by his wife and four children. He was buried last Tuesday in Tiberias.

A terrorist broke into Sakuri's home at the edge of the settlement the day PLO head Yasser Arafat came to Gaza, stabbing him and his wife, who were asleep. Sakuri was critically wounded while his wife Hanna was hospitalized with moderate wounds.

Mansur Atef Riyan, from the nearby village of Karawat Bani Hassan, was arrested. According to the IDF, he admitted carrying out the attack to clear his name after Hamas accused him of collaborating with Israel.

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Terrorist Cell Uncovered

JERUSALEM — A PLO-affiliated terrorist cell that was organized and operated after PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat vowed his organization had given up terror has been uncovered by Jerusalem police.

A court order prohibiting the publication of details of the case was lifted in late July. Police turned the case over to the prosecutor, recommending that charges be brought against the 11 members for nine fire-bombings and dozens of stone-throwing incidents.

The gang was organized by the PLO-affiliated Fatah Hawks but included members identified with Hamas, a Jerusalem police spokesman said in a statement.

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IDF Soldier Shot

TEL AVIV — An Israel Defence Force soldier was lightly wounded last Tuesday when shots were fired at the Army minibus in which he was traveling through the Hebron Hills, in the West Bank.

The shots were fired from a car that sped by on the road. No other passengers were hurt.

Army reinforcements summoned to the scene and gave chase but the assailants fled into a nearby village.

The car used by the gunmen was later found abandoned on the outskirts of Hebron. It had been stolen recently from within Israel's pre-1967 borders.

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Flap Over Mezuzot

JERUSALEM — Diaspora Jews wary of terror attacks after the recent series of bombings may remove mezuzot from their outer doorposts, former Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren said last Friday.

Rabbi Goren said recent circumstances made it permissible to move the mezuzot to the inner doorpost.

His comments drew criticism from Haifa Chief Rabbi Shar-Yeshuv Cohen, who was quoted as saying that "despite the danger, Jews must not hide their identity."

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Fascist Film Follies

ROME — Alessandra Mussolini, granddaughter of Italy's wartime fascist dictator and a right-wing member of Parliament, was unsuccessful in her attempt to have an Israeli-made film about her withdrawn from a film festival last week in Sicily.

The film, *In the Name of the Duce*, was shot by Israeli director Amos Gitai during Mussolini's losing electoral campaign for mayor of Naples last fall.

A communique issued last week by Mussolini's party, the National Alliance, said the film was a distortion of reality.

The Milan daily *Corriere della Sera* said Gitai and his crew were thrown out of Mussolini's office, and filmed the entire scene.

Gitai said Mussolini demanded the documentary be withdrawn from the festival without having seen it. "The blind reactions of Mussolini reveal the mentality and methods of the right, ready to repress the free exercise of information," he told reporters.

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Rabin, Peres Reconcile

JERUSALEM — Long-time rivals Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres held a "reconciliation" meeting last month, at which they apparently agreed to put aside differences and work together for peace.

No details of the two-hour meeting were revealed but Labor sources said differences between the two had been ironed out.

It is now hoped within Labor that both men will work together to solve internal problems as well, such as Labor's difficult financial situation and the divisions resulting from the Histadrut elections.

Rabin implied that there were no ideological differences between himself and Peres, and said that the personal disputes are not relevant "to the heart of the peace process.

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Rabin Orders Dig Stopped

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last week ordered the suspension of archaeological excavations near the planned city of Modi'in after objections from ultra-Orthodox Jews.

Rabin's decision was protested by the Israeli Association of Archaeologists, which called it a dangerous precedent and a capitulation to the haredim.

The haredim say the archaeologists are violating Jewish law by digging up bones. They say the bones are buried in a graveyard dating to the Second Temple period.

Rabin said the suspension would stand until an understanding could be reached with Sephardic Chief Rabbi Eliyahu Bakshi-Doron.

Rabbi Bakshi-Doron reportedly said he would request a permanent end to the Modi'in digs.

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Stephen Breyer Confirmed

WASHINGTON — Stephen Breyer, whose nomination was confirmed by the U.S. Senate last month by an overwhelming majority, will join Ruth Bader Ginsburg this fall as the second Jewish justice to sit on the current United States Supreme Court.

Many Jewish groups backed Breyer's nomination, noting his pro-choice position on abortion and strong support for the separation of church and state and protection of religious minorities.

The Senate vote was 87-9 in favor of confirmation.

Among those opposed was Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.), who cited a controversial investment with a Lloyd's of London syndicate, calling it "extraordinarily bad judgment" that could compromise Breyer's rulings.

JIAS turns down Israeli refugees

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In Toronto, the director of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society (JIAS) said the organization does not provide services to applicants from democratic countries. Perry Romberg said this would apply to refugee claimants from Israel, Great Britain, or France.

"The word is out that we don't help Israelis seeking refugee status so we don't hear from them," he said.

Romberg said "the agency respects and thinks highly of the IRB for its concern for refugees; thank G-d we have it. But we find it unsettling to learn that people from Israel are claiming refugee status. Israel is not known to persecute its own citizens. It is a democracy of the finest order."

At the same time, he said the number of immigrant applictions from former Soviet residents is increasing. These are people who qualify for entrance to Canada under the immigration regulations, and not as refugees. In some cases, they have lived in Israel for two or three years.

Jewish residents of Panama helped carry one of 12 Jews killed in the July 19 crash of an airplane near Colon. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Islamic terrorists blamed for attack in Panama

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

PANAMA CITY — The Panamanian Jewish community and international law-enforcement officials now believe that last month's bombing of a Panamanian commuter plane, in which 21 people were killed — 12 of them Jewish — was part of a wave of terrorist attacks targeting Jews around the world.

Earlier theories about the explosion linked the attack to the allegedly shady dealings of one of the Jewish passengers on board, Saul Schwartz.

Schwartz reportedly was under investigation by Italian authorities for links to the Colombian-based Medellin cocaine cartel.

Last year, Schwartz, a gold dealer, was kidnapped and later released, according to sources familiar with the Panamanian community. The kidnapping was believed tied to the drug cartel, community sources said.

But "the Jewish community (of Panama) has largely been discounting the initial reports of some possible ties to a Colombian cartel because of the 12 Jews on the plane, including the three Israelis," said Warren Eisenberg, director of the International Council of B'nai B'rith.

Eisenberg, who has been in touch with the Panamanian branch of B'nai Brith, noted that Schwartz had not been expected to be on that plane, which was en route from Colon, a commercial free-trade center, to Panama City. The route is one commonly taken by Jewish business executives.

The other 11 Jewish passengers were daily commuters on that particular flight, said Eisenberg.

Israel Radio reported last Monday that Panamanian authorities had detained one Lebanese and two Iranians for suspected involvement in the July 19 downing of the plane. However, they were released the following day for lack of evidence.

Among the other indications pointing to the involvement of Islamic terrorists, said Eisenberg, was the discovery of a body in the wreckage, believed to be of Middle Eastern origin, and which was covered with more explosive material than any other body on the plane.

Eisenberg was among a number of Jewish leaders who attended meetings late last month in Washington of the Organization of American States and later, at the House of Representatives on terrorist attacks in Latin America and Britain.

The Panamanian ambassador to the United States, Lawrence Chewling Fabrega, condemned the bombing of the plane "and spoke of the loss of life, particularly the number of Jewish casualties," said Eisenberg.

The Panamanian explosion is "now being mentioned as part of a package of terrorist attacks that occurred in the last three weeks," Eisenberg said, referring to attacks on Jewish targets in Buenos Aires, in which about 100 people were killed, and London, in which about 18 were injured.

Argentinian clues point to Iranian explosives experts

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BUENOS AIRES — Ariel Mitzcaner was upset.

"I'm Jewish. I have nothing to do with the bomb. Every month my father went to the AMIA to pay the installments for my grandmother's burial," he said, referring to the Jewish social service agency housed in the Jewish community headquarters leveled July 18 by a terrorist car bomb.

The investigators were left puzzled. Their theory that Mitzcaner's garage was where explosives had been placed in the Renault van used in the bomb attack, had collapsed.

Investigators are confident that a man with false documents brought the van to be fixed at Mitzcaner's garage. But nobody knows who the man was. The only description investigators had was that the man was Argentine, little over 5 feet tall and had dark skin.

He left only one clue — a false identification with the name Ramon Martinez.

Argentine police have so far detained five people in connection with the bombing that killed 100 people and left more than 200 wounded.

All the suspects have some connection with the van, which changed hands several times before the attack. Two of the five suspects stole the vehicle, but sold it before the bombing.

In the opinion of Judge Juan Jose Galeano, who is spearheading the investigation here, there is one suspect who is the key to breaking the case: a man who stationed the van in a parking lot some 250 metres from the community headquarters.

Hezbollah

He left the Renault in the lot on July 15, and three days later, another person drove the van to the front door of the AMIA, got out on the sidewalk and detonated the explosives.

Galeano has not yet been able to prove that the man who left the van at the parking lot knew about the explosives in the vehicle.

But one clue in the investigation was provided by Monousheh Moatamer, an Iranian refugee who is in Caracas, Venezuela, under the protection of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

Moatamer apparently held a high position in the Iranian secret services before fleeing from Teheran a month ago.

At police headquarters in Caracas, Galeano recently showed Moatamer some 20 photographs of Iranians suspected of having taken part in the attack.

Moatamer picked out four, saying, "Find out if these people have been in Buenos Aires recently. They are explosive experts, and if they were in Buenos Aires, they surely had some participation in the attack."

The judge confirmed that the four men to whom Moatamer referred entered Argentina at Ezeiza International Airport, but left the country via the Brazilian border.

A source close to the investigation pointed out that the four men had diplomatic passports, but that only one had been a member of the Iranian Embassy in Buenos Aires.

According to Moatamer, these men were in charge of organizing local cells of the Islamic fundamentalist Hezbollah movement and provided the terrorists with backing at the time of the attack.

In the corridors of the headquarters of the Argentine government, known as Pink House, it has been rumored that the Foreign Affairs Ministry was about to expel the Iranian ambassador and break off relations with Teheran.

But the break in relations has not yet occurred, and it remains to be seen whether Moatamer's statements will help advance the investigation.

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Claimants allege state discrimination

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"That kind of statement was extremely irresponsible," said Sharansky, who maintains that it was one of many such declarations made in the heat of the last election campaign when politicians were vying desperately for immigrant votes.

In addition to general allegations concerning Israel's "discriminatory nature," the applications include specific stories of discrimination, most of them claiming that the immigrant was either sexually harassed or unable to get or maintain a job, or encountered difficulty in getting permission to marry in Israel — all as a result of their non-Jewish background or that of their spouse.

Some applications also alleged that children of such mixed marriages were taunted and beaten up at school, forcing the family to move out of the neighborhood.

But Cotler said he rejected the claim that these experiences are examples of state-sanctioned persecution and will make that argument when he appears before the Refugee Board this month.

"While some Russian immigrant families may have suffered discrimination in Israel, their experience is not part of a pattern of state-sanctioned persecution," he said.

"One need only look at Israel's overall immigration policy to see that," he added noting that Israel had opened its doors to nearly half a million refugees from the former Soviet Union, providing all of them with "a generous basket of benefits and support services."

Moreover, there are numerous mechanisms in Israeli society that are available to those with grievances, said Cotler, citing Israel's independent judicial system, free press, and the office of the State Controller.

"While the process may be imperfect and the remedy not always adequate, one cannot say that these applicants have a well-founded fear of persecution were they to be returned to Israel," he said.

The hearing — organized long before an Israeli complaint was lodged — was initiated by members of the Board itself who were disturbed by the discrepancy in the rate of acceptance of claims between Ontario and Quebec.

A far greater percentage of Israeli citizens applying to the Quebec Board has been granted refugee status than that in Ontario — even though the type of allegations raised in both provinces was virtually identical.

"This aroused concern among members of the Board who felt that people might be obtaining refugee status on the basis of ill-founded allegations," said Cotler.

"More and more applicants are now applying to Quebec, rather than Ontario, because they realize they have a better chance of getting accepted by the Quebec Board," said Cotler.

"It's becoming a bit of a scam operation that begins in the Commonwealth of Independent States," he charged. "People are advised that if they want to be accepted as refugees in Canada, they shouldn't apply directly from the C.I.S."

All of the approximately 60 members of the Quebec Refugee Board, as well as several representatives from Ottawa, are expected to attend the August 19 hearing.

Israel protests refugee policy

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — The Israeli Foreign Ministry has lodged an official protest with the Canadian government over its policy of granting refugee status to Israeli citizens.

Eitan Tsur, acting director-general of the Foreign Ministry, last week called in Canadian Ambassador to Israel Norman Spector to express Israel's resentment and regret over Canada's policy, which has enabled about 300 Israeli citizens, nearly all of them immigrants from the former Soviet Union, to enter Canada as political refugees. Most of the applicants charged that as non-Jews they faced discrimination in Israel.

During the meeting, Tsur pointed out that the Israeli Declaration of Independence guarantees equal rights to all citizens irrespective of race, religion or sex. Spector defended Canada's overall refugee policy, but said he would inquire about its application with regard to Israeli citizens.

The meeting came a few days after Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin lashed out at Canada for accepting Israeli citizens as political refugees, calling the policy "absurd."

In an interview with the Israeli daily *Ha'Aretz*, Beilin also vowed to wage a campaign to "expose the absurdity of the claims" which alleged that Israel discriminates against non-Jews.

Other Israeli officials, including Jewish Agency Chairman Yehiel Leket and immigrant activist Natan Sharansky also expressed shock and outrage over the Canadian policy.

But Canadian immigration minister Sergio Marchi rejected Beilin's criticism, saying it was inappropriate for another government to dictate to Canada what its refugee policy should be.

"We don't want to intervene in Canadian refugee affairs," said Oren David, head of the Israeli Foreign Ministry's Canada desk. "But this is a matter involving Israeli citizens, not Canadian ones. We feel we have a right to involve ourselves because as new immigrants, these people were given many benefits by the Israeli government that most other Israeli citizens don't enjoy."

David called the claims made by many of the applicants "ridiculous." He cited several examples, including that of a family of immigrants who claimed they were persecuted by members of their secular kibbutz because they refused to pray in synagogue every morning.

"Anyone who knows the first thing about Israel's secular kibbutzim can see the absurdity of such a claim," he said.

David acknowledged that some of the applicants may have experienced real discrimination in Israel. "But that happens to immigrants in many countries," he said. "Why haven't we heard of a case in which Canada granted refuge to Hispanic or Afro-American immigrants from the United States on the basis of alleged racism?"

"There is no precedent for one democratic country granting refugee status to so many citizens of another democratic country," charged Natan Sharansky, head of the Zionist Forum, Israel's main lobby group for immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

"Neither this government, nor the former one, has done enough to solve the problems of housing and employment for immigrants. But to use that as a justification for claiming that Israel is not a democracy — and as a basis for applying for refugee status — is ridiculous," he said.

However, Sharansky added, the phenomenon is marginal. "We're talking about a minority among a minority. Out of nearly half a million immigrants over the last few years, only two per cent have left Israel, and out of those only a few hundred have applied to Canada for refugee status," he said.

"Some of them used Israel as a stepping stone to go to Canada. To get into Israel they claimed they were Jewish, and to get out they claimed they weren't Jewish."

Sharansky also charged that applying for refugee status in Canada has become "a big business," with advertisements filling Russian-language papers.

Many of the women refugee applicants alleged that they had been sexually harassed or assaulted in Israel, and that their complaints had been ignored or even mocked by the police.

Alice Shalvi, head of the Israel Women's Network, the country's main women's lobby group, acknowledged that sexual harassment is widespread among women from the former Soviet Union.

"They are vulnerable because they have few sources of income and are often heads of single parent families," she said.

However, Shalvi noted that there are many avenues by which victims of sexual assaualt can seek redress, including free legal advice provided by the Network, and an organization called TENA that defends the rights of female immigrants.

"There is sexual harassment in every country," said Shalvi. "I am a bit appalled at this great and selfish exploitation of the problem. I'm sure it could have been dealt with here."

Waldheim knighthood shocks Israel

Jewish Telegraphic Agency and Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

TEL AVIV — Israel's Foreign Ministry last week instructed its ambassador to the Vatican, Shmuel Hadas, to ask the Holy See for a clarification of reports that it awarded a papal knighthood to former Austrian president Kurt Waldheim.

In a July 6 ceremony in Vienna, Waldheim was made a member of the Ordine Piano, an order of knights named directly by the Pope. The order was bestowed by the Vatican's ambassador to Austria.

Waldheim, the former president of Austria and secretary-general of the United Nations from 1972 to 1981, was the centre of a global controversy that erupted when it was learned he had covered up his Nazi past.

Waldheim was a Nazi intelligence officer stationed in the Balkans during World War II. He has been implicated in the deportations of Jews and reprisal killings of anti-Nazi partisans in the region.

Foreign Ministry Spokesman Rafi Gamzu said Israel was "shocked" by the papal award.

"If it happened, then it is a bad, tasteless joke," Gamzu said. "Whoever honors Waldheim for safeguarding human rights ignores his wartime record, which his UN term does not compensate for."

Kurt Waldheim met Pope John Paul II in 1987.

In 1987, Waldheim was barred from visiting the United States because of his wartime activities. In June 1987, Pope John Paul II became the only Western leader to receive Waldheim as a head of state. Waldheim has been largely ostracized by the rest of the Western world.

The papal award was reportedly given in recognition of Waldheim's "efforts for peace" and humanitarian activities during his term as UN secretary-general.

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Front Line

Peace process accentuates Rabin/Peres feud

By DAVID LANDAU
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

The Mideast peace process, wrote one leading commentator in an Israeli newspaper last week, does not include the war between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Following their latest bout of ire and muttered recriminations — which were played out during the historic Israeli-Jordanian summit in Washington last month — the two men met privately in Jerusalem in an effort to resolve their differences.

After two hours of discussions — at which only one mutual friend, attorney Giora Eini, was present — the two inveterate allies and foes proclaimed a renewed "working relationship."

But it was not entirely clear what was contained in the "small print" of their let's-not-squabble-in-public pact.

Their aides claimed they had hammered out an agreement demarcating their various areas of responsibility in the peace process and that it contained a pledge to cooperate fully and to conceal nothing from each another.

But in the words of the media wag cited above, whatever the details, this latest agreement can only restore a state of non-belligerency between the two men. Full peace and normalization in the Rabin-Peres relationship seem as remote and unreachable a goal as ever.

Peres was reported to be deeply offended at being virtually sidelined by Rabin during the two days of ceremonies in Washington, where Rabin and King Hussein signed the Washington Declaration, officially bringing to an end their countries' 46-year state of hostilities.

The Rabin-Peres tensions were only the latest display of a well-known and long-standing rivalry between the two.

The incident was triggered when Rabin apparently waited until the last moment to invite Peres to Washington. The invitation reportedly only came after Rabin aides leaked rumors Peres was not going to be included at all.

The slight was magnified by Peres' highly visible role in negotiations with the Jordanians only days earlier, when Peres, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul Salam al-Majali held a three-way session. The July 20 meeting marked the first time that an Israeli official publicly set foot on Jordanian soil.

Peres' glum disposition throughout the Washington summit was a constant subject of media attention and speculation in Israel.

During the Washington trip, Rabin, in conversations and briefings, reportedly belittled Peres' contribution to the diplomatic breakthrough with Jordan.

In his public addresses, Rabin barely mentioned the foreign minister, who is widely regarded as the main architect of the government's peace initiatives.

Peres was so hurt that at one stage he apparently told his confidants he was considering resigning.

According to some reports here, during the meeting with Peres, Rabin offered a faint expression of regret for having publicly and repeatedly belittled Peres during the Washington trip. "I didn't mean to hurt you," the prime minister was quoted as saying.

According to columnist Yoel Markus of the Hebrew daily *Ha'aretz*, the explanation for their tensions is to be sought wholly in the realm of politics.

In Markus' view, this latest eruption of their two-decades-old hostility signals "the first round of the 1996 election build-up."

Markus noted Rabin's aside to President Clinton during the Washington trip that both of them would be facing re-election in 1996. This was believed to be the first time the Israeli prime minister publicly confirmed that he intends to run again.

Peres, who served as prime minister for only two years, 1984-1986 — presiding over a gridlocked unity government — pointedly declined to field a question on his own possible prime ministerial ambitions during a recent television interview.

He merely noted that Rabin had been elected for the present term and that he fully supported the prime minister in their peace-making odyssey.

Peres and Rabin first fought over the leadership of the Labor party in 1974, when Rabin won by a narrow margin. They have revived the rivalry every few years since then. With no especially strong challenge evident from Labor's next generation, the two septuagenarians may have yet another go at it come primary time before the 1996 election.

According to this interpretation, it was solely political considerations that led Rabin to seek all the credit for the Jordanian breakthrough and to deny Peres any part of the success.

Bitterness and openness in Gaza

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

GAZA — In the birthplace of the intifada, no distinction is made between Jew and Israeli, between soldier and civilian.

When the *CJN* reporter takes a photograph of some teenage boys waving a Palestinian flag, they don't smile. After years under Israeli rule, they are suspicious of every foreigner. "Where are you from?" one shouts angrily in Arabic.

During a street interview, an old man listens silently, frowning. After hearing young men talk about peace and co-existence and an end to the occupation, he barks: "I want my home back. My home in Majdal. It is now Ashkelon. I am 70 years old and I want my home back. Alright?"

He repeats the "alright" over and over again in Hebrew. His tone is bitter, almost accusatory. "B'seder? B'seder? Can you give me my home back?"

And yet in the midst of a place that is seething with hatred, there are small signs of hope. One Palestinian, who has been communicating with this journalist through an Arabic-English translator, suddenly stops and says: "Maybe you speak Hebrew? It would be so much easier to speak directly in Hebrew." He then continues the conversation in Hebrew, taking pride in his rich vocabulary, which includes the occasional Biblical reference.

"I have learned a lot from Israelis," he says. "Especially about democracy and free speech. I hope we Palestinians can apply some of what we have learned from you Israelis now that we are in charge of our own affairs."

And then there are the children.

Many have already been taught to hate everything to do with Israel. But among the tens of thousands who gathered last month in the Gaza City square to welcome Yasser Arafat are a group of five little girls. They are clad in frilly, lace-trimmed dresses — the kind of outfit that is reserved for only the most special occasions.

I tell them that they look *hilwe* (beautiful in Arabic), and crouch to take their picture. They panic and within seconds have run away, each in a different direction. But a few minutes later they return, curious about the stranger. They giggle, point, whisper to each other, and finally blurt out "Israel!" They look like frightened deer, ready to dart off again at the slightest threat. They have probably never seen any Jew before who wasn't a soldier.

I smile. They giggle some more. A few looks are exchanged. They consult with each other further. And soon, at their own initiative, they line up to have their picture taken. They flash a smile and, just as I am ready to snap the shot, they blurt out "Shalom! Shalom!" and continue chanting the Hebrew greeting right through Arafat's speech.

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat was swamped by followers upon his arrival in the Gaza Strip last month. [IPPA Photo]

The leadership cult in America

By ARNOLD AGES

Almost everyone agrees that one of the things lacking in the last decade of the 20th century is the great leader model. In the United States, where there is a grant, it seems, for every cause, the federal government now sponsors the Dwight D. Eisenhower Leadership Development Program. Benjamin DeMott, writing in *Harper's Magazine* (December 1993), describes how he served on a jury judging grant applications for "leadership scholars," and in so doing discovered how far-ranging the leadership cult is.

In order to identify, train and sensitize future leaders, the American Congress, several universities (including the U.S. Military Academy), YMCAs, summer camps, business-backed leadership institutes and 4-H clubs have all embarked on a program of building new leaders for the next century.

Congress participation in the funding part of this hunt for leadership talent is not insubstantial; more than $10 million has been allotted to it, and when one factors in the contributions of universities, businesses and other educational institutions, that sum may be doubled or tripled. A rather remarkable expenditure for the development of a process with no guarantees!

DeMott suggests that the current craze for leadership skills is rooted in the 1980s' affection for books on management techniques and the technobabble it inspired. That decade foisted upon the public such words and expressions as megaskill, capstone experience, futures-creative, training design matrices and diversity training.

Some of the leadership syndrome infections, says De Mott, have infiltrated academe and learned professors now deliver papers in literature which subject the classics to the leadership template. He cites as one example "Group Dynamics and Crisis Management in *For Whom The Bell Tolls* [the Hemingway novel about the Spanish Civil War]."

Arnold Ages

In his review of some of the grant proposals, De Mott is appropriately sardonic as he exposes the lengths to which universities are prepared to go in order "to feed at the public trough" of government funding. Many of the grant proposals are obviously manufactured and tailored to appeal to the current trendy leadership jargon.

I thought it interesting that none of the research scenarios presented to the Eisenhower Development Program (at least among those discussed by Professor de Mott) had the wisdom to look to the past for leadership models, since they missed the man who is obviously one of the great leaders of all time. Perhaps Congress and all the other institutions involved in the current chase for leadership dollars might save their millions by having aspiring leaders read the Hebrew Bible, especially Bamidbar (Numbers) and Devarim (Deuteronomy).

In August, synagogue worshipers will be reading about the final days of Moses. They will have been exposed, in the previous 11 months, to the narratives in Shemot (Exodus) and Vayikra (Leviticus) that recount the travails of the man who led the Israelites out of Egypt.

Despite insurrection and mutiny, despite caterwauling and complaint from the Israelites whom he brought out of slavery, Moses took the talent which he had inherited from his Levite forbears and transformed himself into nuturing father, general, judge, priest, builder, and Lawgiver.

Moses read no brochures on leadership principles, but he instinctively knew when to seek advice (from Jethro, his father-in-law); when to be firm (with Korah and his followers), and when to show flexibility (with the daughters of Zelaphchad). He also supported the principle of the division of powers. He left to his brother, Aaron, and his sons, the privilege of entering the desert sanctuary.

Moses was not a perfect man; he was a flesh and blood leader who had weaknesses and faults. He also sinned and for this was denied entrance into the Promised land. While his leadership talents before the episode at the rock (which he struck to draw water from it instead of speaking to it), were truly remarkable, it was after this event that the quality of the man could really be apprehended.

The Torah describes Moses himself being graciously involved in the investiture of his successor, Joshua, and chronicles Moses' visits, to the various tribal units to ask their cooperation in supporting the man who will take the Israelites into Canaan.

There is regret, of course, in Moses's heart as he records the effort he made to persuade the Almighty to change His decree barring him from the Land. But Moses overcomes his regret in the interest of the larger Israelite community and goes out of his way to smooth the transfer of power to Joshua.

How many CEOs today could exhibit Moses' grace under similar circumstances?

Heinrich Heine once thought that Moses fared badly in comparison with the Egyptian pharaohs because their skilful architects designed and built monuments of epic grandeur, against which Israelite accomplishments appeared paltry.

Heine changed his mind later about Moses because he realized that Egyptian architects were inferior: they raised pyramids and obelisks of stone while Moses, one of the greatest architects and leaders of all time, built his monument in flesh and blood — the Jewish people! The Egyptians who built the pyramids are no longer around but Moses' creation is very much so.

That's a leadership record which few could match.

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Boycott out of date

The peace process in the Middle East is well under way, but the Arab economic boycott of Israel remains stubbornly in place.

Since last September, when Israel and the PLO shocked the world with their Declaration of Principles, there have been a series of remarkable developments in the region, capped by King Hussein's courageous and wise decision last month to end Jordan's state of war with Israel.

But in spite of these presentiments of real peace, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have not abided by their pledges to stop boycotting foreign companies that do business with Israel, while the Arab League refuses to deal with the issue constructively.

In a report released recently, the U.S. Commerce Department concluded that progress incombatting the boycott has been "disappointingly slow." Indeed, there has been a *sharp increase* in the practice, according to Washington.

Last month, the world's major industrial powers — the so-called G-7 nations — issued a communique calling on the Arab League to rescind the boycott. It was a timely resolution, but unfortunately, it has fallen on deaf ears.

It seems as if the Arab states are so accustomed to conflict with Israel that they cannot recognize that times have changed. After more than four decades, the Arab-Israeli conflict is finally winding down. Yet Arab leaders, their eyes closed to reality, remain mired in old, tired dogmas which collide with the increasingly universal principle of free, unfettered trade.

The abolition of the boycott would send a powerful and convincing signal to the Israeli people that the Arabs are unambiguously serious about achieving peace. It might even have a salutary influence on some Israeli politicians who, for one reason or another, fear the prospect of a just and lasting peace agreement.

The Arabs need not be afraid of free trade. It can — and probably will — benefit everyone. When will they learn that the boycott is an anachronism in an area inching ever so forward toward the promised land of peace?

A daring scenario

It has been said that there is no greater pain than the pain inflicted by a new idea.

This maxim seems to be reflected in the violent criticism made recently of a daring new scenario for Israel-Diaspora relations proposed by Yossi Beilin in Jerusalem during a conference of world Jewish leaders at the end of June.

Beilin, who is the deputy foreign minister of Israel and a man who helped shape the current Israel-PLO accord, alienated even his own prime minister with the temerity of his suggestions. ("Rubbish," said Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin).

The Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency characterized Beilin's proposal as "based on ignorance," while the chairman of the World Zionist Organization dismissed his ideas as "not serious." Beilin was accused of creating "confusion and embarrassment."

These strong reactions are understandable, given Beilin's suggestions that both the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization be scrapped and replaced by a new international Jewish body to be called Beit Yisrael.

In the Beilin vision the function of the democratically elected Beit Yisrael would be to fund visits to Israel by all Diaspora youth at age 17, to support aliyah and Diaspora Jewish education. Beilin also calls for a complete census of all Diaspora Jews and an outreach program for unaffiliated Jews.

Beilin estimates the cost of the projected program at $200 million, which he sees financed by membership fees and the cooperation of the federations, the United Jewish Appeal, Keren Hayesod and private foundations. Israel Bonds, he also suggested, should be converted into a worldwide investment fund for Israel.

Beilin's ideas are, of course, outrageous (like Herzl's) but some times the airing of outrageous ideas is the only way to get a hearing for reformist ones. The calm, measured approach is generally met with indifference. It is obvious that no one at the Jerusalem conference was indifferent to Beilin's message.

Whatever the practicality of Beilin's message, he has touched some raw nerves and has spoken the truth, as he sees it, about the sclerosis of two organizations which represent Israeli-Diaspora relations.

Yossi Beilin may not have the right answer but he has opened the debate on a note of both scepticism and hope.

Letters to the Editor

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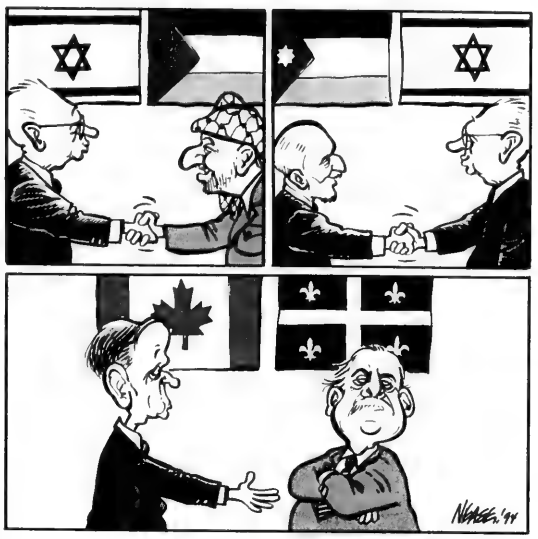

DEVELOP SINAI

Anyone who had taken an interest in Palestinian and Israeli history since 1948 should have some sympathy for Palestinian refugees who will return to a homeland which has changed, as pointed out by Abraham Rabinovich of the *Jerusalem Post* foreign service.

A very good, common sense solution of mutual benefit to Palestinians, Israelis and Egyptians should be for Egypt to invite a joint Israeli-PLO development of Sinai Peninsula.

We all know the Israelis, after taking over the Sinai in 1967, proved it to be excellent for flood-agriculture and did much to make Sinai a green land around their former settlements. A thriving tourist industry was started on the Red Sea before the Sinai was returned to Egypt.

An obvious agreement should be to try and invite small autonomous governed communities of Palestinian, Israeli and Egyptian co-operative settlements to have a fair share of its potential agriculture and tourism industries.

Alfred H. Freund
Toronto

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CLUB SAVOY

I have been out of town and have just been catching up on my reading. *The Canadian Jewish News* is a *must* in our household and therefore I am now just getting caught up to the July 7 issue.

Your newspaper always contains very interesting articles dealing with both the international and local scene as far as Jewish life is concerned.

Having been one of the founding members of Club Savoy, I read and reread the article printed on page 29 of the July 7 issue, which was so well written by Miriam Chinsky.

Of course, the memory of Sam Nichols, Jack Spiegel and Sammy Quinter brought tears to my eyes and at our reunion, all our hearts were touched by their heroism.

With respect, however, I must ask you to help me complete the Savoy Saga by informing you that in addition to names mentioned in the article, five more members were present at the reunion: Phil Greenspan, Henry Ross, Joe Chinsky, Ed Cutler and Murray Shapiro. David Green, Arron Clairman, Ed Machtinger and Lew Speigel could not attend for personal reasons.

I believe that with these names you have a complete picture of the club that really started the idea of having many clubs of young men, and ulitmately of young women, meet and work out of the old YMHA. They ultimately became members of the YMHA as young adults and later in life, many of them took senior positions in the Y's successor organization, the Jewish Community Centre.

Murray Rumack
Toronto

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A PROUD JEW

I wish to publicly extend a hearty mazel tov to my good friend Arthur Tannenbaum who was recently sworn in as a justice of the peace at an impressive Provincial Court ceremony.

Justice Tannenbaum was sworn into his office wearing his kippah and holding a chumash and in so doing, displayed much dignity and Kiddush Hashem (sanctification of G-d's name) on behalf of the entire Jewish community.

May his service to our country and Jewish community inspire us all to greater efforts and may Arthur and his wife Bea be blessed with long life and good health.

Rabbi Moshe Stern
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SERPA PINTO II

(The CJN, June 16). I was one of the passengers on the Serpa Pinto which sailed from Lisbon in 1944.

There were two crossings, one in April and one in June. It was the June crossing which was so filled with trauma! We were attacked by a German submarine, although we had been given permission to make the voyage. They forced us to evacuate the ship in 15 minutes. They ordered all the passengers to jump into the few small lifeboats which were available.

These rowboats, built to carry eight or nine people, were overloaded with 20 or more and were quickly filling up with water due to the excessive weight. We were in grave danger of sinking in the choppy Atlantic Ocean.

Although I was a mere child of 5, I will never forget the chaotic scene — women crying and screaming, people pushing and grabbing life preservers, their children, their dogs, all jumping into bobbing old rowboats!

We were ordered to stay in them all night, while the officers of the submarine searched the ship.

The scene of these rowboats, overflowing with people, women crying, certain that we were going to perish, men praying, reciting the Shema, the crew feverishly trying to bail out the water to keep the boat from sinking; this scene is indelibly etched in my brain.

Finally they took two passengers away, and disappeared into the dark waters of the ocean, with strict orders for us to return to the ship but to stay on deck until dawn.

I can still remember people huddling with their families, praying with gratitude that our lives had been spared. Unfortunately this was not the case for one of my parents' friends, who walked around the deck holding her baby girl's little white shoes crying, "Where is my Betty?" Her little girl had drowned.

When we reached America, the press was there to get the story. We were warmly welcomed in Montreal by the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society and placed in homes of people who wanted to rent out part of their house for financial reasons. We lived with an old widow on St. Urbain Street for seven years. My sister, who was born one year later, also lived in the double parlour of this house.

Even though we had very little in those years, we were happy to be given the opportunity of living in this wonderful, free country — Canada!

Since I read the article, I have communicated with fellow passengers. A reunion is being planned to take place in Montreal in September.

Anyone who was a passenger on the Serpa Pinto, or who knows someone who was, may contact me in Toronto at (416) 229-6680, or Charles Kon in Montreal at (514) 489-4622.

Blema Steinman (nee Pszenica)
Willowdale

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A NEW ARAFAT?

The protests and the unrest in Israel that followed Yasser Arafat's visits to Gaza and Jericho are both understandable and yet regrettable. It is unrealistic to expect Israelis to forgive and forget the atrocities committed against Jews by Mr. Arafat's followers.

Nonetheless Israelis must accept the judgment of their leaders in reaching an accommodation so that the avenues to peace are opened. To do otherwise would generate a return to unbridled terrorism with the usual consequences of death and destruction.

While all is not well in the former Soviet Union, western leaders welcomed initiatives from Mikhail Gorbachev who, while no Yasser Arafat, came from a background of totalitarianism, anti-Semitism and the brutal suppression of millions. His reconstruction has generally accrued to the benefit of all with a perceptible thaw in the cold war.

Hopefully a similar transformation in Yasser Arafat will ultimately lead to some mutual understanding that will grow into an acceptance of one another by the Israelis, the Palestinians and the other citizens of the Middle East.

Bert Raphael
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Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada

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How Peru gots its Jewish prime minister

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

I was searching the newspapers for some items that did not involve destruction, mayhem, or other disagreeable events. No wonder therefore that I was attracted to a little article in the *Jewish Post and Opinion* which read: "Peru's Prime Minister has no background in politics."

The article informs the reader that Peru has a new prime minister, Ephraim Goldenberg. The real power in the country is wielded by President Alberto Fujimori, a man of Japanese background. He needed a new prime minister and asked a friend what he would do if he were sitting in the president's chair. Said the friend, "Try my partner."

The partner turned out to be Ephraim Goldenberg, who had no experience in government or foreign affairs, and whose international experience has been confined to making vacation trips to the United States or visiting his daughter in England.

Rabbi Plaut

With these credential it was a cinch to be named foreign minister, and now Goldenberg has been promoted to prime minister, retaining his other portfolio as well.

The article goes on to say that when he was sworn in for his office he refused to kneel, because it would have been in front of a crucifix. I don't know about his own involvement with the Jewish community, but his father, who is in his 94th year, has twice been president of Peru's Jewish community. The new prime minister says there is no anti-Semitism in the country and points out that not only the president but also the chairman of Congress are of Japanese origin.

Here is an added note: Goldenberg wonders why he received congratulatory notes from all over the world, including from British Prime Minister John Major, but not a letter from Israel's prime minister.

All of which gives me a good excuse to have a look at the history of Peru's Jewish community. It had a very inauspicious beginning, because the Inquisition came along with the conquistadores and prosecuted a number of new settlers who were suspected of "Judaising," that is, of returning to Judaism. In 1639, 12 suspected Jews were burned at the stake in Lima.

Today the country has about 3,300 Jews whose ancestors began arriving in the 19th century. They were attracted by the boom in rubber and their numbers swelled considerably with the influx of Sephardim from North Africa and, after World War I, from Syria and Turkey. The Nazi persecutions in Europe brought additional immigrants, but when the war was over many left the country.

There are three small synagogue communities, the largest being the Union Israelita, another frequented by Jews of German origin, and the third a Sephardi shul. All have rabbis and their own chevra kadisha, but use a common cemetery.

The country was amongst the supporters of the 1947 UN Resolution on the partition of Palestine, and ever since its relationship with Israel has been very good.

I have not been able to obtain up-to-date information on Peruvian Jews, and perhaps one of my readers will let me know the latest developments and population figures.

Jews must continue reaching out to blacks

By RABBI DOW MARMUR

Jews can never quite escape the biblical precept "You shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." Even the secularists among us like to see themselves as having a priestly role in the open society. As heirs of the Hebrew prophets, we have been in the forefront of the struggle for civil rights, and social action still figures prominently on our Jewish agenda.

But that's not the way others see us. It is particularly painful that blacks view Jews as part of their problem rather than as part of the solution. This was amply demonstrated at a two-day symposium on Race and the City held in May in Toronto, co-sponsored by the Department of Philosophy of the University of Toronto and Holy Blossom Temple, and funded by Sandra and Joe Rotman.

A fascinating public lecture by a young black philosopher, Charles Mills, and an intense session on black-Jewish relations showed that blacks perceive Jews as part of the white majority — albeit somewhat "off-white" — and, therefore, as guilty as the other whites of oppressing blacks. Perhaps even more guilty.

Why more? Several explanations were offered: the Christian upbringing of many blacks and the anti-Semitism contained in Christian teachings; the identification with oppressed Palestinians, especially among blacks who have embraced Islam; the memory of Jewish landlords of slum properties occupied by blacks; and most important, plain envy that the Jews have made it and blacks have not.

That is probably behind the black anti-Semitism in evidence during last year's debate over *Show Boat*. Most blacks in Toronto, it seems, feel Jews should have been more vociferous in trying to stop the production. They are sore, especially because Jews are involved in it. They are also dismayed that Jewish leaders have not come out in solidarity with the black protesters, and they perceive this to be a manifestation of Jewish hostility.

Jews, on the other hand, feel that emancipation — which has given us a place in society as a result of our own efforts, not because of WASP magnanimity — obligates us to champion the cause of artistic freedom, and that people should be allowed to make up their own minds about this musical, or anything else.

Moreover, Jews perceive black indignation over *Show Boat* to be an excuse for giving vent to the anti-Semitism that had been there all along. Jews are angry that responsible black leaders failed to repudiate anti-Semitism, and to respond to overtures made by Jewish organizations. They are dismayed that individual Jews should have been singled out as targets.

Jews have good reason to question black intentions. Thus, when the Reform movement spoke out in solidarity with blacks against *Show Boat*, it got a lot of flack from Jews while the black community largely ignored the gesture. Similarly, my own attempts to establish contact with black organizations in the city have often been abortive. There is cause for suspicion that black leaders deliberately cold-shoulder Jews.

Some may be relieved that this is the case. Though Jews may have been cajoled by activists into exercising their priestly role by seeking to help blacks, they may now welcome the excuse that their overtures are not welcome. Because Jews have made it, many may have been moved by tradition and conscience to reach out to the new "strangers" — the new Jews: the blacks — but they may also have been relieved that black anti-Semitism thwarted their efforts.

For the virus of racism has also affected some Jews. The leaders of the Jewish community would have contained it, had they been encouraged or at least not actively discouraged, by blacks. That opportunity seems to be lost, at least for the time being.

It appears some, or many, black leaders may have an interest in remaining victims, in the same way as some Jews want to style themselves as victims, denying the power and influence we now have. Perhaps Jews and blacks are even competing for "victimhood," each saying that because *they* are victims, they can neither harbor prejudice nor tolerate other victims.

So where do we go from here? First a personal explanation: I am not a social activist because it is expedient. In fact, the opposite is the case. Social activists are nowadays suspect in the Jewish community; I cannot think of an effort on behalf of blacks in which the congregation I serve has been involved that has not caused us reproof by fellow Jews.

Because I am not a social activist for reasons of expediency, I have no problem in continuing to affirm our duty to stand up for blacks, even though I may be shunned or ridiculed for it. For I am acting out of my own religious commitment, and not for political reasons. I am even prepared to see the obstacles as a test of my liberal convictions. Therefore, I will not be demoralized by rebuffs, even when I am hurt by them.

Even if all the projects in black-Jewish cooperation in which I am still involved fail, as they may do, I will seek fresh opportunities for dialogue. God's commandment to affirm the stranger in our midst, as understood by God's creatures, has to be articulated, irrespective of the rating it receives. We have to be constantly reminded of our duty lest we slide into mindless racism in the guise of indignation against black anti-Semitism, or into a high-minded fight for freedom of speech because it is someone else who is spoken about.

Priests have always made sacrifices. Those of us who today, as practising Jews, seek to emulate the priests of old, will have to make sacrifices not by offering animals on the altar but by foregoing a little, or much, of our dignity. We may also have to make sacrifices by setting aside our private interests and our personal ambitions in the struggle for dignity and equality to all, even to those who, for spurious and unjust reasons, don't like us.

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Get me a date: Rosh Hashanah already?

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

Who has been monkeying around with the calendar? Who did this to us? Who decreed that Rosh Hashanah should come on the very heels of summer, barely closing out the Labor Day weekend? Who decided that Yom Kippur will be done before October and Sukkot will arrive while the weather is still steamy? I would like someone to take the blame, please. Enough is enough.

The calendar of Jewish holidays is all out of whack this year, apparently as we conclude some lunar, nay, cosmic cycle that promises us all the yontifs will be back in their proper places next year. Everything is early. We are being snuck up upon, assaulted, thrown into a time warp of unfair proportions.

Slow down. I am not ready for the New Year. I am barely accustomed to the old one. How can we don our new fall clothes when September is so new? How can it be time to dip apples in honey when the apples aren't yet fall-crisp and the weather is still as sticky as the honey.

Someone has messed up the proper order of events. My internal clock, my lifelong inner barometer of the way the Judaic calendar meshes with the ordinary, daily January-to-December routine, is having a rough ride. I'm seeing an early fall, an early winter and an impossible spring.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

And if you think September is bad, get ready: Chanukah starts the last Sunday in November. That's the last night of the U.S. Thanksgiving weekend! Turkeys and menorahs . . . it just doesn't go.

It is, as usual, not easy being Jewish. I have a series of expectations about Rosh Hashanah which are not being met. I expect it to come after the children are well settled in school, not after they have been in classes five or six days. I expect it to come when the air is crisp, when the mountain leaves have begun to exhibit a scarlet tinge, when the new TV series are previewed. I do not expect it to be the harbinger of fall, but its guest, arriving after the house is cleaned up from summer and the routine of autumn is established.

Having an early Rosh Hashanah is like being robbed of a cusp of time, of a gradual slide from summer to the school year, of a moment of transition from the swimming pool to the football season.

Rosh Hashanah is the new year, and it should mark beginnings — the start of winter, not the last lag of summertime. Ah, where is October when you need it?

I'm sure all these complaints indicate that I am insufficiently spiritual, unable to grasp the philosophical significance of the lunar calendar with its ancient rhythms and crossword puzzle months. Perhaps so, but it seems to me that part of the role of religious holidays is to anchor us in time, to give us landmarks in the passage of the days and weeks and months. I, for one, do not adjust easily to having my landmarks yanked about. Fall holidays belong in the fall; winter holidays should not intrude upon autumn, and spring holidays should wait until after the daffodils and jonquils bloom.

I'm sure I'll get use to this.

I can adjust, I know. I'll find the right clothes and the right menu and maybe even the right attitude.

I bet I can do it, at least for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and Sukkot and Simchat Torah. I might even be able to cope with Chanukah at turkey time; just let me figure out if you can stuff a bird with latkes.

But, please, straighten this out before spring. I've looked at my 1994 calendar. I've accepted the topsy-turvey timing. But I haven't dared peek at 1995. If I'm going to have to confront Passover cleaning in March, or, heaven forbid, February, I don't even want to know. One thing at a time, if not in proper time.

First let us slow down summer before we bring it to an abrupt halt. Give us time to put away the tents and sleeping bags, the swim suits and kites. Let us buy the school supplies and shop for the new dresses, meet this year's teachers and replace last year's sturdy shoes. Let us clean the gutters and oil the bikes, fill the freezer and send out the New Year cards. I'll never make it to apples and honey if I don't start now.

Clearly, the only way to cope with all this earliness is to go with the flow and be early as well. So consider yourself warned: it is later than you think. Sign up for your pew, check your holiday accessories, and say hello to autumn — it's knocking at the door.

Take a deep breath and begin to refocus. Try to imagine a chill in the air. The time, right or wrong, is upon us.

Oh, before I forget, may you be inscribed for a good year in the book of Life. It's never a minute too soon for that.

Features

German extremists pose a threat

Reporting from Berlin, Bonn and Cologne, Sheldon Kirshner looks at the radical right-wing scene in Germany.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

For all the pain and mayhem they've inflicted in the past few years, neo-Nazi bands in Germany are gradually being brought to heel by the government.

Since Germany's unification four years ago, violence-prone neo-Nazis have run amok, torching asylum-seekers' hostels, killing and wounding visible minorities and desecrating Jewish cemeteries and Holocaust memorials.

The dramatic upsurge of radical right-wing violence, which has embarrassed many Germans and sullied Germany's image abroad, was fed by a recession which is now winding down, chauvinistic nationalism which recalls Nazism, xenophobia which was stirred by the influx of hundreds of thousands of foreigners into the country, and a blatant type of anti-Semitism with which Germans are depressingly familiar.

The violence reached its peak in September 1992, with 536 incidents, and since then it has been on the wane, according to Norbert Jung, an official at the Ministry of Interior in Bonn who monitors right-wing radicalism.

The downward trend is reflected in statistics compiled by the Office for the Protection of the Constitution in Cologne.

Just under 1,500 violent right-wing extremist offences were committed in 1991. A substantial increase was registered in 1992, with 2,639 such acts. Last year, the figure was 2,232, a 15 percent decrease over 1992.

And judging by the first three months of this year, which witnessed 413 violent offences in comparison to 663 in the same period in 1993, neo-Nazi crimes are on the decline.

But Germany's battle with its neo-Nazi fringe is far from finished, according to Heinrich Sippel, whose department in the Office for the Protection of the Constitution in Cologne keeps a close watch on right-wing radicals. While they do not endanger German democracy, they nevertheless pose a threat to public security, he said.

The firebombing of a synagogue in Lubeck last March, together with the riot in the eastern German city of Magdeburg last May in which foreigners were assaulted and chased through the streets by skinheads, underline the considerable potential for far-right violence.

In response to the anguish they've foisted upon the nation, the federal government has begun to crack down on the lunatic right.

Speaking to an American Jewish Committee meeting in Washington recently, Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel declared that Germany is addressing the problem.

But Ignatz Bubis, chair of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, has complained that all too often courts have been lenient in sentencing perpetrators of right-wing crimes. And Douglas Jones, a senior American diplomat in Germany, has said that the government "lacks the will" to confront extremism.

In levelling his unusually outspoken critique, Jones focused on a sensitive issue which is intrinsically linked to right-wing violence — immigration.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl has said repeatedly that Germany, home to nearly seven million foreigners in a population of 80 million, is not an immigrant country.

Using this as a departure point, Jones noted: "If I were a skinhead, I would take a certain amount of comfort in hearing that Germany was not a country of immigration. That would signal to me that... foreigners who live here legally do not belong here, and that I am justified in wanting them out. And to be honest with you, this sentiment is by no means limited to skinheads."

Jones was critical of Germany's citizenship laws, which place the utmost importance on German ancestry rather than on place of birth or residence. As he pointedly observed: "How can these minorities remain anything but conspicuous, underprivileged targets of anger and frustration, if they have no chance to become assimilated on an equal basis with Germans if they so choose, or to have their own cultural distinctiveness protected from attack if they do not?"

Cornelia Schmalz-Jacobsen, the government's commissioner for alien affairs, has also called for changes in the citizenship laws.

Kohl has promised a serious debate on the question after the national election on Oct. 16.

Immigration is closely connected with the flight of would-be refugees into Germany. Last year, critics took the government to task for bending to right-wing pressure by tightening up the country's liberal asylum law.

From 1980 until 1992, 1.5 million asylum seekers entered Germany, far more than any other country in Europe. Since the legislation was amended, there has been a drastic decrease in the number of foreigners requesting asylum in Germany and, with it, a drop in rightist violence.

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Since the end of 1992, the government has taken a series of concerted steps to stem this plague.

These include the establishment of special police units that can be deployed at short notice; creation of a task force and a data base on right-wing extremism; stepped up raids against radicals; and the banning of four neo-Nazi organizations.

Sabine Laue, an official of the Office for the Protection of the Constitution in Berlin, said that the banned associations are the National Front, the Democratic Alternative, the German Friendship Bund and the National Offensive, with a combined membership of less than 400.

The government wants to ban the Free German Workers' party, with 2,000 to 3,000 members, and the National List, with 80 members, Laue added. These petitions are still before the courts.

Since 1980, 11 far-right associations have been outlawed. Only one extreme right-wing political party, the Socialist Reich party, led by an old Nazi, has been banned since the end of World War II.

Apart from these measures, the government has cracked down on record companies and rock bands which foment racial hatred; restricted the civil rights of two notable extremists; and launched information campaigns against intolerance.

Heinrich Sippel [Sheldon Kirshner]

What's more, judges have handed down harsher prison sentences of late. Last December, two young neo-Nazis convicted of killing three Turks in the town of Molln — one of several incidents which finally galvanized Germany into action — were sentenced to life in prison.

The verdict was regarded as a sign that the German judiciary has begun to deal with extremists decisively.

"At the beginning of this wave of violence, sentences were milder, and there were protests," said Schmalz-Jacobsen. "But in recent cases, German courts have been living up to their responsibilities."

By all accounts, about 70 percent of the suspects arrested in such cases are under the age of 21. In 1991-92, right-wing violence was more common in the eastern, former communist half of Germany. Last year, the level of violence in eastern and in western Germany was almost identical.

In absolute numbers, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany's most populous state, headed the list of violent extremist-motivated crimes in 1993. On a per-capita basis, the state of Brandenburg topped the list.

Jung claims that less than 10 percent of the perpetrators are affiliated with a group and thus carry out their crimes as individuals.

The latest figures show that Germany is home to 81 radical right-wing groups, with 43,000 members. This includes 6,400 militants, particularly skinheads.

The far-right Republican party, with 23,000 members, is not classified as extremist, but may shortly be placed on a list of extremist organizations that are kept under regular police surveillance.

Last year, the Simon Wiesenthal Centre claimed that the neo-Nazi movement is larger than portrayed by the authorities. Sippel, however, disputes this assertion.

To the best of Jung's knowledge, there are 27 neo-Nazi groups in Germany, with a membership of 1,500. The most prominent of these are the Viking Youths, the German Citizens'Initiative, the German Nationalists and Direct Action Middle Germany. Virtually all neo-Nazi organizations are based in western Germany.

Since the AIDS-related death of Michael Kuhnen several years ago, the neo-Nazis have been without a charismatic leader, Sippel said.

Neo-Nazis, he added, are trying to build an effective underground network. Laue said that they have ties to neo-Nazis elsewhere in Europe, and that they receive much of their hate literature from Gary Lauck, an American living in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Not surprisingly, German neo-Nazis have plugged into computer technology, and as a result, they have become more effective, Laue said.

There is no evidence that neo-Nazis use training camps in the Arab world. In the early 1980s, an outfit called the Wehrsportgruppe Hoffmann had access to camps in southern Lebanon.

In terms of size, the German People's party, with 26,000 members, is reported to be the largest radical right-wing party in Germany. It is followed by the Republicans, the National Democratic party, the Free German Workers' party, the German League and the National List.

The German People's party and the Republicans advocate a strong Germany within the 1939 borders and tighter controls over foreigners.

Gerhard Frey, the leader of the German People's party, is believed to be more extreme than Franz Schonhuber, the head of the Republicans. Frey, who publishes the *Deutsche Nationale Zeitung*, with a circulation of about 120,000, is supposedly anti-Semitic and anti-Israel. So, too, is Schonhuber, who was a member of the Waffen-SS, Sippel said.

Neither the German People's party nor the Republicans have won seats in the Bundestag, the national parliament. And Sippel doubts whether they will in the forthcoming election.

But both parties have captured a small number of state and municipal seats in Baden-Wurttemberg, Schleswig-Holstein, Bremen and Berlin.

Schonhuber secured a place in the European Parliament in 1991, but lost it in June when the Republicans picked up only 3.9 percent of the vote, less than the 5 percent needed for representation.

Although Schonhuber denies that he is a radical, one of his former aides recently quit, charging that the party was growing increasingly extremist. Last spring, Schonhuber caused a controversy when he called Bubis "the worst rabble-rouser in Germany."

Of Germany's far-right leaders, none but Gunter Deckert of the National Democratic party has come as close to being imprisoned. Deckert, whom Sippel describes as "a faceless bureaucrat," recently received a one-year suspended sentence for promoting racial hatred and disparaging the dignity of Holocaust survivors. Deckert's activities prompted legislators to consider passage of an "Auschwitz Lie" law.

Ernst Zundel, the Toronto-based neo-Nazi propagandist, is described by Sippel as "the Canadian address" for German right-wing extremists. His leaflets, posters and videos regularly find their way to Germany, where the production and distribution of such material is outlawed.

Sippel regards Zundel as a "real professional," but is anything but impressed with the calibre of his "primitive" publications.

The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

William Levitt was a home builder for the ages. His family firm, Levitt & Sons, almost single-handedly created a new concept in North American housing — the affordable suburban subdivision. In the view of urban historians, the Levitts — William, his brother Alfred and their father Abraham — exerted a profound and lasting impact on the home-building industry.

Levittown, their prototype suburb in Long Island, New York, was finished in the early 1950s. Their homes appealed to middle-class Americans, invariably headed by returning veterans seeking a slice of the American dream. The Levitts built more than 17,000 almost identical — some would say boring — detached houses in Long Island. They used standarized plans and prefabricated components to bring down costs and speed up construction. These innovations enabled the Levitts to build up to 36 houses a day.

After their success in New York, they erected similar subdivisions in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. In 1968, six years after his father's death, William sold Levitt & Sons — which had been founded in 1929 — to International Telephone and Telegraph for $92 million. Due to bad investments, the Levitts lost much of their wealth in the 1970s and 1980s.

Samuel Bronston was a photograher who moved up to film production. Born in Russia and raised in France, Bronston is best known for *El Cid*, a three-hour 1961 epic about a legendary 11th century hero who drove the Muslims out of Spain. The film, which garnered mixed reviews, had a star-studded cast led by Charlton Heston and Sophia Loren.

In a 25-year career as a producer, Bronston was involved in such big-budget movies as *55 Days at Peking* and *Circus World*.

Martin Kosleck was a German-born actor who portrayed Nazi nasties in a succession of 1940s Hollywood films.

In memoriam

Kosleck, who studied acting with the great Berlin stage director Max Reinhardt, left Germany soon after Hitler's accession to power. Ironically, casting directors, impressed by his aloof demeanor and his fixed stare, tapped him to play Nazi villains ranging from Hitler and Josef Goebbels (the propaganda minster) to SS officers and concentration camp guards. Kosleck appeared in *Confessions of a Nazi Spy*, *The Hitler Gang*, *All Through the Night* and *Underground*.

David Kirschenbaum was called the dean of American booksellers. He specialized in books and manuscripts written by the Founding Fathers of the United States and Abraham Lincoln, but also dealt in 20th century manuscripts. His clients were businessmen, bankers and industrialists, some of whom donated their rare collections to museums.

Born in Tarnow, Poland, Kirschenbaum and his family emigrated to the United States in 1900, when he was 5 years old. He launched his career at the age of 8, selling books from his father's pushcart, and by 15, he had his own store.

Reuben Mattus was the founder of the Haagen-Dazs ice cream empire. A Polish Jew who peddled his family's homemade ice cream for about three decades in New York City, Mattus hit upon a winning formula by coming up with a richer ice cream exuding snob appeal. He settled on a supposedly Danish name which means absolutely nothing in any language.

The product was immensely popular, prompting Mattus to open a string of franchise shops around the world. In 1983, he sold Haagen Dazs to a U.S. conglomerate, but Mattus did not retire. Two years before his death, he began marketing Mattus' Lowfat Ice Cream, hoping to capitalize on a current craze.

Josef Stroder was a German pediatrician who saved Jewish and Polish children in Krakow during the Nazi occupation. The Gestapo arrested him, but his life was saved by the collapse of Nazi Germany.

Tadeusz Pankiewicz was a Polish pharmacist who helped Jews escape from Krakow and hid Jewish religious objects during World War II. After the war, he was honored by Jewish organizations in Israel and the United States.

Jewish Agency sounds alarm over Soviet Jewry

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Jewish continuity is in grave jeopardy in the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union, and there is a limited amount of time in which to do something about it, officials of the Jewish Agency for Israel warn.

If current patterns of emigration and assimilation continue, the Jewish population in the former Soviet Union is likely to drop by nearly one million over the next five years, said Baruch Gur, director of the Jewish Agency department dealing with the newly independent states.

The Jewish population in these areas already fell by a million in the last four years, and a decrease of another million would leave only 500,000 Jews, said Gur.

Uri Gordon, head of the Agency's immigration and absorption department, was even more dramatic in his pronouncements. "If Jews won't make aliyah, they will disappear," he said flatly.

Of the half-million Jews projected to remain after five years, only 150,000 will be children of two Jewish parents, Gordon ointed out.

Currently, 100,000 to 120,000 Jews emigrate from the newly independent states each year, of which 60,000 to 70,000 come to Israel. At the same time, the rates of intermarriage run as high as 75 per cent in Russia, Gur said.

Gordon pointed to the aging population and the low birth rate, which he said are contributing to the numerical demise of the Jewish community. For every Jewish child born, between 11 and 13 Jews die, he said.

Gur and Gordon sounded the alarm as aliyah figures rose in the second quarter of 1994. According to the National Conference on Soviet Jewry in New York, 14,929 immigrants from the former Soviet republics arrived in Israel during the second quarter of this year, compared to 12,531 during the first quarter.

Another 7,331 immigrants arrived in the United States during this period under the government's refugee program, compared to 8,156 during the first quarter of 1994, according to preliminary statistics released by the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society in New York.

Emigration from Russia and its former Soviet neighbors, though, is running slightly behind where it was at this time last year.

A total of 32,916 immigrants arrived in Israel during the first seven months of 1994, compared to 36,863 last year. And 18,026 refugees arrived in the United States so far this year, compared to 20,252 for the same period last year, according to the National Conference and HIAS.

Urgent challenge posed

The Jewish Agency expects about 60,000 to arrive from the former Soviet lands by year's end, compared with roughly 70,000 last year.

"It is our responsibility to pay attention" to the critical situation in the former Soviet Union, said Gur, adding that the Jewish continuity problem is not limited by borders.

The possibilities of assimilation are increasing as a result of some of the recent political reforms in the newly independent states, he said. In many places Jews no longer must be registered as Jewish in their passports, so "those who want to disappear can disappear."

At the same time, Jews are "coming out of the closet as Jews," but primarily for the "privilege of emigrating."

These trends, said Gur, pose an urgent challenge for the Jewish world.

"On the one hand, we have those who will assimilate, and on the other, those who will emigrate," he said. "In the middle, we have those who are staying and haven't made the decision whether to leave or to assimilate and to what degree they want to remain Jews."

The Jewish Agency has stepped up programs in light of what it sees as a "window of opportunity" to reach this population, virtually doubling its activities in key regions in basic Jewish education and in the promotion of Israel and aliyah.

"We introduce them to Judaism and to Israel," said Gur.

For example, summer camps for youth that last year served 10,000 are serving 20,000 this summer. They were doubled after a Gutman Institute survey found the camps "increased involvement in Jewish activities and increased knowledge, ties and identification with the Jewish people and the State of Israel."

"Kids who know basically nothing (Jewishly) are coming to these camps from tiny communities," where the number of Jews is minute, said Gur, who visited three of the most remote camps in Siberia last month.

At the same time, the number of ulpanim, or Hebrew language courses, in the former Soviet Union has quadrupled from 30 to 120, while the number of Jewish Agency offices increases from 22 to 31 and shlichim, or emissaries, increased from 70 to 90.

For Gordon, all Jewish Agency energy in the newly independent states is directed toward aliyah, in contrast to other organizations supporting programs to strengthen Jewish community, culture and education there.

"All efforts to build community life in the former Soviet Union will fail because there is no future for Jews."

Meanwhile, aliyah patterns have been in flux. So far this year, there has been a 20 per cent decrease in aliyah from Russia, where an estimated 750,000 Jews remain.

The decline is a result of the stabilization of the economy and the fact that the "reservoir of Jews motivated to leave has been getting smaller each year," said Chaim Chesler, head of the Jewish Agency delegation in the newly independent states.

But the Russian stabilization is "shaky," Chesler emphasized. "If an extremist president is elected in '96, the whole situation will change."

Severe economic distress

In Ukraine, where there are a half-million Jews, emigration is up this year between 50 and 60 per cent, and is expected to be at least double the 1993 figure at year's end, Chesler said.

The increase is due to Ukraine's severe economic distress and the political instability that gives rise to nationalism, said Chesler. The Jews are also less assimilated than in Russia, so "the potential immigrant pool is stronger," he said.

The pressure in Ukraine to emigrate is not expected to ease in spite of recent elections there of a new president and government which enjoy the support of the Jewish community, according to Gur.

"The prevailing sense of political and economic crisis is exacerbated in the Jewish community by the fear that without a rapid improvement in conditions, an upsurge in nationalist feelings can be expected," he said.

Meanwhile, "we are putting forth every effort" to reach those in the former Soviet Union still hesitating to make aliyah "for whatever the complicated reasons may be," said Gordon.

"Introducing aliyah opportunities to every city in the FSU, remote as it may be, linking employment and housing, and attempting to offer a direct and secure path to the undecided immigrant is our goal," he said.

"Knowing a place was waiting for me made a difference," said Olga Ostrovsky, a chemical engineer who recently made aliyah from Ukraine with her husband, also an engineer, and their 7-year-old son, after making contact with the Jewish Agency.

"We had a job in our field and had learned Hebrew in ulpan," she said. "We feel at home here."

"We could have gone anywhere, to the United States or to Germany," said her husband, "but for Jews it is better in Israel."

Not every new immigrant in Israel is as happy.

"It doesn't mean they all have a house or a car," Gordon said in an address to the recent Jewish Agency Assembly.

But he said Israel has made "great achievements," in terms of immigrant absorption. Fifty-two per cent of the new immigrants have housing and unemployment among them has dropped in the last two years from 38 per cent to 14 per cent, he said.

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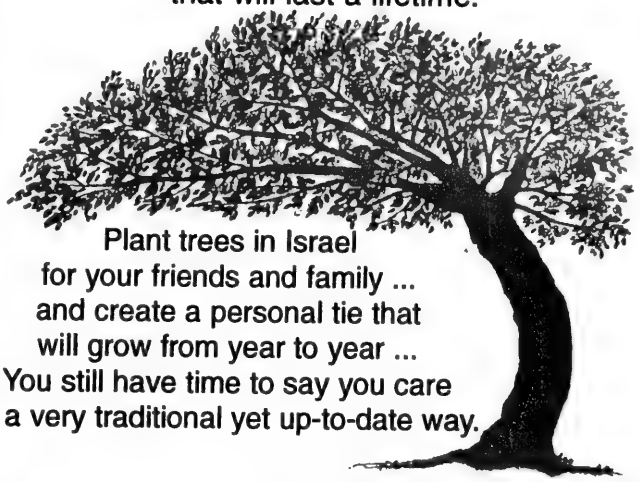

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Death becomes way of life for Rwandan refugees

By ALON PINKAS
The Jerusalem Post

An Israeli Air Force ground crew loads a transport plane with medical supplies, destined for the refugee camps in and around Goma, Zaire. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

KIWOMBA, Zaire — Rwanda has been blessed by nature but betrayed by mankind. The failure is colossal and shameful.

Kiwomba, with its rapid accumulation of corpses, lies in a green valley about 1,500 metres above sea level. It is overshadowed by the 5,000-metre-high Karisimbi volcano and a string of other volcanic peaks almost as towering.

Around Kiwomba are lush jungles, dotted with the vibrant colors of tropical flowers.

It would be picturesque if it weren't for the ubiquitous presence of death.

Death in its blunt, unrelenting, overwhelming, arbitrary, cruel presence. Death which is everywhere but remains incomprehensibly remote. Death that leaves gaping holes in families when it doesn't destroy them entirely. Death of dignity, death of hope, death of the human spirit. Death as a way of life.

Last month, I was on the outskirts of Goma, a town of 120,000 besieged by one million dispossessed refugees on the Rwanda-Zaire border. After Kiwomba, the refugee camp and the orphanage near Goma seemed less horrendous. Because if there is such a place as Hell, if such a place can be found on a map, it is named Kiwomba.

After being there, I feel compelled to begin a report thus: "Dear reader, I don't think I have the skills to describe what I have seen. But I can begin to understand what mass death at Auschwitz might have been like."

There are approximately 350,000 Rwandan refugees in Kiwomba. A huge, amorphous crowd of people walking nowhere, doing nothing, having fled from one hell to another hell, hopeless, dehydrated, easy targets for cholera and other forms of almost certain death: a senseless horror show.

The roadsides are littered with bodies. Thousands and thousands and then more, in various degrees of decomposition. All lying in the midst of the thousands who are still alive, wandering aimlessly and helplessly. Dazed.

Food is not the problem. Disease and contaminated water are. But perhaps the most striking phenomenon is the visual similarity between the dead and living. Both have the same hollow, lifeless, empty stare. The dead, the nearly dead, the dying. The half-alive and the healthy. They sit, awaiting their turn; and they just stare at you, at the jungle, at the high mountains. They have no tears, they express no emotion, they reflect no fear.

"Welcome to the Republic of Rwanda," proclaims a sign in French on the border checkpoint between Zaire and Rwanda. This is where over a half-million Rwandan refugees came through, fleeing the horrors of civil war. They began streaming into Zaire in mid-July, once the tide in the civil war turned in favor of the minority Tutsi tribe.

The Hutu army — actually the Rwandan army — disintegrated, and more than 30,000 armed Hutus deserted and infiltrated Zaire, fearing revenge and recrimination after being responsible for an almost genocidal massacre of the Tutsis during a three-month civil war. It erupted on April 6 when the plane carrying the presidents of Rwanda and neighboring Burundi exploded in midair. Sabotage was suspected.

On the border, we meet a Tutsi officer, Second Lieutenant Peter Kanaki.

"I am not a fighter. I am an economist," he tells a group of Israeli journalists. "But I joined the Tutsi rebels when the war began."

Kanaki turns for a moment to assure a trickle of returning refugees that the war is over.

When Yossi Sarid, who is heading Israel's 77-person mission here introduces himself as the "environment minister in the Israeli cabinet," Kanaki seems impressed, although a bit dubious. He thanks Sarid for the mobile army surgical hospital Israel set up for Rwandan refugees. Sarid produces his passport to prove that he is a minister. After that is settled, and the two converse in their official capacities, we notice a pile of several hundred hand-grenades, rockets, bullets, knives, blood-stained swords and axes.

"This is what we took from the Hutu soldiers," says a Zairean captain on his side of the border.

"But the war is really over," Kanaki says. "I am a Rwandan, not a Tutsi," he smiles.

So are the children treated in the field hospital the Israel Defence Force set up there. A fully equipped MASH, it was built and operational within 24 hours after eight cargo planes discharged several hundred tons of medical equipment.

But future awaiting survivors is a different question, one that isn't asked here, where life seems so cheap, but where 15 Israeli doctors nonetheless strive to maintain the sanctity of life. They will save, or rather prolong, the lives of only a fraction of those dying.

"We will do whatever is necessary to save one life," says Brig.-Gen. Dr. Michael Weiner, chief IDF medical officer.

To some perhaps, Israel's aid makes proud of being Israeli. But in Kiwomba, one is ashamed of being human.

The devastating dimensions of the Rwandan problem are slowly affecting Zaire. Cholera, malaria, AIDS. The volatile mix of political, human, economic and health crises is frightening. It is an intractable, chaotic and uncontrollable situation.

Thousands continue to die each day while Hutu soldiers, the empty and terrible look of a devastated army reflected in their eyes, move aimlessly on the roads.

With no end in sight, death will continue to triumph in Madame Kasouku's orphanage in Goma, and in Kiwomba.

And in the middle of it all, in downtown Goma, is Lanira's steak house, where foreign journalists dine.

Even in Hell, there is a business class.

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As the sounds of Shabbat prayers floated out of the makeshift synagogue set up by the Israeli medical team working at the refugee camp in Goma, Israeli doctors were operating on a new mother of twins.

The woman was suffering from a severe infection because the babies' placenta had not been removed after the birth several days before.

"She was nearly dead, like a corpse nursing a child on each withered breast, and we saved her. I cried," said Dr. Hezi Levy, an IDF surgeon.

The attempt to create a Shabbat atmosphere could not push away the smell of death that permeates the city and the camp, where the Israeli team has worked from dawn until past dusk for nearly two weeks. By week's end, the IDF team had saved at least 300 lives.

"Three hundred patients are a drop in the bucket, but even so, it's 300 people," said Lt.-Col. Shmuel Shapira.

Last Friday morning, the Zairean chief of staff visited the hospital to receive a report on its activities. The general, who had been an ambassador to Israel for five years, said, "During the tough moments, we see who our real friends are, who comes and offers assistance. I hope that this is an opening for renewing and strengthening the ties between Zaire and Israel."

Aided by interpreters, the doctors sort out the sick as they come into the hospital and send them to the different "departments." A mobile laboratory and X-ray unit aid in diagnosis.

The suffering around the soldiers takes its toll.

"Death is not something I haven't seen. But this amount of suffering seeps into our souls and we will never forget it," said Maj. Ilan Malkai, 29, the unit's medical operations officer.

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JERUSALEM — Israel will maintain its medical team in Goma for approximately another two weeks. The government will decide soon whether to continue the aid beyond then.

"The Israeli activity has earned much praise from all the states in the area and from international bodies, who said they had never seen such a well-equipped field hospital set up so fast, nor such dedicated and skilled medical treatment under such conditions," reported Environment Minister Sarid last week.

It was also revealed last week that the original estimates of sending the medical team had been far too low. Estimates now range from $16 million to $20 million (U.S.).

Israel's Magen David Adom, meanwhile, is inaugurating a nationwide fundraising campaign for Rwandan refugees. The money will be used to purchase medical equipment, disinfectants for the water supply, food and other supplies.

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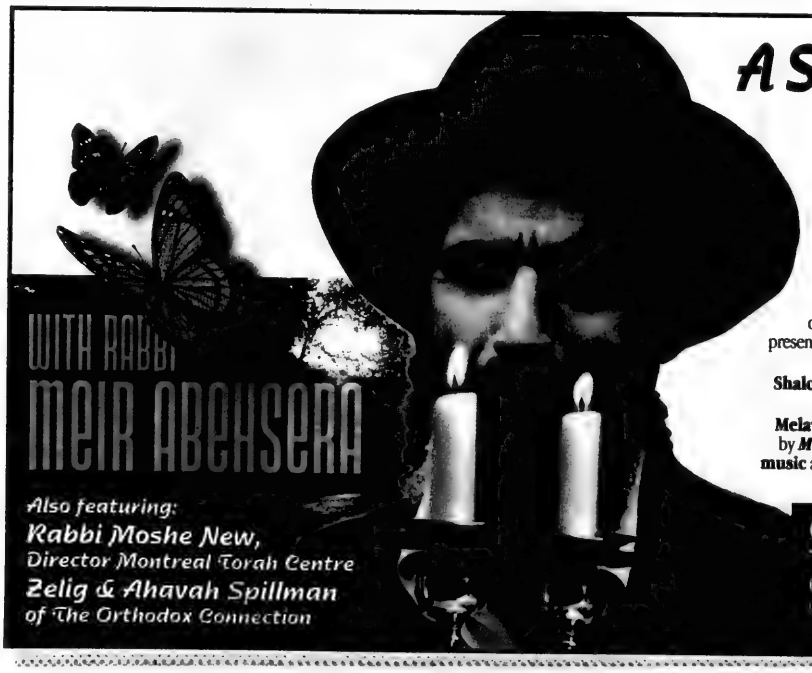

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Jewish victims of terrorism ignored in UN condemnation

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

UNITED NATIONS — Bowing to pressure from non-aligned nations, the United Nations Security Council issued a statement that condemns recent terrorist bombings but refuses to acknowledge that they were targeted at Jewish and Israeli institutions.

The statement, read by Security Council President Jamsheed Marker of Pakistan late last month, followed a meeting where Argentine Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella reported on the July 18 bombing of the Buenos Aires Jewish community centre, in which more than 100 people were killed.

The informal consultation was called by Argentina and Great Britain. Two car bombs in London last month damaged the Israeli Embassy and a Jewish fund-raising organization, injuring nearly two dozen individuals.

A draft UN statement had specifically mentioned the Israelite Association for Mutual Assistance in Buenos Aires and the Israeli Embassy in London as the targets, and expressed solidarity with the victims of the attacks.

But as approved by consensus, the final statement expressed "sympathy and condolences to the victims and their families," as well as to the people and governments of Argentina and of the United Kingdom. Jews and Israel are not mentioned.

This bowdlerization of the statement came at the behest of the non-aligned states, represented in the Security Council by Pakistan, according to UN sources.

Pakistan was criticized recently by Amnesty International for harsh and arbitrary imposition of its new Islamic blasphemy laws, which call for the death penalty.

In its statement on the recent bombings, the Security Council demanded "an immediate end to all such terrorist attacks," and stressed "the need to strengthen international cooperation in order to take full and effective measures to prevent, combat and eliminate all forms of terrorism, which affect the international community as whole."

Israeli, American and Argentine officials have accused Iran of sponsoring the terror attacks. Iran has denied involvement.

In a meeting with his Israeli counterpart, Emilio Cardenas, Argentina's ambassador to the United Nations, said that as the investigation of the July 18 attack continued, his country would seek a formal Security Council resolution condemning the blast and those responsible.

The Israeli ambassador, Gad Ya'acobi, meanwhile, expressed disappointment at "the deletion of the explicit reminder that the terror activities in Buenos Aires and in London were aimed against Jewish targets, Jewish communities, and the Embassy of Israel in London.

"This language is an escape by those who are not ready to fight aggressively against this international threat to stability and peace," he said. "The deletion of the references to the targets is unfair, and it causes damage to the moral position and standing of the Security Council on other matters."

Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, issued a statement condemning the Security Council for refusing to identify Jews as the principal targets of the recent attacks.

"The council's statement shows that despite the 'new world order,' the old standard vis-a-vis Israel and the Jewish people is alive and well at the United Nations," he said.

"Let us not forget that during its deliberations on the Hebron massacre, the Security Council had forcefully and correctly identified the victims as Arabs, but now the Security Council has apparently allowed itself to be held hostage by some non-aligned countries who would have the world pretend that the victims were Martians," he added.

Syria will remain on U.S. list of terror-sponsors

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

WASHINGTON — Syria and five other nations will remain on the U.S. State Department's list of countries sponsoring terrorism, the administration's top counter-terrorism official has told a Congressional panel.

At a special House of Representatives hearing on the recent bombings of Jewish and Israeli targets in Buenos Aires, Panama and London, the official, Barbara Bodine, said "there is no intention at all of removing any of them" from the list.

Including Syria, those on the list are Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Cuba and North Korea.

"There are efforts by some of them to get themselves removed [from the list], but we've made it very clear to them there are a number of steps that need to be taken," Bodine said.

She added that "the circumstantial evidence is there" to link Iran to the July 18 Buenos Aires bombing of the Jewish community headquarters. Secretary of State Warren Christopher earlier made a similar charge on Capitol Hill.

Argentina's ambassador to the U.S., Raul Enrique Granillo Ocampo, told the House subcommittee that his country has been questioning Iranian diplomats in Buenos Aires about the bombing.

"We don't have definite proof of [their] involvement, but we have a lot of clues that convinced us to arrive at this conclusion," he said.

Ocampo told The *Jerusalem Post* later that the government has questioned everyone in the Iranian Embassy, from Ambassador Suleiman Pour on down, but said that "we have not gotten anything" from them.

"We are not saying the Iranian ambassador was involved; we're saying that philosophically, the Hezbollah and Iran are related, and we are not going to rule out the possibility they are involved," he said.

Bodine's appointed successor as the State Department's coordinator for counterterrorism, Phillip C. Wilcox, will visit Argentina and four of its neighbors later this month to discuss the Buenos Aires attack.

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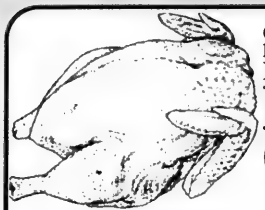

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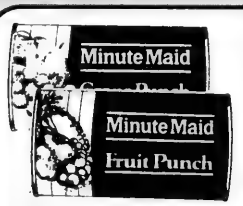

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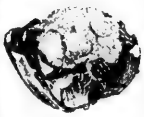

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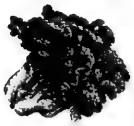

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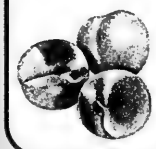

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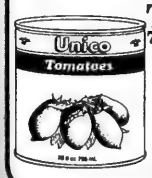

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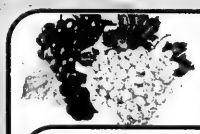

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Fighter still ready to go a few rounds

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — At 81, Sam Shrott runs two miles four times a week, and goes three rounds with a punching bag. (He can't find a sparring partner.) When he was 17, Shrott was a prize fighter in the flyweight range (112 lbs.) and hung out with Sammy Luftspring and the late Baby and David Yack.

"I went hungry in 1929-31 right in this country of Canada," Shrott said. "My mother (Sluvia) died at age 34 from gangrene and my father (David) disappeared even though he owned three movie theatres. I was on my own at age 16 and my grandmother couldn't keep me because my aunt's family was already there. It was boxing that enabled me to survive. I couldn't get a job because of anti-Semitism."

When a shop serving free doughnuts and coffee to the unemployed opened on Spadina Avenue, Shrott said he went there immediately, and then went around the block before visiting it for a second time, he was so hungry.

Boxing at flyweight and later at lightweight (135 lbs.), at Mutual Street Arena, Maple Leaf Gardens, and in North Bay, Shrott got coupons from Eatons for merchandise, and later took back the goods to get cash. This and meals at his sister's home, (Ethel Richmond, now 83) kept him going. He had to leave Grade 10 at Central Technical School when his mother died.

He is sorry that more Jewish youngsters today aren't interested in the art of boxing.

"It did wonders for my sense of confidence," he said. "I don't take a backward step from anybody."

A former member of the Jewish Y on Brunswick Avenue and on Bathurst Street, Shrott said he joined Columbus Centre nine years ago because he couldn't get use of the punching bag at the JCC on a regular basis.

At Columbus Centre, his knowledge of the Italian language (he picked it up when overseas) comes in handy. "People often ask me, 'Are you Italian or Jewish?' And I say, in a joking way, 'I'm Jewish, do you want to go a few rounds?' "

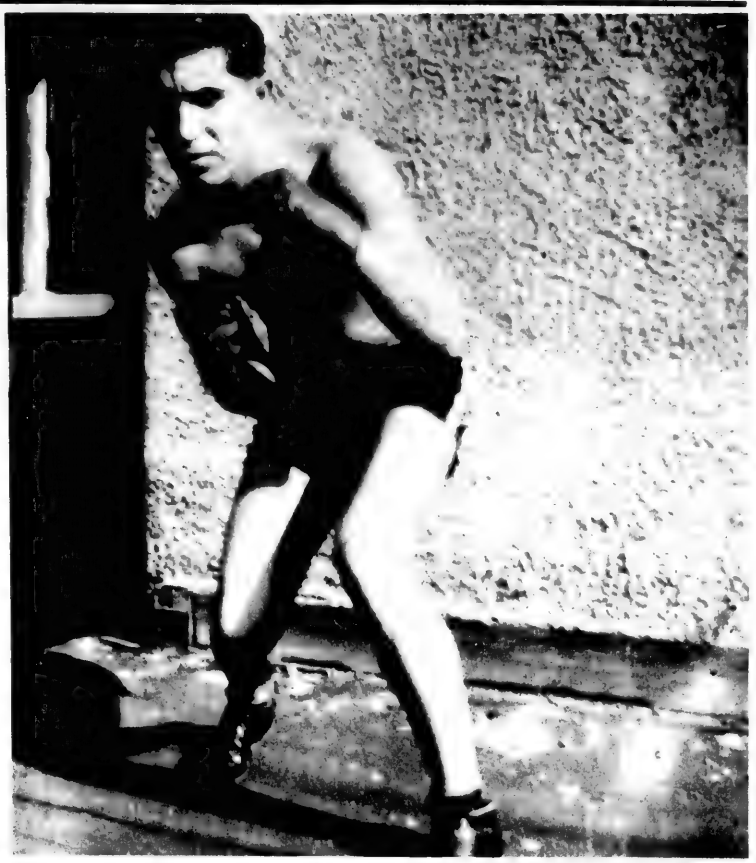
He quit boxing at age 20, and found various jobs, one as an apprentice pressing seams,(at $5 a week) and one making ticker tape. But his ambition was to become an electrical contractor, and he got a job threading conduit pipe when the Royal York Hotel was being built.

After World War II and service in the Canadian Army in Sicily, Italy, France, Germany, Holland and Belgium, rising to the rank of sergeant, Shrott realized his ambition and opened his own contracting business in 1953, Aconic Electric Company. One of his jobs was wiring Honest Ed's warehouse restaurant.

Now retired, he and his wife, Mildred, married for 48 years, have lived in a Langholme Avenue bungalow for 32 years. They have two sons, Dr. Barry Shrott, a general practitioner, and Steve Shrott, a script writer.

Looking back over an eventful and satisfying life, Shrott still shakes his head over how his mother had the courage to bring him, at the age of seven, and his sister at the age of nine, all the way from Galicia, to Union Station in Toronto, on her own, as his father was already here.

It's clear where his gumption comes from.



At the age of 17, Sam Shrott, now 81, earned his living as a boxer, being paid in merchandise coupons. He went on to become a successful electrical contractor.

Sam Shrott, and his wife, Mildred, married for 48 years. He wishes more youngsters would learn the art of boxing.

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(from left) Serge Ozou, mayor of Reviers; Sorel Etrog; a French partisan veteran; former defence minister Barnie Danson; and Jean Fredette, cultural attache at the Canadian embassy in Paris at the recent dedication of Etrog's sculpture.

Etrog's sculpture recalls Canadians' D-Day sacrifices

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Sorel Etrog, one of Canada's most notable sculptors, recently attended a ceremony in Reviers, a town along the Normandy coast of France, at which one of his works was unveiled to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the D-Day landing of Canadian troops.

The sculpture, called "Sunbird II," is made of bronze, weighs about 900 lbs. and stands about two metres, 20 cm (7 feet) high. A neatly stylized abstraction, its various elements may represent a wheel or the sun, ribs, a warrior's helmet and parts of a bird. As the artist puts it, the sculpture seems to pulsate with the "energy of growth."

Etrog first cast the piece in 1963, and alternate castings are owned by the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Palm Springs Museum and other art institutions; the artist's study resides in a museum in Basel, Switzerland.

Another casting, on display in the Museum of Rodin in Paris, caught the eye of the mayor of Reviers, Serge Ozou, and other citizens of the town, and they requested it from the Canadian Embassy.

"The Canadian Embassy contacted me, and we had to make arrangements for the Museum of Rodin to release the piece," Etrog explained. "For that to happen, we had to find a donor, which we did. The donor gave it to Canada so that Canada in turn could donate it to France."

Besides Etrog, former Canadian defence minister Barney Danson attended the unveiling, as did Jean Fredette, the cultural attache at the Canadian Embassy.

"This work ... is a permanent memory of the sacrifices accomplished by the young Canadian soldiers in the name of freedom," said Benoit Bouchard, Canada's ambassador to France. "This sculpture, standing beside a Canadian maple tree and only a few steps from the military cemetery of Beny-Reviers, is a symbol of peace important for all of us."

Etrog, who was 11 when the Russians liberated his hometown of Jassi, Romania, in 1944, said he could identify with the sense of gratitude the townspeople expressed towards their liberators, even after half a century.

"It was a very moving homage by this small town to Canada. For the people who live there, Canada will always have a very special place in their life. Every house was flying a little Canadian flag."

Etrog said he and Danson were impressed at how well the schoolchildren of Reviers seem to know their history. As a school project, the youngsters constructed a model of the battlefield, showing the positions and movements of the troops on the first day of the Allied invasion, and where each soldier had fallen.

Student groups restructure for 1994-95 academic year

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For Jewish students at local university campuses, the 1994-95 academic year will mark the implementation of a restructuring effort that has been in the works for at least two years.

The Jewish Student Federation (JSF) at York University, the Jewish Student Union (JSU) at the University of Toronto, and the Jewish Student Council (JSC) (which serves Ryerson Polytechnic University, Seneca College, U of T's Scarborough campus and York's Glendon College) have been separate groups until now.

Under the new plan, being co-ordinated by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (JFGT), the three groups will retain their individual structure, but will come under the umbrella of a central campus services agency.

A budget increase of $140,000 over the current three-campus expenditures of $266,000 will allow for "better programming and [adequate] salary dollars," said Morris Zbar, director of community planning and allocations and associate director of JFGT.

The $140,000 is expected to come from increased UJA contributions, said Zbar. "If not, we'll have to look at some of the endowment funds. We will not take money away from our [other] agencies."

While recent financial woes of the Jewish Community Centre have "consumed quite a lot of [the Federation's] energy," the restructuring of campus organizations is moving ahead, stressed Zbar, although at a slower pace than originally anticipated.

The campus restructuring resulted from "a feeling that the campus organizations have been isolated both from each other and from the [Jewish] community at large," said Zbar. "We felt it important in terms of continuity to ensure that there's better linkage." The restructuring is based on a model which is being encouraged in a number of North American cities, said Zbar.

Each of the three campus organizations will have its own programming co-ordinator, while a director of central campus services will oversee all the groups. Rabbi Michael Skobac, currently JSU director, will serve as chaplain for all the campuses.

Some students have expressed concern about losing autonomy when the new structure is put in place.

By having a programming co-ordinator for each group, students will be able to continue to address the needs of their individual campuses, answers Zbar, adding that the organizations will still have local lay boards or committees.

Hiring the director of central campus services is Zbar's current priority — a task he is undertaking in collaboration with the boards of all three campus groups. When he spoke to *The CJN* last week, the list of candidates had been culled for interviews. "We want to make sure we have a top professional," said Zbar.

The director will be placed at York University at first, until a co-ordinator for the York JSF is hired. Because of the restructuring, former JSF executive director Claire Sookman is no longer with the organization. David d'Ancona and Susie Meisels, JSF students, have been serving as co-executive directors over the summer.

"We're trying to phase [the restructuring] in stages. We don't want to disrupt services," said Zbar.

After a co-ordinator is hired for JSF, the campus committee will begin to search for a co-ordinator for JSU at U of T, so that Rabbi Skobac can assume his chaplaincy duties for all the campuses involved.

"I think it's a very good thing," says Michael Goldberg, program co-ordinator for the JSC, which serves Ryerson, Seneca, Scarborough and Glendon. "The small campuses don't get much recognition."

D'Ancona looks forward to seeing better integration with off-campus Jewish agencies.

Zbar is hoping that the restructuring will be complete by the end of the year.

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York student gets scholarship at TAU

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Osnat Baroz, 22, radiates enthusiasm and determination. The Ashdod native, now living in Thornhill, emigrated to Toronto with her family when she was in Grade 11. She is one of three York University students who will be in Israel on scholarships for the 1994-95 academic year.

"In the long run it will be worth it," says Baroz, who will be focusing on Religious Studies at Tel Aviv University (TAU). She is being funded by the Leonard Wolinsky Scholarship and the Gertrude and Jack Friedman Memorial Award. She is also a recipient of the Morris M. Pulver Scholarship Fund of Israel.

Because Baroz is married, her arrangements for Israel have been more complex than for the other scholarship recipients. Shai, Baroz' husband of three years, is a landscaper. He will join her in Israel from October to April, and has been very supportive, she said.

A graduate of Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT), Baroz recently finished her second year of the Jewish Education program at York. She has already been teaching for five years at the Am Echad (Thornhill Square) Synagogue Sunday School held at Rosedale Heights Public School, and worked for three years as a private Hebrew tutor.

"I really love teaching," says Baroz. "I appreciate both [Canadian and Israeli] systems. I think if you want to be a Jewish teacher here, a big part of it comes from Israel as well. I was young when I came here, and I feel I still have a lot to learn. What better place than Israel?"

Baroz is the daughter of Peter and Mary Silberstein.

Osnat Baroz

David Posner

David Posner, 21, will also be be studying at TAU this year. An anthropology and sociology student who has completed two years at York University, Posner plans to study international law at the University of Windsor. He received the Abraham Isaac Silver Scholarship, as well as a TAU scholarship and the Albert Latner Scholarship.

Posner is an alumnus of Forest Hill Collegiate, where he graduated at the top of his class. A former youth leader at Beth Sholom Synagogue, he has also tutored Hebrew and worked with youth in past summers as a camp lifeguard and a sailing and windsurfing instructor.

Posner was not available to be interviewed, having left for Israel earlier this summer. He is the son of Karen and Gary Posner.

Samantha Berman

Samantha Berman, 20, the recipient of the Hebrew University Scholarship, recently completed her second year in the Environmental Studies program at York University.

A CHAT graduate, she plans to expand her educational horizons this year by taking "a lot of" political science courses having to do with the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Berman also hopes to volunteer at an absorption centre when she is in Israel.

Berman attended Hebrew and religious school at Temple Har Zion until Grade 10. She entered CHAT in Grade 9 after finishing Grade 8 at Johnsview Public School in Thornhill. Now living in Richmond Hill, Berman came to Canada at the age of 1 from Johannesburg, South Africa. Her parents are Roy and Naomi Berman.

In first year university, Berman ran Friday night Reform services for Baycrest Centre residents on a volunteer basis. Last year she was women's issues coordinator at York student newspaper the *Excalibur*.

Israeli scholar extends studies

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jacob Eisenberg's experience as the Israeli recipient of the Hebrew University Scholarship exchange program for 1993-94 was "very good for me," he says. So good, in fact, that he has extended his stay at York University for a second year.

Eisenberg, 29, would like to finish his Master's degree in Psychology at York. "In Psychology in general, North America is the leading place," he told *The CJN* during a recent interview on campus. York was one of the few North American universities to offer a graduate level exchange program in his preferred area, he said. Eisenberg's thesis concerns social psychological effects on creativity.

The scholarship which brought him to Toronto was established about 17 years ago and is believed to be the oldest exchange program between the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and a Canadian university. Through the scholarship, one York student is sent to the Hebrew university annually, and one student from the Hebrew University is brought to York every other year.

Eisenberg was born in Riga, Latvia, but grew up in Haifa after making aliyah at age 6 with his parents and younger brother. A sister was born in Israel.

After completing high school, Eisenberg served three years in the Israeli army and decided he wanted to travel before completing his education. He took a clerical job for eight months to fund a 15-month trip to India, the Far East, Australia and New Zealand. "It was a good decision," he says.

He completed an undergraduate degree in Psychology and Interdisciplinary Studies at Haifa University, where he also wrote for the student newspaper before embarking on post-graduate work at the Hebrew University.

Over the past few years, he has held a number of part-time and temporary jobs including a position with a psychological institute where he tested potential employees to assess their psychological suitability for institute clients. He has also worked as a group leader for young olim at a summer camp. "That's when I started to brush up my Russian," said Eisenberg.

Jacob Eisenberg

His facility in English was honed at university in Israel. "Most of the material in psychology is in English, even at an undergraduate level," he said. "My reading English was quite good, but conversational wasn't that good." These days, Eisenberg appears to be quite comfortable speaking English.

In April, he presented a paper at an annual symposium on violence and conflict resolution, an area in which he has a particular interest because of his army experience.

Eisenberg has received a York University scholarship to continue his studies.

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Tzvi, Cindy, Menashe, Aaron and Shoshana

Organizations and People

What's New

By Carolyn Blackman

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, August 11 is deadline for August 25 issue and Thursday, August 18 is deadline for Sept. 2 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Thursday, August 11

KORTRIGHT CENTRE

Come to the Kortright Centre, 8 p.m. for Bat Night and discover what bats eat, how they fly, where they live and why you may want them around. There will be theatre presentations, exhibits, bat house plans, walks in the woods and more. Advance tickets required, $7 non-members, $6, members. Call (905) 832-2289 for tickets.

Friday, August 12

KESHET SHALOM

Kabalat Shabbat service and kiddush will be held 8 p.m., Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave., main floor lounge. Congregation Keshet Shalom is a progressive congregation dedicated to meeting the needs of the greater Toronto lesbian and gay Jewish community. For information call 925-1408.

PIANO CONCERT

Enjoy a happy musical afternoon with concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns**, 2-3 p.m., Cheltenham Place, 5935 Bathurst St. Program includes Jewish, semi-classical and dance music.

Sunday, August 14

SUMMER BARBECUE

Canadian Friends of Givat Haviva is having a barbecue, 154 Colvin Crescent, Thornhill, 6:30 p.m., to introduce you to its activities and to members of the support group in Toronto. No solicitation of funds. To RSVP and for more information, call **Miriam**, (905) 881-5448.

HAPPY MUSICAL AFTERNOON

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will perform at the Terrace Gardens, 3705 Bathurst St., 1-1:45 p.m. Program features semi-classical, Jewish and Hebrew music.

JEWISH STUDENTS' BARBECUE

The Jewish Students' Council, Jewish Student Federation, Jewish Students' Union and Network present the fifth annual summer barbecue, The Splash Bash, 8 p.m.-midnight, JCC, North East Valley branch. Admission, $5. For information call the JSF, 736-4158 or JSC, 636-1880, ext. 365.

INTERACTION

Come to a barbecue, sponsored by Interaction, 12 noon, Sunnybrook Park, one block north of Eglinton on the west side of Leslie Street. Follow the signs to fire pit 7. Bring baseball glove, frisbee, soccer ball and a big appetite. For more information call Interaction Hotline, 754-5512.

Monday, August 15

FAMILIES OF GAYS & LESBIANS

Next meeting of the Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians meets 7:30 p.m., library, Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. For more information, call, in confidence, 763-9111.

Tuesday, August 16

HELP JAY FEINBERG

Jay Feinberg, 25, has leukemia and is in desperate need of a bone marrow transplant to live. His best chance of finding a match lies with those of Jewish Eastern European ancestry. If you are in good health, between 17 and 50 and have never been tested for Jay or **Allison Atlas**, come out for a simple blood test between 5 and 9 p.m., B'nai Brith Building, 15 Hove St. For information, call **Dr. Marshall Deltoff**, 783-4914.

Wednesday, August 17

ISRAEL'S UNIQUE MISSION

Amos Ben-Gurion, industrialist, businessman and son of the late **David Ben-Gurion** will be the guest speaker at a public lecture, 8 p.m., Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave. Topic will be What is the Unique Mission of Israel? For information, call **Claire Horowitz**, 665-8054.

SUMMER MUSIC AT BETH TIKVAH

Come and enjoy clarinetist **Peter Stoll** and pianist **Tania Lee Osmond** in a program that includes **Leonard Bernstein's** *Sonata for clarinet and piano* as well as music by **Brahms, Debussy, Rossini** and **Glick**, 8 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Tickets, $5 at the door.

EATING DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP

If you are a parent, brother, sister, spouse or friend of a sufferer of an eating disorder such as anorexia or bulimia, come to a meeting 7:30 p.m., New City Hall, Nathan Phillips Square at Bay and Queen Streets. **Eva Ray** will talk about Stress Management and Relaxation. For information, call 766-8134.

GENE RESEARCH

Dr. David Givol, professor and former chair, department of Chemical Immunology at Weizmann Institute was guest speaker at a recent special joint national and Toronto chapter meeting. Dr. Givol, in Canada for an international p53 gene conference, updated the meeting on current p53 gene research. There is considerable evidence that damage to this gene may be implicated in 50 to 70 per cent of all malignant tumors in humans. From left are Dr. Dina Gordon Malkin, Jimmy Kay, Dr. David Givol.

Thursday, August 18

GOLF TOURNAMENT

B'nai Brith Foundation 2nd annual golf tournament takes place at Lionhead Golf and Country Club. For information call B'nai Brith Office, 633-6224.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service offers the following groups: Adult Children Losing a Parent, begins Oct. 11; For Women Only, explores self-esteem, strategies for stress management and interpersonal relationships, begins in October. For more information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

ALL-SENIORS REVUE

Over 800 Ontario seniors will sing, dance, tell jokes and do ventriloquism at the sixth annual all-seniors entertainment revue running from August 15-18, Roy Thomson Hall. For information call 593-4822, ext. 385.

LODZ GHETTO LIQUIDATION

Former Lodzers are invited to attend a commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the liquidation of the ghetto in Lodz, sponsored by the regional governor of Lodz, the city mayor of Lodz and the Jewish Religious Congregation, 78 Zachodnia St., Lodz, Poland. Telephone, 011-48-42-33-51-56. Program, August 21-23, includes a concert, memorial in synagogue and in the Jewish cemetery, and visiting the town of Chelm and the Museum of Lodz.

BERNARD BETEL OPEN HOUSE

Celebrate the Year of the Family at Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living's annual open house, 1003 Steeles Ave. W., Wednesday, August 17, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Featured will be ongoing entertainment, environmental magic show, sidewalk sale and door prizes. Free admission. The celebration continues at the 12th anniversary dinner dance, Thursday, August 18, 6 p.m. Price of $12 includes full course meal, wine, dancing and entertainment. For information call 225-2112.

PARLA ITALIANO?

Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care needs Italian speaking volunteers to visit and/or lead a discussion group with Italian speaking residents. Call the Volunteer Department, 785-2500, ext. 2572.

BETH ISRAEL HEBREW ACADEMY

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PART-TIME FATHERS' GROUP

A group to help fathers who are not living with their children redefine their role as fathers, while exploring the area of solo parenting. For further information, call **Elinore Gertner**, (905) 882-2331.

HEBREW SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Ahavat Israel Hebrew School offers a Sunday School program for children ages 5 through 12 years of age. Curriculum includes Hebrew language, reading, writing, prayers, holidays, Jewish history and Bible. Special events during the year include sukkah decorating, Passover seder, challah baking and Purim party. Previous Jewish education is not a prerequisite. For information call **Leslie Shapiro**, (905) 731-5054.

CHILDREN OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

Another series for children of Holocaust survivors is starting at the Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave., Mondays, 8-10 p.m. The purpose is to understand the impact of the Holocaust upon their lives. Leader is **Doris Strub Epstein**. For information and registration call **Rena**, (905) 886-8641 or Doris, 630-0164.

ROSH HASHANAH WORKSHOP

Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning is having a pre-Rosh Hashanah workshop with **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein** on the themes and prayers of the High Holidays, August 23, 7:15-9:30 p.m., Bloor Street JCC. Some of the well-known prayer passages as well as the themes of renewal and repentance as they are reflected in the High Holiday machzor will be studied. No preregistration necessary; cost is $5 at the door. For information call Kolel, (905) 660-3154.

HOCKEY PREPARATION CAMP

Enjoy an end-of-summer pre-season hockey preparation camp at Oak Ridges Recreation Centre, Monday, August 29-Friday, Sept. 2. Highlights include parents vs. child game, guest coach appearances, daily scrimmages, power skating coach, video tape analysis and Stanley Cup game end of week. Register for the full week, any day or half day. For information or to register call **Shelley**, (905) 884-6965. Car pooling available.

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KABBALAH KIDS SUMMER CAMP

Kids, 4-11 learn to share through drama, karate, tennis, swimming, gymnastics, arts & crafts, August 15-26, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. For information and registration call the Kabbalah Learning Centre, 631-9395.

CHILD SURVIVORS/HIDDEN CHILDREN

A converence for child survivors and hidden children, Let Memory Speak — The Legacy, will take place Oct. 7-10 in Montreal. Over 60 workshops including some for spouses and a large number for second generation will be held in English and French. For information and registration forms call Holocaust Remembrance Committee, 635-2883, ext. 153.

ADULT SUMMER CAMP

Kids at Heart is hosting an adult summer camp, Thursday, August 18-Tuesday, August 23 at Camp Northland in the Haliburton Highlands. Camp activities include swimming, sailing, windsurfing, horseback riding, aerobics and workshops on massage therapy. A charity auction will be held with proceeds to the Mix 99.9 Children's Fund, in support of the Hospital for Sick Children. Vacation includes accommodation, meals, use of all facilities and instruction. Call **Danny Pivnick** or **Margot Greisman**, 926-0777.

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Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). August 18 is an Israeli movie; August 25, a lecture by **Yaron Haik** on What is a Good Investment for You? Sunday, August 28 is a day trip to Georgian Bay area and Wasaga Beach, $20 members, $22 non-members.

Earl Bales Senior's Club coming events include a BBQ party, Sunday August 14, 1-4 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Members, $5; non-members, $6. Tuesday, August 23 is a day trip to Niagara on the Lake and the falls. Depart 9 a.m. from the community centre. Members, $18; non-members $20. Dance to a live band Sunday, August 21, 7-10 p.m. in the community centre. A gentle reminder of what is offered in the Clubhouse free to members: Saturday night dances, 7-10 p.m.; bridge, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.; bingo and mah-jong, Tuesday, 1-3 p.m.; ballroom dancing class, Thursdays, 2-3:30 p.m.; shuffleboard, Mondays, Wednesdays in the community centre, 9:30-noon. For information call **Espie**, 395-7881.

Young at Heart Seniors Washington Holocaust Memorial and tour with professional guide takes place Oct. 16 for 5 days. Package deal $484 Canadian, double occupancy. Includes bus and 4 nights at Ramada Plaza Hotel. Call **Doreen** or **Helen**, 635-6343.

Club Hadar meets Mondays and Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2 for painting, discussion, bingo, cards. Call **Viola Landman**, (905) 886-2625.

City of North York Public Health Department presents a six-week series dealing with changes at menopause, hormone replacement therapy, nutrition and fitness. Held at several North York locations. Register with North York Public Health Department by calling 395-7600.

Toronto Public Library, Wychwood Branch's Summer Programs for Seniors is screening *Follow the Fleet*, with **Fred Astaire** and **Ginger Rogers**, Tuesday, August 16, 2 p.m. Library is located at 1431 Bathurst St., 1 block south of St. Clair).

Ten-pin **Bowlers wanted**, 60+, to play every second Saturday night at York Bowl. Begins Saturday, Sept. 3. Contact **Ray**, 781-0906 or **Charlotte**, 638-4413.

L.Z.A. Seniors has a few seats left for its Lake Simcoe Cruise, Wednesday, August 24 and for the Stratford trip to see *Pirates of Penzance*, Wednesday, Oct. 12. A trip to Washington D.C. is planned for Oct.30-Nov. 3. Registration is now taking place for the Di Lido Hotel in Miami, every Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon in the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. For more details phone **Libby**, 782-2059 or **Belle**, 633-5841. The next luncheon meeting is on Wednesday, August 17, 11:30 a.m. in the Borochov Centre.

Sunrise Group upcoming trips: Lady Muskoka Cruise, August 16; 5-day trip to Montreal and Quebec City, August 29-Sept. 2; *Showboat*, Oct. 12 includes lunch buffet and excellent tickets; Indiana fall color classic, 4 days, Oct. 11-14; Cincinnati New Years, Dec. 29-Jan. 1; Windsor Casino, Oct. 20-21. For reservations call **Esther**, 223-9165 or **Ida**, 636-8696.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Lifelong Learning Institute presents **Phyllis Greenberg**, cantor, Darchai Noam Congregation, who will present Music in High Holiday Liturgy, Monday, August 15, 1:30 p.m. in the synagogue. Members, free; non-members, $1.

La'briyut Wellness Centre presents The Healing Power of Forgiveness with **Rabbi Steven Saltzman**, senior Rabbi, Adath Israel Congregation, Thursday, August 18, 1:30 p.m., in the synagogue. Admission free.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. The club's fifth anniversary party will be held Oct. 5, including full dinner and entertainment. Tickets available at the centre. Call **Anna**, 225-2112.

Everyone is welcome to a picnic, featuring entertainment, refreshments and prizes, Tuesday, August 23, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Earl Bales Park, area 3. Bring lunch. RSVP, Information Desk.

Dance to the exciting music of the Creative Band, Sunday, August 14, 7:30-10-30 p.m. Members $3.50; non-members $4.00.

Arthritis Support Group will have a meeting, Monday, August 15, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre, Room A. Topic is Back Pain and Your Lifestyle. For information call **Brenda**, 225-2112.

Annual Open House featuring entertainment, food, displays, programs in action, sidewalk sale and door prizes will be held Wednesday August 17, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission free.

About People

BAYCREST APPOINTMENT

Dr. Calvin Cheng has been appointed program director of the Concentrated Care Unit and Step Down Unit of Baycrest Hospital. Cheng graduated from the University of Toronto in 1988 and recently completed his geriatric residency. He will also be providing consultation in geriatric medicine to Mount Sinai Hospital and the Mon Sheong Home for the Aged.

Dr. Calvin Cheng

WINEGARD MEDAL

Yona Lunsky of Toronto is this year's winner of the Winegard Medal, University of Guelph's most prestigious undergraduate award.

A President's Scholar, Lunsky recently graduated with a BA in psychology and a minor in drama. She won most of the academic awards offered by both departments and has been accepted into the dual-track clinical/mental retardation and developmental disability program offered by Ohio State University's psychology department and medical school. She received the College of Social Science J.W. Skinner Medal, a scholarship from the Ontario Assosciation on Developmental Disabilities and an Ohio State graduate fellowship.

Lunsky is an accomplished vocalist, vocal coach and choir member, and has worked on a summer camp program for developmentally disabled children at Reena Camp and Lodge and the J.D. Griffin Adolescent Centre.

NA'AMAT SPEAKER

At a recent pre-symposium, Na'amat Toronto heard how violence in the family is handled by Na'amat in Israel. Guest speaker, Ronit Lev Ari (centre), director of Na'amat's Family Counselling on Domestic Violence Centres in Israel spoke of the progress made with families in conflict who come to Na'amat for help. Also shown are (left) Malka Mirsky, program co-chair, Na'amat, Toronto; and Esther Rodzynek, president, Na'amat, Toronto. (Mollie Rothman photo).

FUNDRAISER TO EXHIBIT MASTERPIECES

Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF) is hosting a gala reception to preview The Barnes Exhibit at the Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO) on Sept. 18. Tickets to the event, which is sponsored by Gluskin & Sheff, are on sale now at $125 each. Pictured here are Martin Dover, president of ICRF, and co-chairs Carole Herman Zucker (right) and Gloria Lepofsky. The Barnes Exhibit consists of 80 rare masterpieces of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist art by Matisse, Cezanne, Monet, van Gogh, Renior and Picasso. ICRF is the largest single source of private funds for cancer research in Israel, supporting more than 100 scientists in universities, institutes and hospitals throughout Israel.

RITES OF SPRING

BBYO Lake Ontario Region's annual Spring Convention took place recently at Maple Lake Resort with programs including Are you a Jewish Canadian/American or a Canadian/American Jew and Being Jewish? Shown are Rachel Ostrow (left) of Buffalo, newly elected regional N'Siah (president) being installed by Marion Traub-Werner of Toronto, immediate past regional N'Siah.

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Left to right, George Fowler, president of the North York Tennis Association, Tibor Martinek and Erika Ostrow.Graphic Artists photo

Tennis club at JCC to retain 'Jewish tam'

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Though it will be under the auspices of the North York Tennis Association, the tennis club at the Jewish Community Centre next year will retain its Jewish tam.

This is the pledge of Tibor Martinek, provisional president of the new club, which is to have its founding meeting Monday, August 15 at the JCC, at 7 p.m.

"Though there will be no formal affiliation between North York and the JCC, the core membership of the new club will be members of the JCC and the Jewish character will be maintained," Martinek said.

The eight courts are being rebuilt, and a new clubhouse added, at a cost of $240,000, under the federal works program, with the cost divided among the federal, provincial and municipal governments.

Among items to be discussed at the upcoming meeting are fees and a name for the new club. Under the North York Parks and Receation department, tennis clubs run by the muncipality charge annual fees starting at $50.

Martinek predicted that the present membership of 200 will increase to 350 when the new facilities are open for the 1995 season. Work is expected to start in the spring.

The provisional vice-president is Erika Ostrow and provisional public relations chair is Joe Black.

Martinek paid tribute to the efforts of North York Councillor Michael Feldman and Arthur Eggleton, MP for the area, in promoting the rebuilding of the courts. Eggleton toured the JCC and the tennis courts recently.

Gen X barbecue set

TORONTO — Interaction, a new group for Jewish Generation Xers, will hold a kosher barbecue at Sunnybrook Park on Aug. 14 from noon to 4 p.m.

The non-profit organization provides social functions and professional networking and support to Jewish men and women in their 20s. It was founded by eight recent university graduates to fill a perceived gap in the Jewish community. The group is completely volunteer-run, and receives no external funding.

Programs now being planned include employment and professional development sessions, a weekend retreat, Jewish identity programs, and welcoming of newcomers to Toronto.

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Friends from Poland reunite after 59-year separation

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Salek Sporn was 13 when he last saw his friend Kalmek Israel in their hometown of Tarnow in Poland. The year was 1935 and Israel and his family were leaving for Canada.

This was the beginning of the end of not only Sporn's boyhood, but also a world he would never know again. During the war, Sporn was imprisoned in Siberia and most of his family would die at the hands of the Nazis. He spent two years in a DP camp before coming to Montreal in 1948.

He never forgot his childhood pal, but found no trace of him. Kalmek Israel had become Kelly Hershenhorn, a successful ladies' wear salesman in Toronto, where he had been living since 1935. As was required in Poland, he had gone by his mother's maiden name because his parents' had not had a civil marriage ceremony. Kelly was a nickname he had acquired during his "Canadianization."

For his part, Hershenhorn had no idea who survived from his prewar community.

Fifty-nine years later, the friends were reunited in Montreal this month.

They found they had become, by age 72, quite different people. Hershenhorn is still working and dreads the thought of retirement. Sporn, a tailor by trade who had a stationery store for some years, is now contentedly retired, enjoying his grandchildren and the occasional game of cards.

What separates them the most is their differing concepts of the past. Hershenhorn is of the view "that what is past is past" and can barely remember ever living in Tarnow, which is near Krakow.

On the other hand, Sporn grasps at anything that helps recapture the past. Hershenhorn, for example, brought with him some old school report cards and photos of a Zionist youth group, which Sporn pores over like a map to an enchanted land.

What has brought them together again was their participation in the 50th anniversary commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising in April last year.

Both had come with their children, and it was they who brought the two men together again after so many years. Sporn's daughter Salena and Hartley Hershenhorn met during their time in Warsaw and discovered their fathers both came from Tarnow.

"I recognized Kalmek right away," Sporn said. He remembered his friend as a good soccer player, but only a fair student.

But Hershenhorn only vaguely remembered the name Sporn, and perhaps that's because Sporn's father had been a town councillor. "I couldn't believe it when he called me Kalmek. I hadn't heard that name in 58 years."

Both almost didn't make it to Poland, and only went at the insistence of their children. "I didn't ever want to go back," said Sporn. Hershenhorn had been to Poland five years earlier with another son, showing him the places where his ancestors had lived.

Ironically, about twice a month for many years, Hershenhorn visited Montreal on business. Now, they hope to pick up the pieces and renew their friendship, on one condition: Hershenhorn wants to talk about something other than Tarnow.

"With him, the shtetl never left him," said Hershenhorn. "But I don't believe in dwelling on the past. Like my son says whenever I start to say 'When I was your age...', it's enough already."

But Sporn, who has been active in Holocaust remembrance and his landsmanshaft, says he is not likely to get over his nostalgia.

"I just want to connect with someone who came from the old world."

Kelly Hershenhorn (second from left) of Toronto, Salek Sporn of Montreal and Jerry Dorman of New Jersey, boyhood friends in Poland, are reunited. With them are their wives, from left, Zelda Hershenhorn, Ellen Dorman and Nadia Sporn.

CBC TV to feature Marcuse dance troupe

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — The Judith Marcuse Dance Company, directed by a former Montrealer now living in Vancouver, will be featured in a CBC network production, *States of Grace*, to be seen on August 14.

The hour-long performance is also scheduled for the Knowledge Network and TVOntario's French and English channels.

Montreal-born Marcuse, who told *The CJN* "I'm 100 per cent Jewish and a longtime supporter of Israel," is a choreographer as well as dancer. She was commissioned to do *States f Grace* for Victoria's Commonwealth Games cultural festival, which precedes the athletic Games opening August 18. The original two-hour production was staged recently at Victoria's 300-seat Kaleidoscope Playhouse and taped by the CBC. The broadcast has been cut to an hour.

Marcuse heads up a 10-person dance company, five women and five men. The company, which has toured extensively in Canada and Europe, gets financial assistance from the Canada Council, the British Columbia government and the city of Vancouver.

Marcuse says *States of Grace* tells the story of "a woman's journey of self-discovery." A 15-minute film, *At the Races*, opens the performance to tie in with the dancing. It was produced by the National Film Board and directed by Jewish filmmaker Daniel Conrad, assisted by Marcuse. The film has been seen at the Montreal film festival and has been accepted for viewing at the Lucarno film festival in Switzerland.

States of Grace will tour British Columbia this fall and will be featured as the inaugural dance presentation at the opening of Vancouver's Jewish Community Centre's Norman Rothstein Theatre in November.

Trained as a dancer from age 3, Marcuse began her career with the Grands Ballets Canadiens. She has worked in London, California and Israel and taught dance at York University in Toronto and at Simon Fraser in Vancouver.

She was in Israel for three and a half years, where she danced with the Bar Dor Dance Company. She arrived in Israel just after the 1967 war "and I was thrilled to be there when Jerusalem was united," she told *The CJN*.

It was in Israel that she met her husband Richard, who works here for Oxfam. They have a 10-year-old daughter.

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Israeli tennis star buoyed by key win in tournament

By MARVIN GLASSMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — What a difference a win can make to the outlook of a tennis player.

Prior to defeating American Todd Martin at the recent $1.7-million Player's Ltd. International Canadian Open held at York University, Israeli tennis star Amos Mansdorf was seriously considering ending his career in December after more than 10 years on the pro tennis circuit.

"I've been feeling horrible for the past 12 months," Mansdorf said. "I've been suffering from the Epstein-Barr virus that has made me tired and weary at tornaments. As a result, I haven't performed nearly as well as I used to. Maybe, at age 29, I should start thinking about retiring."

Mansdorf has been on the down side of his career in 1994. He has failed to advance beyond the second round in 12 tournaments, did not defeat a high-ranking opponent, and saw his ranking drop to 80th in late July. It was his lowest since 1985 when he was ranked 85th.

Todd Martin turned out to be just what the doctor ordered for Mansdorf. Seeded second in the tournament, the eighth-ranked Martin was considered a favorite over the struggling Israeli.

Instead, it was Martin who struggled in the second-round match. After blasting aces in his service games to win a tie-breaker in the first set, (7-6 (4)), Martin faltered to Mansdorf's persistent groundstrokes and cross-court backhands in the second set. Mansdorf won the second set 6-3 and appeared to have the upper hand in the third set.

But, instead of playing, Martin defaulted due to a groin injury that plagued him throughout June and July. "Amos played me well. He moved me from side to side, making it difficult for me to retrieve his shots, let alone return them," Martin said. "Other players lose their concentration when they play an injured player. But not Amos. He is very tough mentally and rarely beats himself. He showed his talent in his match against me."

Mansdorf was buoyed after his impressive victory. He had last beaten Martin in in Washington in July 1993. Moreover, Mansdorf's win over Martin marked only his eighth victory in 56 attempts against opponents who are ranked in the top 10.

"My win against Martin showed me what I could do when I believe in myself. I kept telling myself 'Make the return and keep the ball in play.' I knew by the way he was moving that he had some sort of knee problem," Mansdorf said.

"My problem was not to allow his injury to affect my game plan of returning his groundstrokes deep along the baseline. I stuck to my plan and that isn't easy. Remember how Michael Chang, when he was injured, beat Ivan Lendl at the French Open because Lendl underestimated him? I wasn't going to let that happen to me."

Mansdorf's victory over Martin gave him the one ingredient he needs to continue his career: hope in the future. His impressive showing at the Player's Ltd. International included defeating Grant Stafford of South Africa 6-2, 6-4 before losing to American Rickey Reneberg 2-6, 6-0, 6-4 in the third round. Mansdorf earned $18,900 to add to his career total of the $2.1 million for his best tournament result in 1994.

"This is the time of year that is crucial. If I continue to play well between now and the U.S. Open in September, I'll be back ranked in the top 50. That will convince me that I belong on the pro tennis circuit and will motivate me to continue my career beyond December," Mansdorf said.

Mansdorf's career has been filled with milestones. He has won six titles, most notably a first prize of $395,492 for the Paris Indoor title in 1988. Mansdorf upset Jimmy Connors and Brad Gilbert to win his country's Tel Aviv Classic in 1987 and donated $25,000 of his prize money to the Israel Tennis Centres, his training headquarters while growing up in Israel.

One of Mansdorf's fondest memories came when he teamed with fellow Israeli Gilad Bloom to defeat Czechoslovakia in Davis Cup play en route to a quarter-final finish in 1987 — the best record Israel ever had in the Davis Cup.

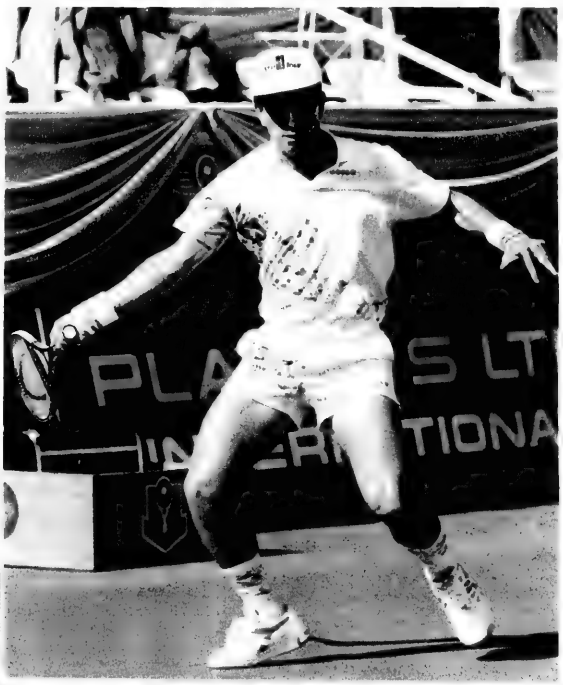
"I've said this many times, but I really mean it. I would prefer to win the Davis Cup for Israel than to win Wimbledon for myself. Wherever I go, I am constantly linked to the achievements of my country. That's the way I want to be remembered in tennis: as an athlete who put his country before himself," Mansdorf said.

Mansdorf was one of three Jewish players competing at the Player's Ltd. International. Americans Jim Grabb and Aaron Krickstein both failed to advance beyond the second round. Grabb defeated Sebastein Lareau of Boucherville, Que., 6-4, 6-2, before losing to top seed Sergi Bruguera of Spain 6-1, 6-4. Krickstein, seeded 13th, defeated American Jeff Tarango 6-2, 6-2 before being upset by another American, Chuck Adams 6-4, 6-4.

Although he's only 27, Krickstein has been playing on the pro tennis circuit for 12 years. Despite the fact that most of the teenagers that turned pro before 18 have failed to endure in the sport for more than six years (look at Jimmy Arias, Jennifer Capriati, Andrea Jaeger among many others), Krickstein has endured mainly because of strong guidance.

"Some of the teenage stars had parents pushing them because they saw their child as the means to support a family," Krickstein said. "That was not my case. My father [a doctor] never needed my money to support the family. He gave me inspiration, love and guidance, which sometimes meant pushing me more into the game. I never was forced to play tennis against my will. If that was the case, I never would have the desire to stay in the game."

Krickstein has won nine titles — including two in Tel Aviv. He still holds the record of being the youngest player ever to win a pro tour singles title when he won the Tel Aviv Classic in 1983, at the age of 16.



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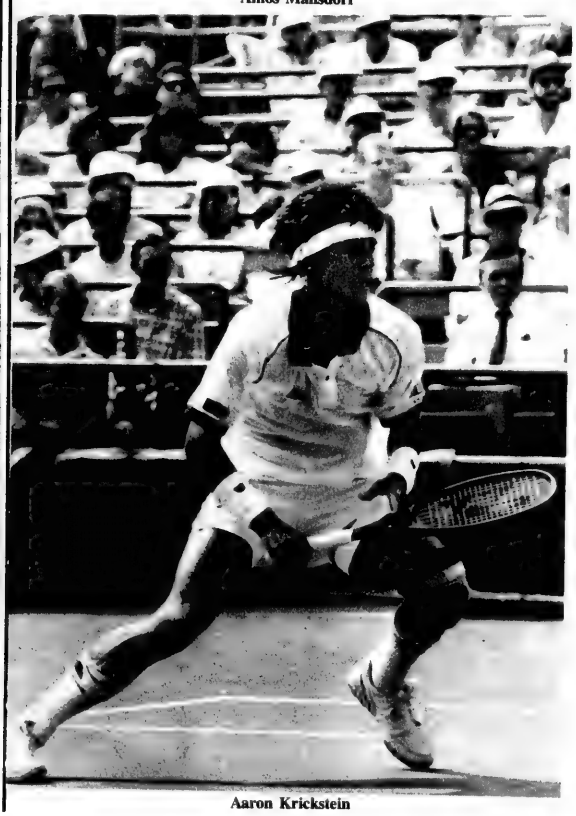

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B'nai Brith lodge enjoys infusion of young blood

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — By the time Philip Band joined the Toronto B'nai Brith lodge in 1940, the fraternal organization was a fixture on the local Jewish scene.

The lodge, established in 1919, was "sort of an exclusive club," recalled Band, 80, a retired lawyer. Prospective members were interviewed before being admitted to the lodge, he told *The CJN* .

"We had meetings at the Royal York Hotel twice a month, and the head table was always covered with a white tablecloth," Band said. Speakers included prominent American politicians who were paid $100, he said — a large sum at the time.

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the lodge, which has flourished in recent years, a gala dinner will be held August 18 at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. Veteran politician Mitchell Sharp, now special aide to Prime Minister Jean Chretien, will speak on the upcoming Quebec elections.

The lodge was the only one of its kind in Toronto for over two decades. After the 1940s, when the lodge grew to include over 800 members, groups broke off to form new lodges. There are now 22 lodges in the Toronto area.

Over the past decade four of those lodges — Empire, Forest Hill, Eglinton and Sportsmen's — again merged with the original lodge to form Metro Toronto Lodge, which now has over 400 members.

Members range in age from late 20s to late 80s, said lodge president Allen Feig, who admits only to being "over 60."

Avi Hyman, 31, a doctoral student at Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), is chairman of the board of Metro Toronto Lodge and was part of the rejuvenation of Eglinton Lodge.

About eight years ago, he recalled, he was affiliated with a group of young Jewish men who wanted to join a lodge with aging members to rejuvenate it. Impressed by the community work and welcoming attitude of Eglinton Lodge members, close to 20 of them joined en masse.

"I'm delighted to see younger people taking over," said Harry Pachter, 80, who served as the first president of Eglinton Lodge.

"These fellows were very much interested in making us part of it," said Hyman. "One of the things we did was to reinstitute a more active athletic program in order to attract other young people."

The lodge now boasts three baseball teams, three basketball teams and a hockey team.

Recent lodge activities included a "Jestfest" comedy night to raise money for three local charities and a musical presentation at Earl Bales Park. Members deliver Passover and Purim parcels, and recently instituted three scholarships in honor of the lodge's 75th anniversary.

Among its past accomplishments, the lodge counts the endowment of Hillel House at the University of Toronto, assistance in starting Camp B'nai Brith and establishing a soldiers' house in Eilat.

Today Metro Toronto Lodge has close to 50 members in their 20s and 30s, Hyman estimates.

Les Aaron, 30, joined Eglinton Lodge three years ago "primarily to play basketball," he admitted. He is now a member of the lodge executive.

"It was a lot of fun playing sports, but it's very superficial just to send in my fees and play basketball. B'nai Brith is very issues-oriented, and that appealed to me. It appealed to me to be able to contribute something," he said.

Jazz pianist goes solo route

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Jazz pianist Marilyn Lerner says it is too early to judge public reaction to her first solo recording, but from her peers she has received the equivalent of an A+ .

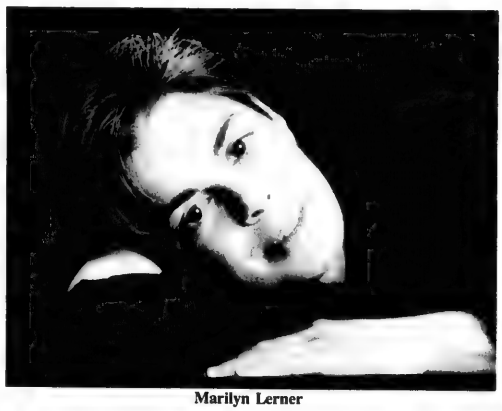
At the beginning of July, one of the songs on her *Miss Overboard* album was recognized as Best Single by the Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada. The award was bestowed at the DuMaurier Jazz Competition, held in conjunction with the annual Montreal International Jazz Festival.

Lerner recorded the 11 original songs for *Miss Overboard* last December and January on a Bosendorfer grand piano at the Winnipeg Art Gallery. She has dedicated the album — on the Justin Time Records (Montreal) label — to working parents and their children.

She describes it as a personal statement on art, her relation with her daughter and her approach to music. *Miss Overboard* was officially launched June 3 at Winnipeg's West End Cultural Centre.

Originally from Montreal, Lerner studied jazz at York University and attended master classes in New York. "I have played at numerous bar mitzvahs and weddings," she says.

She stopped off in Winnipeg in 1987 on her way to Vancouver and stayed. "I found some work here," she says. "This is an inexpensive city with a thriving arts community."



Marilyn Lerner

Lerner has become a well-known member of the Winnipeg jazz scene. She has performed with numerous other artists including touring musicians Tito Puente and Paquito d'Rivera. In 1993, she and guitarist Larry Roy recorded *Quarter To Three*, also for Justin Time Records. She has been performing with bassist Lori Freedman as the Queen Mab duo.

At the 1993 DuMaurier Jazz Festival, Lerner received a special mention as a "talent deserving wider recognition." With the release of *Miss Overboard* and invitations to appear at jazz festivals in Edmonton, Calgary, Toronto, Ottawa and Vancouver this summer, Lerner's time has come.

She reports it takes six months before sales figures on a new album are known. With *Miss Overboard* behind her, she has already started working on her second album.

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EYE ON ARTS

Young Entrepreneur Takes Bow, Then Takes Wing: Andrew Pifko is a 24-year-old zoology graduate from the University of Toronto with more than a passing interest in the fine arts. Long interested in theatre in particular, Pifko was the producer and director of *Chess*, a 2-½ hour operatic musical composed by the rock group Abba, which received a single benefit performance in Toronto in July for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

The production involved the donated services of some 25 musicians and 32 singers, all professionals, and many other volunteers. Musical director was Bruce K. Hill, a soloist with the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir. Pifko, who has directed four musicals previously, left last week for Japan to begin a one-year assignment teaching English.

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Going, Going, Gone: About 125 works donated from private collections were sold at a fine art auction at the Park Plaza Hotel, Toronto, in late July, raising almost $50,000 for the Jewish religious outreach organization, Ohr Somayach. Many Canadian and international artists were represented, including Dali, Picasso and Calder. The highest bid received from the roughly 250 people in attendance was $7,300 for a work by Salvador Dali. The auction house was Rosen Fine Art. Owned by Stephen and Ruth Rosen, the company specializes in auctions of donated art for non-profit organizations.

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Toronto Dance Festival: The fourth annual fringe Festival of Independent Dance Artists (fFIDA) takes place in Toronto Aug. 12-21. Offering 16 diverse performances, each an hour in length, the festival is unique for being entirely non-curated. Co-founded and directed by Toronto choreographers Allen Kaeja and Michael Menegon, fFIDA has been regarded as a "runaway success" that has attracted more than 8,000 patrons to date.

Artists include Allen Kaeja, Karen Resnick Kaeja, Shula Saltzman, Chick Snipper, Rachel Browne, Bayla Rae Goldman and Valerie Striar. For scheduling and ticket information, contact the Festival hotline, (416) 921-6816.

A special improv performance choreographed by Allen Kaeja and featuring selected artists takes place in the Atrium of the CBC Broadcast Centre, 250 Front St. W., Aug. 12, 12.30 to 1.30 p.m. Admission is free.

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Memorial to Barbara Frum: Last month, CBC president Anthony Manera unveiled a sculpture in memory of Barbara Frum, the Canadian broadcaster who died in 1992 of leukemia at age 54. Sculpted by Montreal artist Dominique Blain, the work is on permanent public display in the Barbara Frum Atrium of the Canadian Broadcast Centre in Toronto.

The work comprises television monitors showing 12 different programs, photographs and mirrors, which combine to engulf viewers, making them part of the reflection of the images of one of Canada's outstanding broadcasters.

Blain is one of 18 artists who submitted proposals for a commission last fall. "Blain's work is very much in keeping with the style in which Barbara Frum approached her work," said Manera. "It is honest, straightforward and challenging. I am sure Barbara would have been honored by this work dedicated to her memory."

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Cello soloist

North York Performing Arts Centre: The Jean-Francois Paillard Chamber Orchestra has cancelled its North American tour and concerts at the NYPAC that had been set for Oct. 1 and 2. The chamber orchestra I Musici de Montreal, founded by cellist Yuli Turovsky in 1983, has been signed for those dates. Considered one of Canada's leading chamber groups, I Musici has more than 20 recordings to its credit and has toured internationally to great critical acclaim. Turovsky intends to appear both as conductor and as cello soloist.

Also at the North York Performing Arts Centre, the cast of the blockbuster musical *Show Boat* undergoes a major change this week. The current company, headed by John McMartin, Elaine Stritch, Lonette McKee, Rebecca Luker, Mark Jacoby and Michel Bell, gives it final Toronto performance on Sunday, Aug. 14, then moves to Broadway's Gershwin Theatre where *Show Boat* is scheduled to open Oct. 2.

The new Toronto cast is headed by award-winning TV and film actress Cloris Leachman, who is perhaps best known for her role as Phyllis on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* in the 1970s. In her 40-year acting career, Leachman has appeared in more than 30 big-screen films, 75 television series, 30 made-for-TV movies, and multiple TV specials and theatrical productions. In *Show Boat*, she plays Cap'n Andy's irascible wife Parthy, opposite John McMartin as Cap'n Andy, until September. Robert Morse, who created the role of Cap'n Andy in the original Toronto company, returns from a three-month hiatus early next month.

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Down Home Cape Breton Fiddle: Eighteen-year-old fiddler Ashley MacIsaac, who has played on stage with Paul Simon and The Rankin Family, gives a free lunchtime performance, Friday Aug. 12 beginning at 12.15 p.m. on the Waterfall Stage of First Canadian Place, Toronto.

FRINGE FESTIVAL

Choreographer/dancer Karen Resnick Kaeja is one of the featured performers at the fringe Festival of Independent Dance Artists. [Cylla Von Tiedemann photo]

Local talent wins lead

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A young Toronto actor who played juvenile leads at the Leah Posluns Theatre is returning to the local stage from New York, this time as the female lead in a play produced in a brand new theatre.

Elyssa Livergant, 20, daughter of Lynda Livergant and the late Harold Livergant, head of Extendicare, is playing the role of a woman saved from drowning by a Cape Cod writer. *Seascape with Sharks and Dancer*, by the American playwright Don Nigro, is a full-length serio-comedy about how the near victim and her rescuer develop a relationship which chases their own personal demons. Michael Savage plays opposite Elyssa in this two-hander, while Edward Louis Cook directs. . It runs from August 3 to 14.

The new theatrical venue, The Space, is at 115 Wolseley St; one block north of Queen St; off Bathurst St. The producing non-profit company, Treego Productions, is devoting proceeds of this run to KYTES, Kensington Youth Theatre Employment Skills.

This is the first time Elyssa has been cast as the lead of a play, though she had important roles in two off-off-Broadway productions in New York, *Come Back to the Five and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean* and *The Widows*.

In Toronto, she had roles in *Almonds and Raisins* and *Dori* at the Leah Posluns

Elyssa Livergant

Theatre when she was only 12.

But this young veteran of show business decided, in her own words, "to get out of the business," and she opted out of any serious acting while attending Forest Hill Collegiate.

The bug hit her hard on graduation, though, and she spent two years at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York. But she hasn't lost touch with the academic life, either, and hopes to finish a degree in English at the University of Toronto, preparatory work for which she did in New York.

Rain falls on performer's annual show

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It was an unkind rain that fell on Eva Fishman's parade at outdoor Skylight Theatre recently. The veteran entertainer, who has suffered a stroke, and who lost her husband, Moishe Turk this year, had to cancel her annual show 40 minutes after it started when the clouds opened and drenched the 1,500 attending.

Fishman started out gamely in the evening she billed as a tribute her late orchestra leader husband. She had difficulty walking to the microphone, but advised the audience not to panic if she fell.

"If Pavarotti can wear a tablecloth when he sings, then I can wear a handkerchief," she said, fluttering a piece of white cloth.

Her first number was *There's no business like show business* and at the end of it she was crying. Then came one of her old favorites *I'll be coming around the mountain* to which she improvised the lines, "I'll be following the dipper, I'll be home for Yom Kippur."

The entertainer's feisty nature was revealed when she several times berated Neal Pupulin, leader of the Moishe Turk orchestra, for not playing fast enough.

She even tried to make light of her affliction. "I have a hand that hangs, but I still have to feed it to give it strength to hang."

At her last medical examination, the doctor told her "Some day we'll make you good as new." This brought a heartfelt round of applause.

After *Zoom Golly, Golly* and *Gefilte Fish*, Fishman said she liked the audience's participation so much she would book them for next year's concert.

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Arts

Drabinsky breaks ground on $24.5 million theatre

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Corresondent

VANCOUVER — Showbiz entrepreneur Garth Drabinsky was in Vancouver recently to break ground for his company's $24.5 million theatre in the heart of downtown.

Joining him in the ceremony were B.C. Employment Minister Glen Clark, and the 1,800-seat theatre's architect, Moshe Safdie.

"Vancouver has clearly established itself as the second most important theatre market in Canada," said Drabinsky, "and we expect this will make it the most important theatrical market in the Pacific Northwest."

The theatre is expected to draw attendance from the neighboring state of Washington, which includes Seattle, as well as from Vancouver Island, which includes Victoria and Nanaimo as major centres.

Financing for the project includes a $5.25 million commercial mortgage loan provided by the provincial government.

In return, Drabinsky's Live Entertainment Corp. (Livent) will impose a surcharge of $1 per ticket during the term of the mortgage.

This is expected to generate at least $630,000 annually to help non-profit, professional performing arts groups in the province. Clark said this funding is in addition to funds otherwise allocated to the arts by the province.

Vancouver economy

Drabinsky said tourism studies indicate the theatre will pump $165 million a year into the Vancouver economy. He described its job potential in terms of Livent's experience with *Showboat* at the similar-sized North York Performing Arts Centre.

"On any given night," he said, "between the musicians and the front of the house people and the stage crew, *Showboat* employs 100 to 120 people, not counting the actors."

Drabinsky said the new building will permit open-ended commercial runs which are not possible at the only other major theatre, the Queen Elizabeth.

He said his production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, which ran here for 10 weeks last summer, could have run from eight to 10 months had a permanent theatre space been available.

He estimates *The Phantom of The Opera*, which had two short runs in Vancouver, could have played for up to two years.

Safdie's design calls for a facade of granite, decorative metallic shingle and pre-cast concrete, giving a two-dimensional side view of the auditorium and outlining the balcony, dress circle, orchestra seats and stage.

The entrance will feature a five-storey glass cone enclosing a staircase in front of a large mirrored wall. The design emphasizes intimacy — the back row of the balcony is only 30 metres from the stage.

The new theatre, still not named, is directly across the road from the public library complex, also designed by Safdie. The theatre is scheduled to open in December 1995. Drabinsky said he will consider offers to sell naming rights to a corporation or individual.

Livent owns and operates the Pantages Theatre in Toronto, and operates the North York Performing Arts Centre.

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Magic, Mysticism, and Hasidism, by Gedalyah Nigal (Aronson Press (price not stated).)

Is Judaism a rational religion? This is how it is usually presented, at least since the time of the Enlightement period when ghetto walls began to crumble and Jews became an integral part of Western culture. Jewish writers and thinkers emphasized elements that were acceptable to the modern sensibility: ethical monotheism, appealing ideals and universal aspects of the Torah.

But this rationalization of Judaism was one-sided and false. It did not include the lifestyle of many Jews who clung to an elaborate structure of legends, folklore and superstition. Although often explained away as quaint vestiges of an outmoded outlook, this body of thought and practice was an essential part of Jewish consciousness.

Gedalyah Nigal, a professor of Hebrew literature at Bar-Ilan University in Israel, introduces the reader to the entire range of subjects that make up the magical-mystical dimension of chassidic teaching and folklore: wonderworking individuals who were able to perform inexplicable feats, the ability to quickly traverse great distances, the transmigration of souls, the dangers from dybbuks, the ritual of exorcism, the power of amulets and the journey to the Garden of Eden and back.

A dybbuk is a malignant spirit that attaches itself to a living person, especially to one left vulnerable by sin. The dybbuk speaks through the occupied person's mouth with a new voice. It can be driven out by exorcism and usually leaves via the small toe.

In this fascinating work, the author discusses several cases of exorcism including communion with spirits. In one instance a rabbi indicates "I warned him not to pass through his eyes, since that would result in the destruction of his eyesight. He called out to me, "So then I shall come out of his mouth!" And I warned him again: "so then I shall emerge through his teeth without uprooting any, except the one front tooth serving as my exit." Yet I stood by my warning. Thereupon he asked me, "Very well then, through which organ do you want me to depart?" I replied, "Through the small toe on the left foot, between the nail and the flesh."

Gilgul Neshamot refers to the belief that after death the soul is reincarnated in a new physical form, whether human, animal or inanimate. A mystic master could read the stages of a person's transmigration from marks on his forehead. Good deeds lead to rebirth as a human, bad deeds to rebirth as an animal, depending on the sins involved. The author writes "During the time of Rabbi Isaac Luria, a young man choked during the wedding meal. Luria was not grieved by this, explaining, 'There was a gilgul in the chicken, and the choked one effected its correction and thereby completed his mission in life.' "

The author makes clear that although the folkloristic aspects of Judaism are not edifying or acceptable today, they were understood in the past as realities in a war between "the forces of sanctity" and "the forces of impurity."

This serious study, replete with footnotes for the scholar, will also be of interest to anyone concerned with the supernatural in Jewish thought.

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The Mystical Study of Ruth, edited and translated, with Introduction and Notes by Lawrence A. Englander with Herbert W. Basser Scholars Press, $69.95).

The Zohar, the prime work of Jewish mysticism, contains an enigmatic section to the Biblical Book of Ruth, Midrash HaNe'elam. It is an allegorical work in which the author interprets events and characters in Ruth "as alluding to phenomena in the Divine realm."

The 10 mystical sefirot, symbolic steps to spirituality, as well as aspects of the soul and speculation about the four-lettered name for God, are salient elements in this elusive work.

This significant contribution to Jewish scholarship, the work of Rabbi Lawrence A. Englander of the Solel Congregation in Mississauga, will be of special interest to students of Jewish mysticism.

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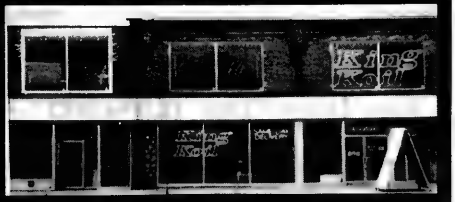

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When the Canadian economy bit the dust in mid-1990, no one could have forecast how long nor how deep this "economic downturn" would last.

When politicians and economists finally admitted, and perhaps submitted, to the "R" word, things went from bad to worse.

Today, however, these same forecasters are using the "R" word to signify recovery and while many taxpayers wait for that recovery to trickle down, it seems to be the perfect time to address the health of personal finances.

Mired in recession for close to four years, personal finances have taken a beating and now, perhaps more than ever, it is important to talk to financial advisors, investors and tax specialists to ensure maximum results.

The CJN has enlisted the services of four professionals who hail from the world of finance to assess the finances of several families that represent a cross-section of the public.

This is the first of a four-part series. The people featured in the articles are real but their names have been changed to protect their identities.

As well, the advice given pertains only to the people in those situations and readers should contact their own financial advisors to obtain information for themselves.

By YARON HAIK
Special to The CJN

Yaron Haik is an investment advisor at Richardson Greenshields in Richmond Hill. Richardson Greenshields of Canada Ltd. is one of Canada's largest and oldest independent, full-service investment dealers in the country.

I was in my office when the telephone rang. On the other end was a warm voice belonging to Ruth from Richmond Hill. Ruth and Robert, her spouse, wanted to meet with me to review their portfolio. I was delighted.

After gathering some preliminary information we set an appointment. I thanked her for the call, hung up and thought "This is what my job is all about: helping people get the most out of what they have." By reviewing their portfolio together, I would be able to comment on what they were doing right so that they could continue to do those things. I would also be able to remark on what could be done a little differently to achieve better results.

Ruth and Robert are wise and experienced investors whose past investments include stocks, Canada Savings Bonds, GICs and mutual funds. Although they never had a formal financial blueprint in place, they had sought the advice of a professional to assist them with some of their investments.

The most important aspect of investing, I explained, is to feel comfortable with the investments one is going to make. This includes the risks and returns associated with the different investment products available. By enlisting the help of a professional you receive more information, and consequently can make the decision that is best for your individual situation.

Robert and Ruth are both retired and live in a mortgage-free condominium. Their cars are paid for and currently no large expenditures are foreseen. They have no dependents and enjoy traveling when the opportunity arises.

They pay almost $700 per month in condo maintenance and taxes of $1,480 quarterly. They receive a monthly income of $1,600 in social security benefits, $1,500 from Robert's RRIF, and $91 from an existing annuity from Ruth's company pension plan. Ruth's GICs are currently paying her $1,401 and $1,358 on an annual basis. All told, their expenses are a little less than $3,000 per month while their monthly income is about $3,500. The $6,000 that is accumulated over the course of the year is spent on presents for their grandchildren and vacations.

Combined, they have $225,000 in their Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIFs) and $20,000 in a short-term GIC and liquid cash savings. Robert's RRIF of $145,00 contains two GICs; one is for $5,000 invested at 8.125 per cent, and the balance of $140,000 is invested at 12 per cent. They are both five-year GICs that mature in 1995.

Increased flexibility

Ruth's RRIF is a little more diversified and includes mutual funds valued at $13,300, $18,000 in cash from a recently matured GIC, and two other GICs. The first of these GICs is in the amount of $30,000 invested at 6.875 per cent maturing in November 1995, while the second GIC is $18,000 invested at 6.50 per cent maturing April 1997.

After learning the details of their portfolio and their estate considerations, I decided the most important aspect for this particular couple is a safe and liquid cash flow with increased flexibility.

Eighty per cent, or $175,000, of their investment are maturing between September and November 1995. At first blush, this would be wonderful if rates were returning to 12 per cent. Unfortunately we don't know where interest rates will be one, two or three years from now. If rates stay at four or five per cent, like they have been recently, this might lead to a significant loss of income and quite probably a change in lifestyle.

My initial counsel is to stagger the maturity dates of their income-producing investments to diversify against the risk of reinvesting at low interest rates. By staggering their maturities the burden of budgeting and planning is lessened, as payments can be matched up with income.

In addition, Ruth's matured $18,000 GIC is not currently reinvested and should be working harder. At a rate of five per cent, this amounts to $900 per year of forgone income. This is a frequent occurance amongst the investing public, and can be easily eliminated by enlisting the aid of a professional to help monitor investments on a full-time basis.

One of the most important recommendations I made is that Robert should be aware of the CDIC insurance limit that is in effect. Robert's $140,000 GIC in his RRIF exceeds the CDIC insurance limit of $60,000 per individual per institution. In the unlikely event that the financial institution that holds the $140,000 GIC collapses, $89,600 of principle and interest would be lost. That is akin to losing 60 per cent of the value of his RRIF, which would be utterly devastating, and could seriously jeopardize their financial well-being.

Although they are currently receiving income from their GICs, I suggested that once their GICs mature, they consider other alternatives offering safety and liquidity.

Four products are available as GIC alternatives. They are mortgage-backed securities, federal and provincial bonds and stripped bonds. These investments are 100 per cent government guaranteed and all are currently offering rates equal to or greater than their GIC equivalent. In addition they offer the flexibility and opportunity for capital gain and unlimited insurance without sacrificing safety.

A National Housing Act (NHA) mortgage-backed security (MBS) represents an undivided interest in a pool of NHA-insured residential mortgages. Both the insurance of principal and interest and the monthly payments are fully guaranteed by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, a federal government agency.

MBSs are fast becoming the preferred alternative to GICs. The rate of return for an MBS is comparable to or better than that of a GIC, and in the event of an emergency, Robert and Ruth could cash in the MBS in increments of $5,000. An MBS becomes more valuable if rates have decreased, and could be cashed in at a profit if they chose to do so. In addition, they could have the monthly payouts directly deposited to their bank account to match up with monthly obligations.

There are two types of NHA MBSs; open and closed. A closed MBS is recommended here since the payment schedule and time frame are known in advance of purchase which makes budgeting easier.

The second alternative to GIC investment is the one they had taken in the past but were not currently exploiting. Investing in government of Canada or provincial government bonds, as they did with Canada Savings Bonds (CSBs), is a good alternative. But CSBs are available only once a year, which can be problematic if investment matures at a time when CSBs are not on sale. To rectify this I suggest federal and provincial bonds which are on sale year-round with a wide range of maturities.

Provincial and federal bonds are currently paying the same rates as GICs, with the added benefits of liquidity and capital gains potential that GICs don't offer. Unlike CSBs, if held to maturity the rate does not fluctuate, and a predictable cash flow can be attained.

Thirdly, the use of federally or provincially guaranteed strip bonds is recommended. These bonds, also known as zero coupon bonds, are a solid investment that provide similar or better rates than GICs, and can be purchased and sold in varying increments. They are bought at a discount and mature at face value. That difference is the yield or "interest" earned, which while earned and thus reported every year is not paid out until maturity. To defer paying taxes on income earned but not received, Ruth and Robert should include strip bonds only in the RRIFs where they can compound tax-free.

Reviewing portfolio

For their short-term cash requirements, I recommend federal treasury bills. These are far more liquid than a term deposit or short-term GIC and will pay comparative rates. They are available in a maturity for almost every requirement and they can be bought or sold in increments of $1,000. Once again this product provides for more flexibility and quite often better rates than GICs. For that portion of short-term U.S. funds that they require to accommodate any trips south, U.S. T-Bills are also available.

Robert and Ruth are doing the right things and with just a little fine tuning their financial picture can be greatly enhanced. They are seeking professional help and are reviewing their portfolio fairly regularly. By continually reviewing and expanding their investment horizons beyond GICs to include the products discussed here, their portfolio will be strong, safe and provide for their needs for years to come.

Next Week: Warren Fergus, C.A., Senior Tax Specialist at Soberman Isenbaum & Colomby, will profile a Saskatoon couple who have two children.

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

In order to determine Ruth and Robert's assessment of their financial planning experince, The CJN conducted a follow-up interview with them.

TORONTO — Before meeting with Yaron Haik, Ruth and Robert had met with another financial advisor a few years before, and therefore, they knew what was involved in the planning process.

However, as Ruth said, "I was always under the impression that to buy — say T-Bills — you had to have a large amount to invest. I didn't explore certain areas because I thought you had to invest a lot of money."

Ruth says she now realizes just how many investment vehicles are available.

For people who are retired or those who are facing the prospect, a sense of financial security is paramount.

"No one knows what tomorrow will bring," Ruth said, citing today's low interest rates. "Right now, we are secure."

She described their financial outlook as average. "If we want to take a holiday we can and we have enough to live well. However, we don't go out to restaurants three times a week like we used to. We just don't anymore."

Ruth said her financial planning session was 'very good' and she will continue to seek investment advice every few years to update their portfolio and make sure things are on track.

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Business & Finance

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Economic Deal Signed With Ontario

JERUSALEM — A memorandum of understanding on economic cooperation between Israel and Ontario was signed in Jerusalem by Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish and Ontario Premier Bob Rae.

The deal provides for studying cooperative projects, joint research and development projects, a "Doing Business in Ontario" seminar for Israeli firms and the encouragement of the exchange of information on opportunities between Israeli and Canadian firms.

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Workers Stage Lockout

JERUSALEM — Over 4,000 Israel Aircraft Industries workers in Beersheba began sanctions in protest against management's decision to shift production of certain parts for the Astra executive jet to a Spanish company.

Workers at the IAI's Ramta subsidiary locked the plant gates to block shipments and held protest meetings. Among placards hung on the main gate was one reading, "IAI - A Plant that Devours its Workers."

One source predicted the problem would be resolved soon and the workers' sanctions would end.

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UJA of Canada Creates Database

JERUSALEM — UJA of Canada now has available a computerized database covering all of its 230 projects in Israel.

This allows for rapid retrieval of information and updating, and can help renew contact with long-ago donors.

Canadian projects in Israel date back to the late 1960s, following the establishment of the UIA of Canada. A few were built earlier through Keren Hayesod. They include community centres, educational, social, sports and recreational facilities, libraries, hospital units and more.

Today, 26 of the Canadian projects in Israel involve more than $1 million.

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El Al's Profits

TEL AVIV — At a time when many of the world's airlines are reporting losses, El Al Airlines has reported a profit for the eighth consecutive year.

Rafi Harlev, president of Israel's national airline, said El Al made a profit of $9.9 million in 1993, from revenues of $947.1 million.

He said the number of passengers carried by El Al last year increased by 10 per cent over the previous year. It also transported 185,000 tonnes of cargo.

In June, the government's privatization committee approved the sale of 51 per cent of El Al Airlines to the general public. The actual sale of shares is expected to take place in October when the once-ailing airline is taken out of the 13-year-long receivership under which it has been operating.

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Israel-Romania Trade Relations

TEL AVIV — An important step in the growth of trade relations between Israel and Romania was made with the June signing of an agreement by Bank Hapoalim and the Romanian Bank for Foreign Trade.

The arrangement will provide $13 million in credits during a five-year period, guaranteed in part by the governmental Israel Foreign Trade Insurance Company.

These funds will finanace the Israeli component of a $30-million program to computerize the Romanian population registry and supply identity cards for its residents.

This export of Israeli know-how is being made by M.T.I.L. Enterprises 1989 LTD., Tel Aviv.

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Biotech Alliance Conference

JERUSALEM — The first U.S.-Israeli biotechnology business partnering conference will take place at the Washington, D.C., Hilton & Towers Jan. 11-12, 1995.

This conference will be sponsored by the U.S.-Israeli Biotech Council, held in conjunction with BioEast '95, the premier annual East Coast biotech meeting.

On the agenda will be the technologies coming from Israeli universities and research centres as well as presentations by emerging Israeli biotechnology firms looking for partners, investors or purchasers.

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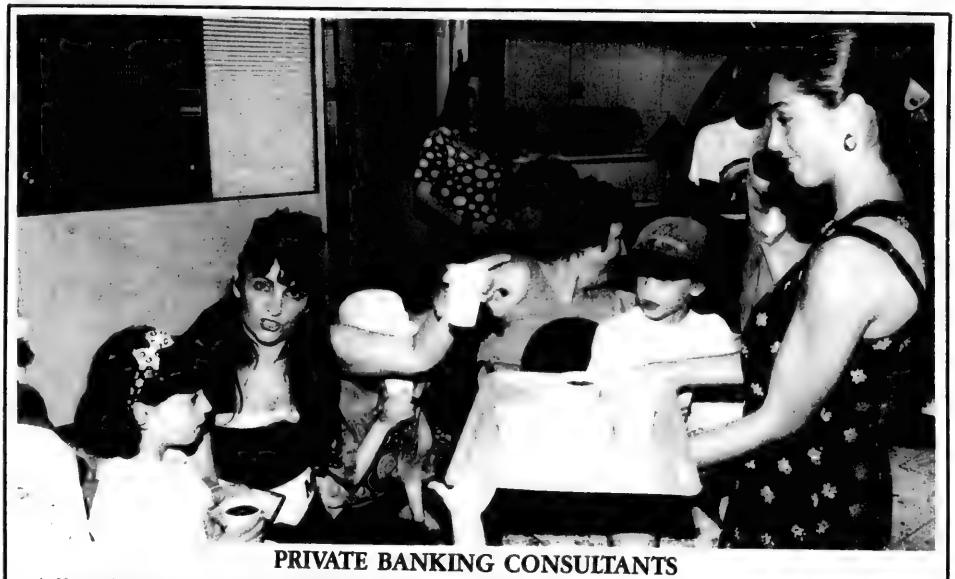

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Jordan wins quest for debt relief

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — Scoring high marks for his historic summit with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, King Hussein of Jordan has won partial debt relief from Congress.

Less than a week after the Middle Eastern leaders declared an end to their 46-year state of war and returned to their homes, U.S. lawmakers included over $200 million in debt relief to Jordan in the final version of this year's foreign aid bill.

Once the measure is approved by both Houses of Congress, President Bill Clinton is expected to sign it into law.

The $13.6-billion foreign aid package also includes $3 billion in aid to Israel, $2.1 billion to Egypt and $78 million for the Palestinians in Gaza and Jericho.

The United States will use $99 million to write off up to $220 million in Jordanian debt. The actual amount varies depending which loans are paid off and when.

Both Rabin and Hussein made the issue of debt relief for Jordan a priority during their meetings with Clinton during their two-day summit.

After the measure is approved, Jordan will owe the United States approximately $500 million. Other nations, which hold over $6 billion in Jordanian debt, are expected to follow suit with limited debt relief before the end of the year.

While forthcoming in response to Jordan's initial debt-relief request, Congress stipulated in the bill that in order to receive any additional debt write-offs, Jordan must end its boycott of Israel, sign a comprehensive peace treaty with Israel and adhere to the United Nations sanctions against Iraq.

Capitol Hill leaders and White House officials plan to forgive the remainder of Jordan's debt over the next two years if Jordan meets the measure's requirements, sources say.

In a show of support for Jordanian debt relief, Secretary of State Warren Christopher said "Jordan and Israel have done their part. Now we must do ours."

Calling Jordan's debt "crushing" and "crippling," Christopher said, "we're urging Congress to assist Jordan, to send a clear signal to the people of the region that America stands with those who are peacemakers."

The foreign aid package also includes $80 million to assist Israel in resettling refugees from the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, and provides $7 million for Middle East regional co-operative ventures between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

The bill included three amendments relating to the Middle East.

The first bans American diplomats from meeting with members of the Palestinian authority anywhere in Jerusalem to discuss matters concerning Gaza and Jericho. The original proposal, which banned all meetings regardless of subject matter, was toned down after strong protests from the State Department, Capitol Hill sources said.

The measure also prohibits the United States from opening any new offices in Jerusalem to dispense aid to Gaza or Jericho. State Department officials last month confirmed that the Agency for International Development was considering opening such an office in eastern Jerusalem.

A second amendment prohibits the United States from sending any aid to the Palestinians until the Palestine Liberation Organization amends the sections of its covenant calling for the destruction of the State of Israel.

The PLO has six months to amend its covenant before Clinton must certify to Congress that the PLO is in compliance.

The bill also includes a non-binding provision urging the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund not to give money to any countries that comply with any facet of the Arab boycott of Israel.

Lobbyists from the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) and Morton Klein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, worked well into the early morning hours ensuring support for these amendments, Jordanian debt relief and the overall bill. The conference committee ended its work shortly before 4 a.m.

"AIPAC worked for passage of the many key provisions in the bill which are critical to Israel's security, to a meaningful peace process and to ensuring a U.S. policy that supports Jerusalem as Israel's undivided capital," an AIPAC spokesperson said.

AIPAC supports the "phased approach to relieve Jordan's debt as it moves toward a full peace treaty with Israel," the spokesperson added.

Klein said he was "gratified" that the bill passed.

Advertiser's Corner

Advertiser's Corner highlights the news, views and backgrounds of companies whose advertisements appear regularly in the CJN.

This week The CJN features . . . Aufgang Travel

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

TORONTO — the owner of **Aufgang Travel** says consumers who want to be assured of good service from a travel agency should look for one that is operated by people with experience.

"New agencies are opening every day. I wouldn't deal with them unless I knew they had experience," said Emile Aufgang.

Before engaging an agency's services, he said, individuals representing groups should ask a travel agency how many groups it has booked.

Aufgang Travel specializes in large groups and is the exclusive agent for the annual March of the Living for which some 400 young people from across Canada fly to Poland and Tel Aviv. Aufgang says anyone making arrangements for a group has to be very meticulous.

The function of a good travel agent, he believes, is to accurately convey the wishes of the client to a tour operator. If the line of communication is broken, there could be foul-ups.

Only a travel agent who knows all aspects of the clients' destination can cater to their needs, Aufgang stressed.

Computers play a crucial role in making hassle-free travel arrangements these days, especially for groups, and the best agencies are generally computerized.

Picking the right travel agent comes down to reliability and finding someone who answers your questions fully, so you feel they're giving you proper time and consideration, he said.

Business travellers want inexpensive flights and quick service, he noted. The ideal travel agent should be able to find them hotels that give the best commercial rates.

Aufgang said the travel agent's job with the leisure traveller involves trying to merge a person's wishes with a destination. Aufgang and his staff match a client's temperament and interests with a destination, including hotel accommodation.

"Sending a person who doesn't enjoy art or museums to Rome may be a waste of time, although there are other things there," he said, while people who dislike group activities would be unhappy at a resort where they are expected to participate.

Companies sending top employees on holidays as a reward for reaching their objectives ought to find a travel agent who knows of extraordinary destinations and can plan uncommon activities. On a trip one of Aufgang's incentive-travel groups made to Buenos Aires, they visited the beautiful Iguazu Falls there.

On the final evening of a group that went to London, England, he arranged for a regimental marching band to provide the entertainment. "There were people standing on their chairs, it was so impressive," he said.

For awhile the recession affected incentive travel, but Aufgang has noticed that recently more salespeople have been able to reach their goals.

Aufgang originally opened his travel agency at College and Spadina in 1949; 20 years later he moved to Bathurst Street.

Many Jewish organizations across Canada use the agency, and a third of his clients travel to Israel.

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Biz Briefs

Grant Requests On the Rise

JERUSALEM — Research and development grant requests shot up 100 per cent in July from the same period last year, Industry and Trade Ministry Chief Scientist Yehoshua Gleitman reported.

Since the beginning of the year, the ministry's research committee — headed by Gleitman — approved NIS 790 million in research and development grants, a 30 per cent increase over the same period last year.

During that period, 20 per cent more firms requested grants, and the total number of projects submitted rose 13 per cent.

Since the beginning of the year, 534 companies have requested grants, compared with 428 last year. Firms submitted 1,086 projects, up from 964 last year.

Gleitman said he expects research and development investments to rise between 5 per cent and 10 per cent next year.

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Firm Plans To Open Israeli Office

JERUSALEM — Astaire & Partners plans to open an office in Tel Aviv, becoming the first British brokerage firm to do so.

The firm has appointed Daniel Fuchs as their local representative. Fuchs, who has more than 20 years of experience with Israel General Bank specializing in capital market products, will try to find new business and act as a link to Astaire's head office in London.

Astaire is a member of the Securities and Futures Authority, the London Stock Exchange and the International Securities Market Association.

The company said it is well established here, having conducted business with Israeli customers for more than 30 years. It has also acted as broker to the London listings of companies, such as Bank Hapoalim and Dead Sea Works.

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Company reports 61 Per Cent Profit Fall

JERUSALEM — Elscint reported a 61 per cent decrease in second quarter net profits to $2.72 million from $7.15 million during the same quarter last year.

Revenues fell to $54.7 million from $60 million, while earnings per share declined to $0.03 from $0.09.

The company attributed the apparent decline in profitability to a one-time gain of $3.5 million in the second quarter last year, resulting from the settlement of a patent suit.

Elscint's shares were down .125 to 2.375 in late trading in New York.

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Hotel Chain Expands Into Israel

JERUSALEM — The Howard Johnson chain, known primarily for its motels throughout the US, is planning to extend its operations into Israel, Cyprus, Egypt, Greece, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. Eric Pfeffer, world president of the chain, is due to visit Israel later this month.

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Firm Close To $50 Million Purchase

JERUSALEM — AGIS has announced the planned acquisition of a 70 per cent share in a U.S.-based pharmaceutical firm has reached the concluding stages.

If the deal goes through, a subsidiary will be set up, jointly managed by Agis and the U.S. company. Agis's total investment is estimated at some $50 million, of which $24 million will be funded by Agis and the remainder funded by banks, shareholders and other sources.

At present most of Agis activity is in the local market. CEO Maury Arkin has said the new arrangement "will change the profile of our company's activities."

He said the purchase would open up new markets to the company, predicting "half of our activity abroad and half in Israel by 1997."

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Travel

TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

New Book by Ruth Gruber: One of the most useful and informative books on Jewish travel to emerge in recent years is *Jewish Heritage Travel: A Guide to East-Central Europe* by Ruth Ellen Gruber. A veteran journalist and former chief UPI correspondent with multiple European postings, Gruber has taken sidetrips over the years to many varied sites of Jewish interest in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria. Her book provides a window into the world of European Jewish culture that the Nazis destroyed during World War II. (A revised version is due in September).

In September, publisher John Wiley & Sons plans to issue another book by Gruber, which she penned after returning to some of the places which fascinated her when researching the travel book. The new book is called *Upon the Doorposts of Thy House: Jewish Life in East-Central Europe, Yesterday and Today.*

The highly personalized volume reportedly contains a chapter about Prague, another about wine merchants and wonder rabbis and a third that chronicles the author's search for Lipot Baumhorn, the forgotten, turn-of-the-century architect of numerous magnificent synagogues in Hungary. As well, the book includes the chapter "Snowbound in Auschwitz," which deals with Gruber's confrontation with Holocaust-related issues. Another chapter deals with the problem of finding contemporary uses for abandoned Jewish buildings in Krakow and elsewhere.

Praise for the forthcoming volume has issued from high places. Abraham Foxman, director of the U.S. Anti-Defamation League, says Gruber has done a fine job in "re-creating for us the warmth and grandeur of Jewish life in pre-Holocaust Eastern and Central Europe." Sallyann Amdur Sack, editor of the genealogical journal *Avotaynu*, says Gruber "has a fine sensitivity to Jewish feeling about the European roots of our ancestors."

An American-born writer living in Italy, Gruber plans to travel in North America in the fall. According to my privileged sources, one or more community organizations in Toronto may jointly invite her to speak here during Holocaust Education Week in November.

Rare books

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Montreal Jewish Public Library: Like an intergalactic black hole, the Jewish Public Library of Montreal exerts a tremendous gravitational pull upon visitors who, once inside, may find it very hard to leave. Visiting there recently, I inspected its 125,000-volume collection and learned some of the reasons why it is considered a pivotal institution not only to the Jewish community but to the city's entire cosmopolitan sweep.

The library has almost 6,000 members who pay $45 annually ($500 for friends) for the privilege. It boasts well-stocked reference, children's and general circulation departments and offers books, tapes and other resources in French, English, Hebrew, Yiddish and Russian. Typically, its list of new acquisitions for July is many pages long. The JPL is currently automating to computer, no small task, since it maintains catalogs in French, English, Yiddish and Hebrew.

Many researchers are drawn to the JPL's rare books and its special collections of Jewish Canadiana and related archival material. It also has an outstanding collection of yizkor books, rivalling even the wonderful collection in Toronto's Robarts Library. I counted roughly 600 volumes, a good number of which the library holds in duplicate on separate shelves.

Claire Stern, head of public services, says the library's various lectures, film screenings, concerts and other events are well-attended. Montreal writer Mordecai Richler has spoken there, and Thomas Keneally, author of *Schindler's List*, is expected to speak off-premises on Oct. 30 during the library's Jewish Book Month.

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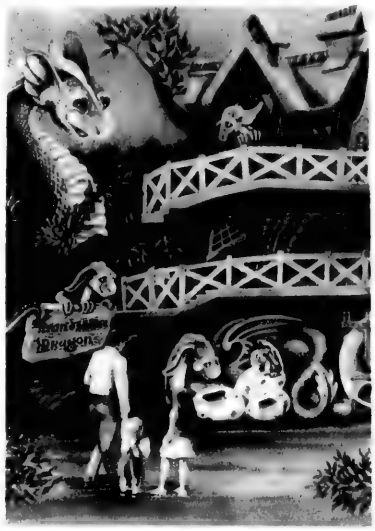
More Montreal Musings: A recent innovation, the Montreal Museum Pass, permits entry into 17 major museums. Cost of a one-day pass is $12 for adults, $24 for families. For three days, the amounts are $25 and $50 respectively.

American artist Roy Lichtenstein is the subject of an intriguing retrospective at The Montreal of Fine Arts through Sept. 4. The museum consists of two buildings across from each other on Sherbrooke Street: the original historic museum (Canada's oldest, dating from 1912) and a modern building designed by Israeli-born architect Moshe Safdie.

Montrealer Stanley Asher conducted two different walking tours of historic Jewish Montreal in July. A third is set for August 21 at 10 a.m. Highlights include Mordecai Richler's neighbourhood, chassidic areas, Wilensky's restaurant, two bagel factories, a multi-ethnic radio station and the former Folkshule. Contact the Jewish Public Library, (514) 345-2627. VIA Rail's express train service between Toronto and Montreal is a convenient way of getting from downtown to downtown in four hours (or five, depending on the run). The one-way coach fare is $47 when purchased at least five days in advance. A one-way, first-class ticket, which includes a full-course meal and complimentary bar service, costs $115.

Montreal's World Film Festival unwinds Aug. 25 to Sept. 5.



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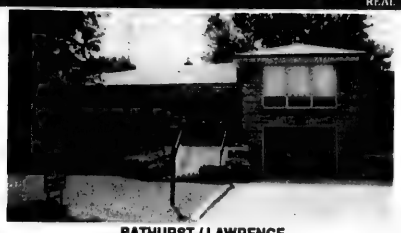

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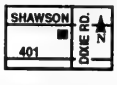

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IN THE VALLEY OF DEATH

An Israel Defence Force medic carries a critically ill child to an IDF MASH unit stationed in Goma, Zaire. Israel has sent a fully-equipped hospital to the Rwandan refugee camps. The unit claims to have saved more than 300 lives. [IPPA Photo]

Syria wants Golan back before peaceful relations

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — In what could be the first major breakthrough in the long-standing Israeli-Syrian deadlock, Syrian President Hafez Assad is reportedly moving forward with a peace plan of his own.

Damascus has reportedly proposed a phased Israeli pullback from all of the Golan Heights over two years in return for a full peace and normalization of relations.

According to the Syrian proposal, relations would be established only upon completion of the last phase of the withdrawal. Israel's position has been that full peace and normalization must come into effect before the final pullback, as was the case with the Sinai withdrawal under the terms of the 1979 peace treaty with Egypt.

According to the Israeli newspaper *Davar*, Assad made his proposal last week to U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

The report said Christopher subsequently conveyed the proposal to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who agreed to study it and offer a full Israeli response during Christopher's next shuttle trip to the region, set for some time in September.

This important development, according to the newspaper, contributed to Christopher's upbeat assessment to reporters of his visit to the region last week.

In his comments, Christopher said he foresaw real progress toward a breakthrough during his next round of Middle East shuttle diplomacy, which would be his fifth since May.

Rabin told his cabinet on Sunday there were "faint signs" of a new flexibility emanating from Syria. He did not elaborate, but his remark was immediately linked to the reports of the new Syrian proposal.

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa, meanwhile, sought to downplay these reports. He asserted during a visit to Cairo on Sunday that no two-year withdrawal compromise was on the table.

But Sharaa said his country's negotiations with Israel were seriously engaged in "all aspects" of peace.

The news of movement by Syria prompted urgent demands from the opposition Likud bloc over the weekend for the dissolution of the Knesset and the holding of new elections.

But the government brushed aside these calls, citing Rabin's pledge to bring any land-for-peace agreement with Syria to a national referendum before it is ratified.

According to the *Davar* report, the new Syrian proposal represents substantial movement by Assad on several key points:

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Time differences

TEL AVIV — Israel will revert to standard time during the last weekend in August, more than two months before other countries in the Northern Hemisphere.

Israel's clocks will be set back one hour at midnight local time on Saturday night, August 27, 10 days before Rosh Hashanah.

The time change will allow ample time for morning prayers before the start of the normal workday. According to Jewish law, the morning service must begin after dawn.

Israeli clocks will thus be nine hours ahead of Pacific daylight (British Columbia) time; eight hours ahead of mountain daylight (Alberta) time; seven hours ahead of central daylight (Winnipeg) time; six hours ahead of eastern daylight (Quebec and most of Ontario) time; five hours ahead of Atlantic daylight (Maritime provinces) time; and 4½ hours ahead of clocks in Newfoundland.

The time differences will be in place until the end of October, when North America reverts to standard time. Time differentials will then be one hour more than those listed above.

Israel is now, and will remain, eight hours ahead of Saskatchewan, which stays on standard time year round.

Terrorist attacks threaten to stall talks with Palestinians

One dead, six wounded in two ambushes

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — Palestinian police made their first round of arrests of Hamas activists in the Gaza Strip last week, after Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin threatened to stall talks with the Palestinian Authority unless it took firm action against terrorists.

Rabin's warning came in the aftermath of two ambushes in the Gaza Strip on Sunday that left one Israeli dead and six wounded. In both incidents terrorists fired upon passing vehicles and fled into a Gaza refugee camp. The military wing of the Hamas claimed responsibility for the attacks.

"We don't see a serious effort on the part of the Palestinian Authority to deal with those who are trying to torpedo the agreement by staging terror attacks against Israelis," said Rabin on Monday.

"We will continue our talks (on early empowerment) with the Palestinians," he said. "But we will not continue with the implementation of the agreement unless we see a serious effort on the part of the Palestinian Authority to deal with known terror elements — something we have not seen until now."

Since the Palestinians assumed control of the Gaza Strip there have been 39 firearm attacks and no arrests, according to Brig.-Gen. Doron Almog, the commander of IDF forces in Gaza.

But following Sunday's attacks, some 20 leading Hamas activists were apprehended by Palestinian police, reportedly at the direct orders of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat. The sweep of arrests marked the first major operation conducted by Palestinian police against Hamas extremists.

Israeli leaders are waiting to see whether the confrontation marks a turning point in PLO-Hamas relations or whether the arrests are part of a "show" to appease an angry Israeli government and public.

"If the PLO wanted to control the Hamas it could do so without any difficulty," said Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer. "It is just a matter of a decision on the part of the leadership."

"This is the major test for the Palestinian Authority," said Environment Minister Yossi Sarid. "If they cannot fight terror then many processes that we would like to continue with will come to a halt. The situation is intolerable."

Sunday's terror attacks have already delayed the implementation of one aspect of the Cairo accord: the scheduled opening of four "safe passage" routes between the Gaza Strip and Jericho intended for Palestinian traffic.

"I don't know when the routes will open now," said Police Minister Moshe Shahal. "It depends on the Palestinians' ability to fulfil their part of the Cairo accord."

Top Arafat aide Nabil Sha'ath strongly condemned Sunday's shootings, but said it would be premature to disarm the Hamas. "This must be done in the proper political atmosphere," he told Israel Television.

However, Yasser Abed Rabu, a leading PLO spokesman, disagreed. "Any weapons which are not legal should be seized by the Palestinian Authority," he said, adding that the Authority has a schedule for implementing that decision.

When the Palestinian police took over the Gaza Strip and Jericho, members of the military wing of the Hamas (Izzadin Kassam) refused to hand in their weapons, claiming that they needed them for self defence.

"The PLO does not want to curb terror entirely, but it doesn't want it to get out of hand either," said Dr. Hillel Frisch, a Hebrew University expert on the Palestinians.

"Too much terror will damage the peace process, slow down the transfer of power and have an adverse effect on the Palestinian economy," said Frisch. "The PLO knows this.

"On the other hand, the PLO doesn't want complete calm until a final settlement has been reached. They fear that too much quiet will make it look as though the Palestinians are content with an interim agreement," said Frisch during an interview with Israel Radio.

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Toronto mayor June Rowlands in front of bus shelter promoting the city's anti-hate campaign. [Jocelyn Richards photo]

Rowlands launches campaign to combat racial intolerance

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Mayor June Rowlands' newly launched public education campaign aims to combat the spread of hatred and intolerance by more than a dozen neo-Nazi and white supremacist groups operating in the Toronto area.

Posters with the message "Hate . . . It's taught . . . Stop intelrance . . . Stop racism . . . Stop the hate" have been put up in 55 city bus shelters for the first phase of the campaign. The posters are going to be distributed to schools and public buildings, and lectures on how the groups recruit young people will start in September.

Local hate groups include the Heritage Front, Equal Rights for Whites, Northern Hammerskins, Resistance Records, the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, the Knights of the Invisible Empire of the Ku Klux Klan, Church of the Creator, Bonehead groups, White Aryan Youth, White Aryan Resistance, Aryan Resistance Movement, the Iron Guard and the Canadian Nazi Party.

At a recent press conference Rowlands, the chair of the Toronto mayor's committee on community and race relations, said hate groups prey on legitimate fears created by economic uncertainty and rapid changes in society and their "messages are particularly directed to white youth." She noted that they have been very active in certain high schools.

"These groups have had considerable success in the past couple of years in the recruitment of youth and alienated persons," she said, adding that they are using increasingly sophisticated methods to promote hatred. Recruitment methods she cited are widespread leafleting, telephone hotlines and rock concerts that feature music with racist lyrics.

Mayor calls for changes

Recently Rowlands alerted the mayors of Halifax, Victoria, Markham, Vaughan, Peterborough and Charlottetown who were in the process of launching a Nationalist Party of Canada European heritage week "without understanding the group behind it and what they were getting themselves into." The white-supremacist political party used a letter of support it obtained from Buckingham Palace to get the endorsements of the various cities.

Rowlands stressed that changes are needed to the Criminal Code for enhanced sentencing of hate-related crimes, improvements to the operation of the justice system and national standards to ensure appropriate investigation of hate crimes.

The committee's motion to that effect was passed by Toronto city council in 1992, and similar motions have since been approved by cities across Canada and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. As a result, the federal government agreed to make changes to the criminal code in the future.

But changing laws doesn't necessarily change attitudes, Rowlands pointed out. Referring to the public education campaign, she said there is a need for education in the streets, so people can recognize when they are being subjected to a hate campaign, "in whatever form, regardless of how sophisticated it is."

Committee members attending the press conference included: Rodney Bobiwash of the Native Canadian Centre; Louis Lenkinski of the Canadian Jewish Congress; Sol Littman of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre; Karen Mock of the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith; Malka Rosenberg of the Ministry of Citizenship; Antoni Shelton of the Urban Alliance on Race Relations; and Marjorie Bell of the Canadian Human Rights Commission.

Abandoned van forces police to evacuate JCC

No bomb found in vehicle

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Over 100 people were evacuated from the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) North Y branch last Tuesday morning, when the Metropolitan Toronto Police bomb squad was called in to investigate a suspicious van parked in front of the building's main entrance.

While a bomb expert in blue coveralls inspected the grey Plymouth Voyageur before pronouncing it "clean," four ambulance vehicles, two fire department vehicles and two police cars stood by.

The van, which had been reported stolen two days earlier, was noticed by building security staff at approximately 10 a.m. The area was cordonned off by 10:30 and the front section of the Bathurst Street building, consisting of offices and a rotunda, was evacuated immediately, said Bernie Farber of Canadian Jewish Congress, who was on-site to oversee security.

"We evacuated the entire building as a necessary precaution," said Farber. Complete evacuation took place under the recommendation and guidance of emergency authorities once they arrived on the scene, he explained.

"It's an unusual place to park a stolen vehicle, and because of the situation around the world, we took precautions," said police Sgt. Al Nowitsky.

The bomb scare followed three recent car bombings of Jewish targets — the July 18 car bombing of the Jewish community headquarters in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and subsequent attacks in London, England, on the Israeli Embassy and on the offices of the Joint Israel Appeal. A Panamanian commuter plane was also bombed last month. Twelve Jewish passengers were killed.

"There was no panic [at the JCC]. Everyone walked out in an orderly way," said Mark Rubinstein, 27. Along with an estimated 100 to 200 others, Rubinstein was sent outside to the tennis courts behind the building.

Albert Bleiwas, 80, was doing laps on the indoor track when he heard the fire alarm. "At first I thought it was a false alarm, but the staff told us it wasn't. I even left my towel there," he said.

Some JCC members left the building in bathing suits, wrapping towels around themselves against the 19 degree Celsius weather.

"What's a real shocker is that no one thought it could happen in Toronto," said Rubinstein. "It gives you a feeling we're not so insulated from it."

"People don't want to take this," said Michael Goldberg, 26.

By 12:30, emergency vehicles had left. Only the grey van awaited its owner.

"Thankfully, it was nothing," said a relieved Farber, "[but] it was a good test of our procedures."

Nationalist Party fails to sway Winnipeg

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Corespondent

WINNIPEG — The Toronto-based Nationalist Party has struck out in its attempt to have the City of Winnipeg proclaim European Heritage Week sometime in September.

The neo-Nazi group had written mayors across the country asking them to commemorate the contributions of European culture and heritage to Canada's multi-ethnic mosaic.

The letter arrived at Winnipeg City Hall in early August (while Mayor Susan Thompson was away on holiday) along with copies of proclamations from the cities of Halifax and Victoria and the request was refused.

The mayor of Victoria rescinded that city's proclamation after receiving a letter from Toronto's mayor, June Rowlands, explaining the Nationalist Party's true purpose.

Cities reject Heritage Week

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The mayors of Halifax and Victoria last week scrambled to rescind proclamations declaring a European Heritage Week in their cities.

The city council of Vaughan, just north of Metropolitan Toronto, voted unanimously to rescind its earlier heritage week proclamation.

The moves came in the wake of an alert sounded by Toronto mayor June Rowlands, who informed her colleagues that the white supremacist Nationalist Party was the group promoting European Heritage Week.

The Nationalist Party is headed by Donald Andrews and Robert Smith, both of whom were convicted in 1985 for promoting hatred against non-whites.

Rowlands told *The CJN* that she had written to Prime Minister Jean Chretien on March 31 warning him of the Nationalist Party's proposal and more recently had contacted mayors in the Toronto area to alert them as well.

"Certain municipalities didn't know what they were getting involved in," she said of the proclamations.

Rowlands said the proposed European Heritage Week was scheduled for Oct. 9-15, around the time of municipal elections. "This is a means to recruit membership. I think that's what it's all about," she said.

Vaughan councillor Bernie Green said the Nationalist Party proposal "looked very innocent to city clerks, but the source of the material was not innocent."

The Nationalist Party's name sounds very much like Mel Hurtig's National Party, he pointed out. "There's even a letter of encouragement from [Buckingham Palace]. I'm sure they've been deceived.

"I'm indignant and angry that neo-Nazis are trying such a route," Green said, adding that the Nationalist Party would likely use the proclamation to denigrate other groups and assert the superiority of Europeans.

Bernie Farber, director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, said the Nationalist Party is attempting to remake itself. "They are painting an image for themselves different from past Nazis. It's the David Duke syndrome. This is an attempt to make a comeback. . . [and] a lot of people have been manipulated by the ruse."

Sol Littman of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre pointed out that the timing of the heritage week was significant. "This is precisely the route the British fascists have been taking and it has worked remarkably well in France," he said.

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Founder of Heritage Front received funds from CSIS

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A published report in the Sunday edition of the *Toronto Sun* claims that one of the founding members of the white supremacist Heritage Front has been on the payroll of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) since 1989.

The report that CSIS informant Grant Bristow helped create the Heritage Front startled Jewish organizations, which called on Solicitor General Herb Gray to look into the allegations.

If true, the revelations raise the question of why the spy agency, which is mandated to collect intelligence about organizations that pose a danger to Canadian society, was backing one of the creators of just such a group.

Citing unnamed "intelligence scources" for much of the report, the *Sun* story claims that Bristow was a paid informant for CSIS in 1989, before the Heritage Front was founded. Those sources indicate that Bristow was paid between $50,000 and $60,000 in 1993 alone.

Bristow paid for organizing trips made by Heritage Front leaders to Ottawa, Montreal, Vancouver and Victoria, the story alleges.

The article also indicates that Bristow was behind a harassment campaign against opponents of the white supremacist group.

Quoting former Heritage Front member Elisse Hategan, the report states that Bristow handed out the phone numbers of anti-racist organizers and told Front members to call the people at work and at home.

Bristow refused to comment about his alleged ties to CSIS. "I'm bound by an official secrets act too," the *Sun* reported him saying.

"We were startled [by the article]

Hal Joffe

and it caused deep concern," said Hal Joffe, national chair of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress. "If the reports are true, then it's scandalous.

"It raises deep concerns over the methods that CSIS allegedly used, because it may have backfired," he added.

"We understand that law enforcement agencies must infiltrate groups like the Heritage Front to gather information since they are considered a threat to national security. However it is our belief that a CSIS informant should not be in the business of providing funds to establish a neo-Nazi framework in the country," Joffe said.

"I'm not sure that we should speculate that what CSIS did, they did with malice," he continued.

Racist agitator Wolfgang Droege, who along with Bristow and Gerry Lincoln founded the Heritage Front, had just returned to Canada from the United States and CSIS may have wanted Bristow to keep tabs on Droege's activities, Joffe suggested. Bristow may then have gotten "out of control," he added.

Joffe said Congress is writing to Gray asking him to look into the case and determine whether CSIS acted within Canadian law.

The solicitor general can expect a second letter from Sol Littman, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre.

Littman said, "We recognize the necessity to infiltrate groups that are conspiratorial, violent and anti-democratic; nevertheless we can see no sense in creating new neo-Nazi, racist organizations so that one may have someone to spy on."

The solicitor general should indicate whether the *Sun* story is true and whether "Bristow operated in outlaw fashion or under the control of his CSIS handler," Littman said. "If so, we want to know what game CSIS is playing in the field of race relations.

"Are they stirring things up to create worse race relations to justify their existence?" he asked.

The solicitor general's office did not return calls from *The CJN*.

When contacted in Ottawa, CSIS spokesman Gaetan Blais said, "It's our established policy not to comment on reports in the news media." He said the legislation establishing CSIS prevents the spy organization from confirming or denying specific aspects of its operations.

However, he did say that CSIS's mandate includes "investigating groups that constitute a threat to Canada," adding also that the spy agency "is concerned about right wing extremism in general."

Honeywell slaps $1 million construction lien on Toronto JCC

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The hole out of which the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) must climb to become financially stable got a little deeper recently — almost $1 million deeper.

On July 25, Honeywell Limited placed a construction lien on the cash-strapped JCC, adding to the centre's already monumental financial woes.

The $990,425 lien came as a total surprise to the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, said Federation chair Bernie Ghert. "It certainly makes the situation more complicated. It's another liability that will have to be dealt with in some way."

Honeywell's lien came only days after the Federation and the JCC agreed to a new bailout arrangement, part of which will see the Federation lend the JCC $4.5 million to go towards payment of the centre's $9.5 million bank debt.

Ghert said that when the Federation's officers voted for the bailout plan, they did not know the extent of the Honeywell claim.

"We knew [the JCC was involved in] an energy-saving project. We didn't know they weren't paying for it," Ghert said.

In previous interviews, Ghert has said that every week brings new revelations of the depth of the JCC's financial difficulties.

"It's still not clear what the totals are that the JCC owes to its creditors," he said again last week.

The lien will likely push back completion of the bailout plan from its originally scheduled closing date in late August to sometime in early to mid-September, Ghert said.

He discounted suggestions the lien could scuttle the plan, saying only that "it makes it more difficult. It doesn't mean we're going to [walk away]."

Sharon Bacal, one of a three-person committee overseeing JCC operations, said that in October 1993, the JCC entered into an agreement with Honeywell and Hitachi for the program.

Honeywell registered the lien when Hitachi, which was to finance the program, withdrew the funding over concerns that the Federation bailout of the JCC might not go ahead.

Honeywell then registered the lien. Bacal said management believes that Honeywell will lift the lien when the deal with the Federation closes. Under terms of the contract, Honeywell will then be paid out of energy savings over a period of about six years.

RCMP seeking witnesses to World War II executions

OTTAWA — The war crimes and special investigations section of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) is seeking witnesses to a series of executions carried out during World War II.

The executions took place at or near Pinsk in the Republic of Belarus, formerly known as Byelorussia, by members of the German SS as well as members of Schutzmannschaft Rayon Pinsk East. The killings occurred in August 1941, March 1942 and between Oct. 29, 1942 and Nov. 1, 1942.

In pursuit of its investigations, the RCMP is requesting the cooperation of persons who may have direct knowledge of the events or who can assist in locating anyone who could provide such information.

Anyone who can assist the investigation is asked to contact the RCMP directly by telephoning collect to (613) 990-8467 and asking for Investigator Corporal Ken Lavoie or by writing to: The Commanding Officer, 'A' Division, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, 155 McArthur Ave., Vanier, Ont., K1A 0R4, Attention: War crimes and special investigation section. All information will be treated as confidential.

Alternatively, those with information may contact Bernie Farber of Canadian Jewish Congress at (416) 635-2883, who will serve as a liaison with the RCMP.

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Revenue Canada to reject 'kosher' tax deductions

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Revenue Canada will implement measures to ensure that its offices detect and disallow income tax claims for deductions for the purchase of kosher products.

National Revenue Minister David Anderson made the announcement in the wake of news stories that appeared in the *Ottawa Sun* that Revenue Canada had allowed such claims for two residents of Winchester, Ont.

A tax preparer in the Eastern Ontario community told the *Sun* that two of his clients had stapled statements to their returns claiming $300 deductions for expenses paid in purchasing kosher food and other products. The claims, he added, were accepted by Revenue Canada.

But a spokesman for the tax-gathering authority said that if such claims were accepted, and he had no other evidence they were, it was simply because of human error.

"Revenue Canada does not and has never agreed with the points or ideas regarding a kosher food tax," said Michel Cleroux, chief of media relations for the ministry. "It is completely without foundation of any kind in law."

The claims that citizens are paying a special tax when they purchase kosher products are aimed at defaming the Jewish community, said Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella.

"The [purpose] of anti-Semites who circulate such material is to have members of the public believe that Canadians are paying higher prices for foods labelled kosher and, as a result, paying a 'kosher tax' to the Jewish community," Abella stated in a letter to Anderson.

Cleroux told *The CJN* that Revenue Canada alerted its district offices last April about the possibility that claims for a kosher deduction may be made. The warnings were made in the normal course of events to inform its offices about the kosher food claim and about other bogus deductions, he said, adding it is possible that district offices rejected several other such claims.

Revenue Canada processes 20 million returns in a few weeks; so it is possible that some claims were accepted in the initial assessment. However, it is likely that they would have been caught on subsequent reviews, particularly because they were not accompanied by the necessary receipts, Cleroux said.

Steven Shulman, assistant director of community relations for Congress, said the claims for kosher tax deductions that were included in the Winchester tax returns resemble those circulated by an organization in British Columbia in the mid-1980s and then again last year.

Although a link between the British Columbia organization and the material stapled to the Winchester tax returns has not been established, the B.C. group claims that, whenever consumers purchase kosher products, they are making a donation to a Jewish fund. Therefore, they assert, they are entitled to claim a charitable deduction.

Shulman suggested that some people who made the claim for a kosher product deduction "may have been duped by this and others may be anti-Semitic."

Congress has called on the minister to prosecute those who knowingly attempted to defraud the tax authorities.

In a news release, Anderson stated that "any claims which my department reassesses will be subject to interest and the taxpayer may also have to pay applicable penalties. Claims which Revenue Canada suspects to be fraudulent will be referred to our special investigation division for further investigation and possible prosecution."

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Eva Barash Dicker and Hilda Barash

Jewish deaf strive to maintain connections to their religion

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Eva Barash Dicker, 57, was raised in a traditional Jewish family, but not a typical one. As hearing children of deaf parents, she and her brother often served as their parents' link to the hearing Jewish world.

Barash Dicker remembers sitting in shul as a young child in Madison, Wisconson, where she would use sign language to interpret the service to her father. The picture she paints is tarnished, however, by the memory of an usher — someone acquainted with her father — who would approach the pair, watch them, and tell her, "Stop talking in shul. Stop it!"

"We've come a long way," said Barash Dicker at the recent National Congress of Jewish Deaf (NCJD) convention, "but we have a long way to travel yet." Barash Dicker, a family therapist in Milwaukee who specializes in deaf and hard of hearing issues, led a convention workshop on Growing Up Jewishly with Deaf Parents. The workshop focused on transmitting Jewish values.

One workshop participant noted that her deafness had been "a source of shame" in her family. As a young adult, she "dropped Judaism" and reclaimed it only when she met other deaf Jews and found that "there was a way in."

In contrast, Barash Dicker's mother, Hilda Barash, now a sprightly 79-year-old, has always had a strong connection to Judaism. As Hilda watched her daughter sign, Barash Dicker explained that her mother was the "driving force" behind the family's Jewish home.

Hilda was deafened at about age 6 by a high fever. The family immigrated from Russia a few years later, and Hilda attended a regular public school in Madison, finishing her education just short of high school graduation.

Because she lived at home while attending school, the Jewish aspects of her life "became part of her fabric — the inside of her — and became a model for her own home later on," her daughter said.

Abe Barash, Barash Dicker's late father, immigrated to Fond du Lac, Wisconson, at age 11. After an unsatisfactory stint at a school for hearing children, he attended a Wisconson residential school for the deaf.

Abe, like his wife, was born in Russia and became deaf following a fever he suffered as an infant. A major factor for both families in their decision to immigrate was the knowledge that America offered educational and vocational opportunities for the deaf.

As Barash Dicker recounts it, Abe's mother was terrified that the family would be turned away at Ellis Island, New York's historic immigration site, because of Abe's deafness. Her fears were allayed after the personable boy easily passed an intelligence test in which he had to fit puzzle pieces together.

Abe's Hebrew education began and ended in Russia when his Uncle Motl tried to teach him the Aleph Bet. The child was able to approximate the sounds of aleph and bet, but became frustrated and angry when he failed to understand how the initial "g" of gimel was pronounced. Because the sound is made in the back of the throat, it can't be lipread.

"It brings tears to my eyes to think of how much he must have wanted to learn that, and how much his family must have wanted him to learn that," said Barash Dicker. Because of his deafness, Abe did not have a bar mitzvah.

At the residential school, Abe lost touch with Jewish life, except for two visits home each year — a "heartache" for his mother, who placed tremendous value both on education and Judaism.

Communication was obstacle at first

Abe and Hilda's first meeting was arranged by their parents, both sets of whom felt strongly about their children making a Jewish match. Although their deafness and family backgrounds linked them, communication was an obstacle at first. Hilda knew virtually no sign language, while Abe communicated almost exclusively by sign.

"They just sort of looked at each other, and fell in love," said Barash Dicker, as her mother looked on and smiled broadly at the memory.

They married in 1935 when Hilda was 18 and Abe was 19. Because neither of them could read Hebrew and because sign was not accepted as a language at the time, they were not permitted to be married in their synagogue, said Barash Dicker. They were married by a rabbi in the more secular Workman's Circle building.

Following the wedding, Abe built up his own shoe repair business, first in Fond du Lac, then in Madison, where they eventually settled. Hilda concentrated on establishing a Jewish home.

"One of the beauties of the Jewish religion is that it really does appeal to the senses," Barash Dicker noted. "All you have to do is think about Sukkot. People smell and handle the etrog, which looks like a lemon. The sukkah itself gives [visual pleasure], when you look up through the branches, enjoying nature."

The Havdallah spice box and — of course — Jewish food were also mentioned as Jewish sensory experiences.

"Our first memories were of smelling challah on Friday afternoon and having to clean the house and make everything shiny," Barash Dicker said. "We knew there was something special about that day.

"Even though my parents had a much stronger affiliation with what we would call deaf culture [than they had with the Jewish community], they took a lot of pride in everything my brother and I accomplished Jewishly. That helped us," she said.

Along with her brother Harvey, she attended junior services and a weekly "Shabbat club," in which her parents took great interest. "They always asked us what we did there. They didn't understand everything, but that positive feeling and encouragement were important."

Barash Dicker was saddened when, as an adult, she met deaf Jews who had converted to Christianity because they felt "there was no place for [them]" in Judaism.

Acceptance within the hearing Jewish community has grown, Barash Dicker noted. Her parents' synagogue, for example, has established a fund to pay for interpreters. By the time her father died in 1987, a number of people in the congregation had begun to learn sign language. An elderly man used to fingerspell "Shabbat Shalom" when Abe entered the shul. "It made my dad feel part of it," Barash Dicker said.

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Barash Dicker and her brother are co-authors of a book about their father's life. *Our Father Abe: The story of a deaf shoe repairman*, published in 1991, is a personal account with a universal message.

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It's a long way from Daliat el-Carmel to Hay River in Canada's Northwest Territories, but a VIP delegation from the Israeli town recently made the trip to take part in a twinning ceremony that linked the two communities. Seen here are Akram Hassoun, deputy mayor of Daliat el-Carmel (left), his wife Effat (second from left), mayor Fahmi Halbie (right) and his wife Wafika.

Northwest Territories town twins with Israeli community

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It was a scene typical of many a long, soft summer day in Canada's north. Bobbing up and down in a small boat in a lake brimming with fish, it seemed the neophyte fishermen just couldn't miss.

At one point, all four hooked onto pickerel at the same time and it was all the guide could do to help them land the fighting fish.

Nothing too unusual in that scene, except the four were not city slickers flown in from some American megalopolis, but diplomatic VIPs come to the remote town of Hay River, N.W.T., 1,300 km north of Edmonton, from the somewhat exotic locale of Daliat el-Carmel, Israel.

The four visitors, Daliat el-Carmel mayor Fahmi Halbie and his wife Wafika, and deputy mayor Akram Hassoun and his wife Effat, were in Hay River and its environs to open a new chapter in relations between the two communities. During their stay earlier this month, a proclamation was read outside the Hay River Town Hall, officially twinning the two municipalities.

Like dozens of other twinning agreements that have linked Israeli centres with towns around the world, the agreement is geared to promoting investment, inaugurating cultural exchanges and creating bonds of friendship between the communities.

What brought the Druze village of Daliat el-Carmel (population 13,000) together with Hay River (population 3,200) was the inspiration of Hay River resident Jack Cooper, one of the community's few Jewish residents.

Cooper said in a telephone interview that he got the idea while reading an article on the northern Israeli town of Metulla in *The CJN*.

"That gave me the idea that Israel is coming along and I thought, what a good time to twin."

Cooper, a former town councillor, brought his idea to the council last January and they gave him the green light to pursue it.

A high school teacher, Cooper got in touch with the Israeli consulate in Toronto, which passed on the request to Israel.

Consul General Dror Zeigerman picks up the story there. When Israeli officials learned that the majority of Hay River's population were from native minorities, they decided to twin it with the Druze village near Haifa, he said.

Zeigerman visited the Northwest Territories in June, spending time in both Hay River and the capital, Yellowknife, where he met N.W.T. government leader, Nellie Curnoyea.

He believes both sides can benefit from trade, particularly in regard to diamonds. The Northwest Territories produces the precious stones while Israel is renowned for shaping and cutting them.

In addition, he said, Israel could prove to be a lucrative market for one of Hay River's main exports, whitefish.

Added to that are the cultural, educational and youth exchanges that could result from the twinning, and both sides can see many benefits, he said.

Cooper said the Druze delegation was "treated royally" during their visit. They were given the grand tour, including a ride in a small plane over nearby waterfalls and lakes. They visited a Dene reserve where they were presented with unique beaver hats and bags made with moosehair tufting dyed to look like flowers and animals.

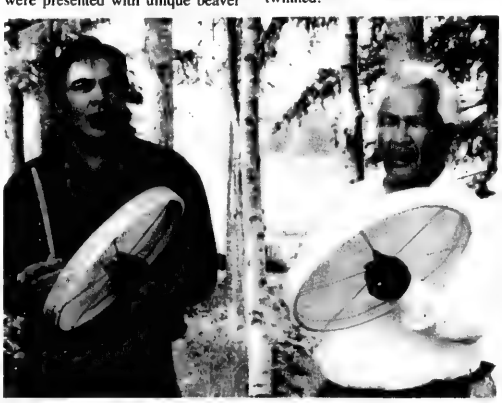
Many citizens had them over for informal backyard barbecues and of course, there was the fishing trip.

"They caught a lot of fish and they didn't want to go in," Cooper said. Even the insect life cooperated. They stayed away in droves.

Cooper, a native of Tillsonburg, Ont., who moved with his wife Josephine, a native of London, to Hay River 18 years ago, said the trip proved to be an education for himself and the people of Hay River. A longtime Young Judaea member as a youth, Cooper said he and the residents of Hay River "had their eyes opened."

In addition to learning about the Druze sect, they discovered that the Middle East is developing quickly and those who are there first will benefit the most, he said.

In November, stage two of the twinning process will be completed when a Hay River delegation, likely including mayor Ron Hill and representatives of the Dene reserve, which runs a construction company, will reciprocate the visit by travelling to Israel to see the Carmel community with which they have been twinned.



A visit to a native village was part of the Israeli VIPs' itinerary.

Hussein set to visit Israel, says newsletter

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Jordan's King Hussein is planning to attend prayers at Al-Aksa Mosque this Friday to mark Mawled an-Nabawi, the anniversary of the birth of the Prophet Mohammed, according to the London-based daily newsletter *Mideast Mirror*.

The newsletter's Jordan correspondent quotes sources in Amman as saying Hussein would make a "private, unofficial visit" to underscore the fact that he "does not recognize Israeli sovereignty over Jerusalem."

To reinforce the point, the sources said that while Hussein will be accompanied by members of his family, his party will not include officials.

The sources also noted that the king would be received by Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, but not by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin or other government officials.

The king will travel to Jerusalem by helicopter which will, according to the sources, land "near the mosque."

The visit is expected to further exacerbate tensions between the PLO and Jordan, which was granted a "special role" over Muslim holy places in the Washington Declaration signed by Rabin and Hussein last month.

In an apparent attempt to limit the damage, the sources stressed that the visit "does not reflect any change in Jordan's position on the need for Israel to withdraw from East Jerusalem in keeping with UN Security Council Resolution 242."

The Washington Declaration, added the sources, was no more than a "recognition of the status quo" under which Jordan takes care of Muslim holy places.

The London-based newsletter also reported that Palestinian official Faisal Husseini, who visited Amman last week for talks on relations between Jordan and Israel, was not received by Hussein, Crown Prince Hassan or any senior Jordanian officials.

In a related development, Jordanian commentator Fahd Fanek accused the Palestinians of attempting to drag the Saudis into the dispute over Jerusalem.

Writing in the Jordanian newspaper *al-Ra'i* on Friday, Fanek said the PLO had called on Saudi Arabia's King Fahd to pump $42 million a year into Jerusalem — a sum that could not be matched by Jordan — ostensibly to "rehabilitate houses in the city so they would not be deserted by their inhabitants."

"The PLO might be trying to bring [King Fahd] into the matter just to spite Jordan," wrote Fanek.

In a carefully modulated article, he noted that Jordan "is not demanding anything new but only safeguarding the role it has played through the awkaf [Muslim religious trusts] since 1967."

He added that "the present Jordanian role is not at the expense of the PLO, self-rule or the political fate of Jerusalem."

Last Thursday, Faisal Husseini, in charge of Jerusalem affairs for the Palestinian Authority, said that he advised King Hussein and other Arab leaders "not to visit eastern Jerusalem as long as it is under Israeli occupation."

Husseini, speaking after meeting with a group of Western diplomats at Orient House, added that Jerusalem was no different from the rest of the territories occupied by Israel in 1967. No matter what Israel thinks, he said, Jerusalem will always be Palestinian territory.

Rabin denies Iraq contacts

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last Sunday flatly denied that Israel had any contacts with Iraq.

Rabin first slammed reports about "quiet" contacts with Iraq and Iran in last Sunday's cabinet meeting.

The cabinet's formal statement said: "The prime minister sharply denied reports of so-called contacts with Iran and Iraq. The prime minister made clear that Israel supports the U.S. policy towards Iran and Iraq. Nobody is authorized by the government to hold such contacts with these states, and the government has no intention to have such contacts."

Israeli officials suspect that Iraq, desperate to have four-year-old international sanctions against it lifted, would try a similar gambit this week, just as it did during its war with Iran.

There were also unconfirmed reports last week of a PLO representative with close ties to Baghdad seeking an Israeli interlocutor in recent months.

Other reports said that a few weeks ago, an Iraqi businessmen sought out a senior Israeli defence ministry official. This official, while holding a preliminary discussion, reportedly refused ongoing contact.

Rabin stressed that Israel fully supported the United States' policies towards Iraq and Iran, adding that it would be "a grave mistake" not to side with Washington and its western allies.

Iraq denied the Israeli television report suggesting it had made peace overtures towards Israel through a third party.

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Syria proposes peace plan

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• Syria accepts the Israeli demand for a full demilitarization of all the land that Israel vacates on the Golan.
• Syria no longer demands an equal demilitarization by Israel, but will make do with a "symbolic" demilitarization in Israel's north. In the 1974 disengagement accord brokered by then Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, which is still in effect, Syria and Israel agreed on provisions calling for parallel but non-equal limitation of forces along the disengagement line.
• Syria is demanding a two-year withdrawal schedule, instead of the five years suggested by Israel or the four years reportedly proposed by the United States. According to *Davar*, Syria fears that if a Likud government is elected in November 1996, the new leadership may not implement an agreement reached by Rabin's, present Labor-led government.
• On the question of whether Israel is to withdraw to the international border or to the June 4, 1967 line, Assad reportedly proposes that this be left to top-level discussions between himself and Rabin.

Syria has previously insisted on the June 4 line, but Israel has made it clear that it will not agree to give up its foothold all around Lake Kinneret, which it claims as its rightful territory according to the international demarcation in force under the British Mandate.

The international line also places the strategically important Banias spring and the Hamat Gader springs under Israeli sovereignty.

The Syrian proposal, according to *Davar*, accepts the idea of an American or other international or multinational peace force on the Golan after Israel's withdrawal.

Assad reportedly has offered little by way of new flexibility on the subject of Lebanon. He demands a total Israeli withdrawal from the security zone in the south and a recognition by the United States and Israel of Syria's special status in Lebanon, where Damascus is the leading power broker.

Assad reportedly told Christopher at their August 7 meeting that he would like to see an agreement with Israel concluded before the end of the year.

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Iranian diplomats named in Argentinian bombing

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BUENOS AIRES — Argentine President Carlos Menem last week called for the expulsion of Iran's ambassador to Argentina after a judge issued arrest warrants for four Iranian diplomats wanted in connection with the July 18 bombing of the Jewish communal headquarters here.

But Menem, speaking to a radio interviewer on August 10, said the final decision regarding the expulsion should rest with the Foreign Ministry.

Menem made the statement after federal Judge Juan Jose Galeano decided to issue warrants for the four diplomats, whose current whereabouts are unknown.

Galeano has been spearheading the investigation into the bombing that killed 99 people and left more than 200 wounded.

The four Iranians were identified as Ahmad Allameh Falsafi, Mahvash Monsef Gholamreza, Akbar Parvaresh and Abbas Zarrabi Khorrasani, all of whom reportedly worked at the Iranian Embassy in Buenos Aires.

Galeano issued the warrants based on the testimony of an Iranian refugee, Monousheh Moatamer, who is currently in Caracas, Venezuela, under the protection of the UN high commissioner for refugees.

Moatamer has been variously described as a former secretary in Iran's Ministry of Culture and as a high official in the Iranian secret service, before fleeing Teheran a month ago.

Galeano's findings were criticized as lacking concrete evidence by Ruben Beraja, president of the DAIA, the Jewish communal umbrella organization whose offices were among those destroyed in the bomb blast.

The judge's finding "ratifies Iran's participation, but has no solid elements (of evidence)," Beraja said.

The Foreign Ministry's second-in-command, Fernando Petrella, said that the Supreme Court would have to determine whether Galeano had a sufficiently strong case to warrant an international manhunt for the four missing diplomats.

A demonstrator holds a sign protesting the July 18 bombing in Beunos Aires. [RNS photo]

Israeli and American officials have blamed the Iranian-backed Hezbollah movement for the bombing.

Another Lebanon-based group, known as the Supporters of God, has taken responsibility for the terrorist attack. Little is known about the group, but it is believed to be closely associated with Hezbollah.

Argentiniane officials had spoken of the possibility of cutting off relations with Iran, but the threat was later withdrawn out of fear of reprisals.

Summoning the Argentine charge d'affairs in Teheran, Iranian officials strongly protested the issuance of the warrants. Argentina withdrew its ambassador to Iran shortly after the July 18 blast.

According to Iran's official news agency, the four wanted in Argentina are currently in Iran. Three of them, the agency stated, had not served at the Iranian Embassy in Buenos Aires for years, and the fourth had been in Argentina on an official visit in December, but has not returned there since.

Victims' families receive help

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BUENOS AIRES — Though most of the world's attention has shifted away from the deadly explosion that rocked Argentina's Jewish community last month, the families of the victims are as focused as ever on the tragedy.

The Buenos Aires Association of Psychology has been providing counseling to the families of the 99 individuals who perished, as well as to the lucky survivors of the July 18 blast that ripped through the seven-story building housing the Jewish community headquarters.

"One of the most common symptoms we find is paralysis, a lack of reaction," Alicia Gamondi, the coordinator of the association, said of the survivors. "In these situations, there is no warning, nothing to prepare them for what is about to happen.

"We have had many cases with nightmares, which is a way of expressing anguish. Also many have felt pain and become ill, thus physically revealing the tremendous impact" the bombing had on them, Gamondi added.

In the wake of the blast, AMIA also provided psychologists, doctors, rabbis and priests to help the victims' relatives.

These professionals were with the relatives when they were informed that a loved one had died, when they went to the city morgue to identify bodies, and when they returned home to mourn their loss.

Among the families continuing to mourn is the family of Noemi Reisfeld.

She was laid to rest in a tomb in section 121 at a local Jewish cemetery. Written on the tombstone were these simple words: "Noemi Reisfeld, Dead at 36."

Reisfeld was among the 68 Jewish victims of the terrorist bombing that also claimed the lives of 31 non-Jews.

Before the explosion, Reisfeld had worked at the social assistance department of the AMIA, the Jewish community's 100-year-old main social service agency, where she helped the aged and the handicapped.

In 1976, when the military dictatorship was in power in Argentina, Reisfeld had to leave the country because of her political views. She lived in Israel and in Mexico, got married and had two daughters. She returned to Buenos Aires when democracy was restored.

Life was not easy for Reisfeld. She was an employee in a government office, and in the evening attended university to become a social worker. She sold clothes on weekends to help make ends meet.

In spite of her financial difficulties, she maintained Jewish traditions and managed to send her children to a good Jewish school.

Following her graduation five years ago, she started her work at AMIA, where those she helped were later to be among the mourners at her funeral.

The children of the victims, in particular, have been under great emotional strain in the weeks since the blast occurred.

Gamondi said her organization has been organizing meetings with the children to give them a chance to talk openly about their feelings.

Among those being helped by AMIA psychologists is 22-year-old Nora Faigelson, who could well have been on the list of casualties.

She had lost her job on the Friday before the explosion. On the fateful day of the blast, she was at an employment office on the fourth floor of the Jewish community building.

After she left the office, Faigelson pressed the button to call the elevator. After two minutes had elapsed and the elevator still had not come, she started walking down the stairs. That was when the explosion ripped the building apart.

Some 20 hours passed before someone found her wandering the streets of Buenos Aires. She remembered neither her home address nor how she had gotten to where she was.

Faigelson, who had been on the list of those missing, now has little recollection of what happened when the bomb went off.

"After the explosion, a man signaled to me that I should follow him. So I did, trying to protect my head with my hands," she said recently.

Today, recovering at home from the state of shock she suffered, she is still at a loss to explain what happened. An AMIA psychiatrist and a doctor are assisting her on the road to recovery.

Fate was on Nora's side because the elevator was slow to arrive. But others, like the Velazquez family, were not so lucky.

They lived across the street from the community headquarters, and by chance the mother and one of the children were having breakfast by the window when the bomb went off. The explosion put an end to their lives.

The News in Brief

Hebron Observers Go Home

TEL AVIV — With its three-month mission completed, the international observer force that was dispatched to Hebron in the spring officially took its leave of the troubled West Bank town last week.

About 100 members of the force flew home, leaving behind a skeleton staff to sell off its equipment or donate it to local charities.

Lt. Col. Bjarno Sorensen, a member of the Danish army who served as spokesman for the force — known officially as the Temporary International Presence in Hebron — said Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat had asked for an extension of the force's mission, but Israeli officials had rejected any extension.

Sorensen added that the force would not have remained, even if both sides had requested it, unless Israel and the Palestinians agreed to give the force more powers.

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Moscow Shul Being Rebuilt

MOSCOW — Russians, Israelis, Americans and Argentineans participated recently at groundbreaking ceremonies for an ambitious new building to replace a synagogue destroyed by fire late last year.

"Our goal is to create not just a synagogue but a community center," said Rabbi Berel Lazar, the head rabbi of the synagogue, which is run by the Chabad movement of the Lubavitch Chasidim. "This is urgent, and we're turning to Jewish people from all over the world for support."

The new building will rise from the site of the remains of the Marina Roscha Synagogue, which was built in 1926 and devastated by a fire late in December 1993.

The cause of the fire remains unknown. It is widely believed to have been caused by either arson or faulty wiring, but a final answer has not yet been provided by fire investigators.

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New U.S. Ambassador To Israel

WASHINGTON — Martin Indyk, the Clinton administration's point man on Middle East issues and a former American Israel Public Affairs Committee official, will be tapped as the next U.S. ambassador to Israel, according to White House and American Jewish sources.

Indyk, who currently serves as the National Security Council Adviser on the Middle East, would become the first Jewish ambassador to Israel.

He would replace Ambassador Edward Djerejian, who recently left the United States Embassy in Tel Aviv, after serving only seven months in the post, to head a public policy institute at Rice University in Texas.

Known as a staunch supporter of Israel, Indyk served as the founding executive director of the influential Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

He has served on the administration's team for the Middle East peace talks and is, perhaps, best known for his strategy for containing Iran and Iraq through strong U.S. policy against each nation.

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Germany Sets Up Office In Jericho

TEL AVIV — Greece and Holland have announced plans to follow the lead of Germany, which has established diplomatic representation in the Palestinian autonomous area of Jericho.

A German liaison office was recently opened in Jericho, with the task of monitoring the Palestinian authority's use of Germany's financial grant to the autonomous Gaza Strip and Jericho regions.

The Greek Foreign Ministry and the Dutch Foreign Ministry also announced that their countries would also soon be setting up liaison offices in Jericho for the same purpose.

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Israel, Ghana Renew Ties

JERUSALEM — Israel and Ghana renewed diplomatic relations last week after a 21-year hiatus, Foreign Ministers Shimon Peres and Obed Asamoa announced in a joint communique.

Ghana, a western African country with a population of 15.5 million, severed ties with Israel along with most black African countries in the aftermath of the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

However, the two countries maintained links even in difficult times. Ghana was the first decolonized black African country to establish relations with Israel in the late 1950s, and helped Israel forge links with other African countries at that time.

Even after ties were severed, Ghana agreed that Israel could maintain an interest section in the Swiss Embassy there for the next 17 years.

Many Israeli businesses continued to operate there in a variety of fields, and recently Israeli companies have become more involved in working on Ghanan infrastructure.

27 Falash Mura Reported To Have AIDS

JERUSALEM — Twenty-seven Falash Mura at the Neveh Carmel caravan site south of Haifa have AIDS, Channel 1's Mabat reported last week.

The Absorption Ministry expressed regret over the report, saying it was aimed at harming the image of the Ethiopian community. It also said there was no basis to reports claiming that most AIDS carriers are Falash Mura. According to a Health Ministry report, less than 0.7 percent of Ethiopians are AIDS carriers, the ministry said in a statement.

Meanwhile, AIDS educator Inon Schenkar announced that an international conference on AIDS prevention and education will be held in Israel in November 1995.

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UJA Mission Crosses The Allenby

AMMAN, Jordan — About 100 top donors to the United Jewish Appeal visited Jordan last week, marking the first visit by an American Jewish group since Israel and Jordan last month declared an official end to 46 years of war.

Summing up the sentiments of many on this unprecedented mission, Felicia Weber, a delegation member from Atlanta, said: "To be an eyewitness to history being made, and seeing peace on the horizon, is like being part of a dream."

Participants in the "Prime Minister's Mission" arrived in Jordan following a visit to Morocco, where they met with Moroccan King Hassan.

"Crossing the Allenby Bridge was very historic for me and the leadership of the American Jewish community," said Darell Friedman, president of The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore.

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JDC Gets Major Response For Rwanda

NEW YORK — The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee received over $300,000 in donations to aid refugees fleeing strife-ridden Rwanda in its first week of fund raising.

The overwhelming response both in volume and sum of contributions surpasses the results of previous "open mailbox" funds, according to JDC spokesman Amir Shaviv.

He attributed the response at least in part to two full-page ads placed by the JDC late last month in The New York Times.

More than 2,500 individual donations have been received from Jews and non-Jews. The largest single contribution was $10,000, made by a Washington law firm.

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Weizman Commutes Arab Prison Terms

TEL AVIV — President Ezer Weizman has commuted the prison sentences of eight Palestinian women who were nearing the end of their terms of incarceration for intifada-related incidents that did not include attacks on Jews.

The commutation, which Weizman announced last Tuesday, follows vocal demonstrations to free the women as a confidence-building gesture staged by some Palestinian and Israeli groups.

Aides said the president had deeply pondered the issue, gathering information from legal and security advisers on the crimes for which the women were convicted and their behavior in prison.

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Holy Sites Under Israeli Control

JERUSALEM — All the holy places and tourist sites in Judea and Samaria are to remain under Israeli administration until a final arrangement is reached with the Palestinian administration, the Tourism Ministry last week.

The statement followed the completion of negotiations in Cairo on early empowerment of the Palestinian Authority.

Among the sites which are to remain under Israeli administration are the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron, Joseph's Tomb in Nablus and Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem. The Church of the Nativity is to continue being administered according to the status quo regarding Christian holy places.

All the nature reserves and national parks in the area are also to be under Israeli administration, with the exception of the sites in Jericho which have already been turned over to the Palestinian Autonomy.

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Alumni Association Formed

CALGARY — The Calgary Jewish Academy, formerly the I.L. Peretz and Calgary Hebrew Schools, has recently formed an alumni association.

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Bomb threats in Budapest

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BUDAPEST — Hungarian police stepped up security at the headquarters of the Budapest Jewish community and other Hungarian Jewish institutions last week after they received several bomb threats targeting the community center building.

Although the threats proved to be a hoax, police guards remained at their posts near Jewish community buildings, wary of a repetition of the July 18 bombing of the Jewish community headquarters in Buenos Aires that killed more than 100 people and the July 26 bombing of the Israeli Embassy in London.

Those bombings prompted the issuance of a joint declaration of protest by the Zionist Federation, the Hungarian office of the Jewish Agency for Israel and the Eastern European branch of the International Christian Embassy-Jerusalem, a humanitarian aid group with 80 branches worldwide.

The declaration condemned terrorism and called for action against those seeking to torpedo the peace process in the Middle East and the Balkans.

The document stated that "the attacks in Buenos Aires and in London were nothing else but pogroms in a new form — pogroms which were not acts of single, irresponsible individuals or small groups, but were orchestrated by internationally significant organizing forces."

The declaration was presented to the United Nations, the World Jewish Congress, the U.S. Congress and Hungarian President Arpad Goncz.

Johann Fourie, the head of the Christian Embassy-Jerusalem in Budapest, said the declaration prove that Jews and Christians want to act together against terrorism.

A terrorist bomb recently exploded at a large Budapest church on Castle Hill, an imposing height which is the locale of the royal castle, now a museum, and many other tourist sites.

Another explosion shook the Hungarian Parliament in July.

The Hungarian media blamed Serb nationalists for both attacks.

Israel, Jordan to study borders

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Israel and Jordan agreed on last Tuesday to dispatch joint survey teams to demarcate their border according to a 1928 League of Nations' map.

The decision was announced by 50-member negotiating teams after talks at a resort hotel on the Israeli side of the Dead Sea.

The talks on delineating the border, sharing water, airspace rights, security and tourism resumed a day after the two sides inaugurated their first border crossing.

Close to 200 tourists passed through the new Arava border crossing north of Eilat during its first full day of operations on August 9, according to the Airports Authority, which administers Israel's land crossings.

In other negotiations, Israeli and Jordanian officials discussed the location of the Jordanian air corridor over Israel airspace. According to Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar, the corridor is to be situated over the north of the country and not over the Tel Aviv area, as the Jordanians had asked.

Kessar also said that it should only be a short time before Israel is granted permission to fly over Saudia Arabia and the Gulf states, thus enabling El Al to considerably shorten its air route to the Far East.

It was not immediately clear how the decision to use the map by the League of Nations, the precursor of the United Nations, will affect Jordan's claim to more than 350 sq. km (140 sq. m.) of land now held by Israel.

Tel Aviv University Professor Asher Susser, an expert on Jordan, said that going back to the 1928 map — predating both states — was "the only way" to mark the frontier.

He noted that the northern borders of Palestine had been clearly delineated because Britain had a mandate to govern there, while the rival French controlled Syria and Lebanon.

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

GLAZER — SKLAR

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נאָך מיט פֿיר יאָר פֿריער איז געפֿאַלן דער ערשטער קרבן פֿון דעם טייוולאָנישן פּלאַן. שלמה מיכאָעלס, דער גוניאַלער קינסטלער און פֿאָרזיצער פֿון יידישן אַנטי-פֿאַשיסטישן קאָמיטעט, וועלכער איז באַטראַכט געוואָרן פֿון יידן אין רוסלאַנד אַלס זייער טרייער וואָרט-זאָגער, איז אויפֿן באַפֿעל פֿון סטאַלינען דערמאָרדעט געוואָרן אין מינסק. מיט עטלעכע חדשים שפּעטער האָט זיך די מערדערישע האַק אַראָפּגעלאָזט אויפֿן גאַנצן בנין פֿון יידישער קולטור-שאַפֿונג אין סאָוועטן-פֿאַרבאַנד. עס איז אויפֿגעלייזט געוואָרן דער אַנטי-פֿאַשיסטישער קאָמיטעט. „אייניקייט", די יידישע צייטונג אין מאָסקווע, און דער פֿאַרלאַג „אמת" זיינען געוואָרן פֿאַרמאַכט און עס האָבן זיך אָנגעהויבן די מאַסן אַרעסטן פֿון די שרייבערס און קולטור טוערס.

צווישן די אַרעסטירטע איז אויך געווען סאָלאָמאָן לאָזאָווסקי, אַן אַלטער באָלשעוויק און אָנגעזעענער פֿירער פֿון דער סאָוועטישער קאָמוניסטישער פּאַרטיי. זיין „פֿאַרברעכן" איז באַשטאַנען אין דעם, וואָס ער איז דורך סטאַלינען באַשטימט געוואָרן צו זיין דער פֿאַרבינדונגס-מענטש צווישן יידישן אַנטי-פֿאַשיסטישן קאָמיטעט און דעם צענטראַל קאָמיטעט פֿון דער קאָמוניסטישער פּאַרטיי. דאָס איז געווען אַ גענוגנדיקע אורזאַך פֿאַר זיין אַרעסט און טויט אורטייל.

נאָענט צו פֿיר יאָר זיינען די אַרעסטירטע געהאַלטן געוואָרן אין טורמע, וואו זיי זיינען ברוטאַל געפּייניקט געוואָרן. אין 1952 זיינען 25 פֿון די אַרעסטירטע געשטעלט געוואָרן פֿאַר אַ געהיימען פּיראַצעס, אונטער דער קלאָגע, אַז זיי האָבן אָרגאַניזירט אַ קאָנספּיראַציע צו באַזעצן יידן אין קרים און פֿאַרוואַנדלען דעם געגנט אין אַ מלחמה באַזע פֿאַרן אַמעריקאַנער אימפּעריאַליזם. אויף אָט-דער וואַנזיניקער קלאָגע זיינען אַלע געפֿונען געוואָרן שולדיק. 24 פֿון די 25 זיינען פֿאַר'משפּט געוואָרן צום טויט. די איינציקע, וואָס איז אָפּגעקומען מיט אַ שטראָף פֿון 10 יאָר תּפֿיסה, איז געווען די באַרימטע וויסנשאַפֿטלערין, אַקאַדעמיקער ליגאַ שטערן. זי איז באַפֿרייט געוואָרן אין 1956 און איז מיט אַ פֿאָר יאָר שפּעטער געשטאָרבן. אַ דאַנק איר זיינען באַקאַנט געוואָרן דעטאַלן פֿון פּראָצעס און פֿון דער בראָוועד האַלטונג — פּנים אל פּנים מיטן טויט — פֿון פּרץ מאַרקיש, לאָזאָווסקי און אַנדערע, וואָס האָבן מיט פֿאַראַכטונג צוריקגעשלידערט די באַשולדיקונגען די ריכטער אין פּנים אַריין.

זינט דאַן זיינען אַדורך 42 יאָר. אָבער דער פּונק פֿון יידיש און יידישער שאַפֿונג איז נישט אויסגעלאָשן געוואָרן. אונטער די געענדערטע באַדינגונגען, וואָס זיינען אַנטשטאַנען אין דער צייט פֿון גאָרבאַטשאָוו'ס הערשאַפֿט, זיינען די סטאַליניסטישע פֿאַרברעכנס אויפֿגעדעקט געוואָרן דורך דער סאָוועטישער קאָמוניסטישער פּאַרטיי זעלבסט. נאָך צענדליקער יאָרן פֿון פֿאַרפֿאָלגונג און אונטערדריקונג, זיינען אָרגאַניזירט געוואָרן צענדליקער יידישע קלובן און יידישע קולטורעלע קרייזן אין אַ גאַנצער ריי שטעט פֿון פֿריערדיקן סאָוועטן-פֿאַרבאַנד און איצטיקן רוסלאַנד. ווערק פֿון יידישע שרייבער, וואָס זיינען געווען באַהאַלטן אין שופֿלעדער, האָבן דערזען די ליכטיקע שיין.

נישט געקוקט אויף אַלע פֿאַרפֿאָלגונגען און אונטערדריקונג פֿון יידישע טעטיקייטן, איז דער נאַציאָנאַלער באַוואוסטזיין ביי צענדליקער טויזנטער יידן נישט נאָר נישט אָפּגעשוואַכט געוואָרן, נאָר פֿאַרקערט געוואָרן אַ סך שטאַרקער. הונדערטער טויזנטער סאָוועטישע יידן זיינען אין די לעצטע עטלעכע יאָר געקומען אין ישראל. נאָך טויזנטער וועלן קומען יעדן חודש. אָבער נאָך הונדערטער טויזנטער וועלן בלייבן אין רוסלאַנד און אין די רעפּובליקן פֿון פֿריערדיקן סאָוועטן-פֿאַרבאַנד. זיי דאַרפֿן דערמוטיקט און געהאָלפֿן ווערן אין שטאַרקן די אויפֿלעבונג פֿון יידישע קולטורעלע און געזעלשאַפֿטלעכע טעטיקייטן.

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פֿון 21-טן ביזן 28-טן אויגוסט, וועט אין קיעוו, אוקראַינע, אָפּגעהאַלטן ווערן דער 7-טער אינטערנאַציאָנאַלער צוזאַמענפֿאָר פֿון וועלט-ראַט פֿאַר יידיש. אין אוקראַינע לעבן איצט 600 טויזנט יידן, 150 טויזנט פֿון זיי אין קיעוו. דער צוזאַמענפֿאָר וועט שטאַרקן די טעטיקייטן אויפֿן געביט פֿון יידיש נישט נאָר צווישן די יידן אין די לענדער פֿון געוועזענעם סאָוועטן-פֿאַרבאַנד, נאָר אויך אין אַלע יידישע ישובים איבער דער וועלט.

PLO official calls for Israel's demise

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TEL AVIV — Farouk Kaddoumi, the head of the Palestine Liberation Organization's Tunis-based Foreign Affairs Department, has called for the annihilation of Israel.

Israel's ITIM News Agency quoted a radio address broadcast over a PLO station on August 8 in which Kaddoumi, without mentioning Israel by name, said:

"There is a state which was established through historical force and it must be destroyed. This is the Palestinian way. They seized our land. The refugees must return to their land."

Kaddoumi, a member of the PLO's executive committee, added that the Palestinians would not "give up on one grain of sand of the Palestinian land."

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who met with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in Gaza two days later, lashed out against Kaddoumi's remarks during a joint news conference following the meeting.

"We cannot accept that a senior man in the leadership of the PLO rises up and speaks against the fact of the existence of the State of Israel. It is unthinkable, and if repeated, it will be a serious obstacle to the progress" of negotiations with the PLO, Rabin said.

When Arafat and other members of the ruling Palestinian governing authority recently transferred their headquarters from Tunis to the Gaza Strip and the Jericho enclave in the West Bank, Kaddoumi remained in Tunis.

Under the terms of the declaration of principles signed by Israel and the PLO last September, the Palestinians are barred from establishing direct relations with foreign countries. As a result, the PLO has been maintaining its diplomatic office in Tunis.

For his part, Arafat attempted to play down the significance of Kaddoumi's remarks.

"This is his point of view, not that of the PLO. I am looking into it now," Arafat said.

Vienna's mayor marks his 10th year in office

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Helmut Zilk

VIENNA — On the eve of his tenth anniversary in office, the mayor of Vienna, Helmut Zilk, is proud of the role he has played in strengthening Vienna's once large and influential Jewish community.

Decimated by the Nazis, the community has grown to 7,500 registered members, compared to about 166,000 before Germany's annexation of Austria in 1938.

Zilk, who was wounded by a neo-Nazi letter bomb last year, is given credit for helping the community rebuild itself.

Under his mayoralty, the imposing Seitenstettengasse synagogue in central Vienna — which was partly destroyed during Kristallnacht — was restored in 1988, and the Jewish Museum — which was summarily closed by the Nazis — was reopened in 1993.

Building on his predecessors' work, Zilk continues to sponsor an annual Jewish Cultural Week in Vienna in the autumn, a student exchange program which has attracted several hundred Austrians and Israelis in the past decade, and a special program in which former Jewish residents are invited back for a visit.

At Zilk's suggestion, 70,000 Viennese pupils, aged 14-18, were given free passes to see the film *Schindler's List*.

All in all, Zilk is pleased with the "excellent relations" he enjoys with the community.

And he is gratified — "very happy," as he put it — that Vienna is once again home to a thriving, though truncated, Jewish community.

Although he was not instrumental in its reopening 15 years ago, Zilk went out of his way to voice his pride that Vienna's main Jewish school — the Zwi Perez Chajes Schule — is once again functioning.

Zilk's contributions to the community are widely recognized.

Avshalom Hodik, executive director of the Israelitschen Kultusgemeinde, the community's official body, told *The Canadian Jewish News* that Zilk is "sympathetic to our community" and has expressed his sentiments in concrete terms.

In the past decade, the municipality of Vienna has given the community $10 million (US) worth of subsidies, Hodik disclosed.

Looking back to the pre-Nazi era, Zilk said that Viennese Jews made an immense contribution to Austria.

"Austrian science, music, literature and medicine (were fortified) by Jews."

Zilk is good friends with a Viennese native son, Teddy Kollek, the former mayor of Jerusalem, who, he said, visits regularly.

Born in 1927, Zilk recalled that many of his father's friends were Jews, and that he himself "grew up with Jewish people."

Vienna, he added, was "a Jewish city." (In fact, 10 per cent of its population was Jewish.) "A lot of people came here from Eastern Europe."

Zilk, who was interviewed in his grand office in City Hall, claimed it was his idea to reopen the Jewish Museum on Dorotheergasse.

Its objectives are three-fold — to preserve Vienna's rich Jewish past; to assist Viennese to come to terms with Austria's Nazi legacy; and to foster cooperation between Christians and Jews.

Last December, Zilk was seriously injured when a letter he was opening at home one Sunday evening exploded. He was rushed to hospital, and in a four-hour operation, three fingers on his left hand were wholly or partly amputated.

Zilk was not the sole victim of neo-Nazi terrorism. Ten other letter bombs were triggered or defused in just a matter of days.

Like Zilk, the intended victims had been prominent in supporting the rights of minorities and immigrants.

Today, Zilk — an animated and jovial man — is fully recovered and feels fine. However, he can no longer use his left hand, and cannot even tie his shoelaces.

But he realizes that he was, relatively speaking, fortunate. "I was lucky," he said, implying that he could have lost the use of his right hand as well.

Since the letter bombing, security in his office has been tightened drastically.

Zilk believes that Austrian laws designed to combat right-wing radicalism are adequate, though he admits this "wasn't always so."

Re-elected mayor in 1987 and again in 1991, Zilk — a graduate of the University of Vienna — was a broadcast and print journalist before entering politics in 1979 as a city councillor.

In 1983, he was appointed federal minister for education and arts. He held that position for about 16 months, and then ran for mayor of Vienna.

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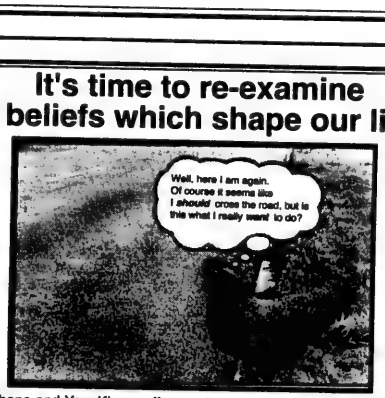

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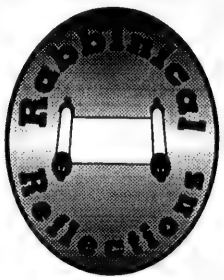


By RABBI AARON LEVINE

I write this article on the second day of Rosh Chodesh Elul, the day we begin blowing the shofar in preparation for the High Holy Days; and two days after we read on Shabbat the sidrah Re'eh which begins with the verse, "See, I am giving before you today brachah (blessing) and kellalah (curse)."

In a similar verse (Deuteronomy 30:19), where HaShem says that He has given us life and death He adds the words, "Uvocharta bachayim — choose life!"

It's amazing how quickly the year, or should I say, the years, march relentlessly on. I can still remember, what seems like just a few weeks ago, brushing the snow off my windshield, complaining about having to put up with the inconveniences that winter often brings.

At that point I couldn't wait for summer to come — a respite from my duties at school, a few weeks to relax, a change of scenery, a change from the hectic pace of life — and in the twinkling of an eye — the blasts of the shofar, HaShem's alarm clock, rouses us once again from the slumber of the year, awakening us, stirring us to prepare for another din v'cheshbon (Heavenly reckoning and stock taking of our deeds).

When Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi (one of the rebbes of the Lubavitch dynasty) was imprisoned in St. Petersburg, the minister of police came to cross-examine him. The rabbi had an awe inspiring bearing and the minister realized that he was dealing with a very spiritual man.

The minister, a highly educated man, told the rabbi that he wished to ask him a question on the Bible, that had been bothering him for a long time. "Tell me Rabbi, the Bible says God called to Adam and asked, 'Where are you?' Didn't the Almighty know Adam's whereabouts? Is anything hidden from Him?"

The rabbi replied that the Bible is eternal and has a message for all generations. In every age, every year, God calls out to man and asks, "Where are you? Where do you stand as far as the mission of your life is concerned? You have lived a certain amount of years; another year has passed. What have you accomplished? You only have a certain amount of years and days allotted to you. How are you using the years, the days? What progress did you make during the last year in bettering yourself and in bettering the world for mankind?"

Last year after the intensive Elul period followed by Rosh Hashanah, and the Days of Repentance culminating with Yom Kippur, we all made our resolutions. Some may have taken the advice of the baalei mussar — the moralists, and even written down their resolutions in a little notebook.

We resolved to be better between man and God, between man and fellow man, and even between man and himself. We resolved to study more Torah, be more punctilious in our mitzvah observance, give more tzedakah, do more kind deeds.

Well, where are you? How did you do? How much new territory did you capture from the evil inclination?

They tell the story of a Shlomo Moskowitz who hadn't missed a minyan in 20 years, attended every shiur and Torah lecture given at shul, and was careful in his observance of all the mitzvot. He was a very devout and pious individual. Shlomo was getting older, near retirement age, and one bright day the yetzer hora (the evil inclination) was determined to make a chink in the armour of his piety.

"Come on Shlomo, you've been good for so long, the sisterhood is arranging a three-day junket to Las Vegas. What's three days off when you've been such a tzaddikel for over 20 years?"

It was a bright sunny day. Everybody was excited, looking forward to their Las Vegas excursion. Shlomo was all dressed down for the occasion — bermuda shorts, flowered shirt, dark sun glasses, and a rakish hat comfortably perched on his head. The plane landed and Shlomo retrieved his luggage. Then he hailed a taxi and, just as he was about to get in, he tripped on the curb, fell heavily to the sidewalk, breaking an arm and a leg, and fracturing a few ribs.

Flat on his back in the hospital, Shlomo tearfully lifted his eyes heavenward and cried out, "Dear God, 20 years! I never missed a minyan, did everything right by the holy book! Twenty years! What's a three-day fling in Las Vegas? You didn't even give me a chance to get started!"

A heavenly voice rang out, "Shloimele, is that really you? My gosh, I'm sorry, I didn't recognize you!"

When we stand again preparing our case for a new year of life, good health, happiness, nachas from the children, parnassah (livelihood) and all the other items on our long shopping list for the coming year, the first thing we must ask ourselves is if God will recognize us. Each of us left last Yom Kippur with resolve to turn over a new leaf, change into a different and better person; we created a new image and picture of who we are.

And now as we stand in line again awaiting HaShem's blessings, the question will be, did we live up to that image, that picture? Can God trust us to keep our promises and resolve as we ask for our New Year's list of blessings?

But no matter what, we must never ever give up. HaShem presents us each and every year, each and every day, with the opportunity to choose between blessing and the opposite. Certainly, once a particular path has been chosen it may be a little harder to back track — to go back to the crossroad and start the path of life afresh. But we can do it. That's what teshuvah (repentance) is all about — and we choose life all over again.

Let the shofar sounds heard each Elul morning stir us once again to begin our preparations for new resolves. In this way we shall enter the High Holy Days with our defence attorneys well equipped to plead our cases before the Heavenly throne for a new year filled with all the blessings that each of us pray for. May we all, so be blessed! Amein.

Rabbinical council backs D.C. pact

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

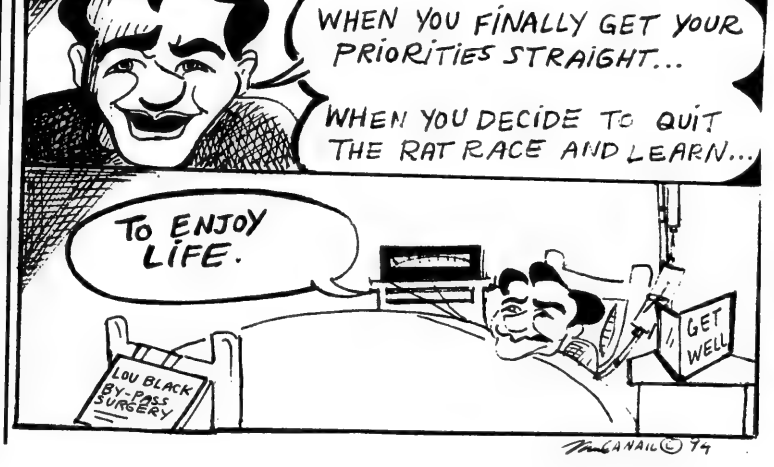
TEL AVIV — Israel's highest religious body gave its formal approval this week to the July 28 Washington Declaration, which officially brought to an end the 46-year state of war between Israel and Jordan.

But while approving the agreement last week, the Chief Rabbinical Council requested that it take part in any future discussions on the status of the Muslim holy sites in Jerusalem.

The council, which includes both Ashkenazi and Sephardi religious leaders, made the request as a result of a provision in the declaration in which Israel recognized Jordan's traditional role as guardian of the religious sites, which include the el-Aksa and Omar Mosques.

In a statement issued after its meeting, the council said that the historic right of the Jewish people to the Temple Mount was not open to dispute.

Israel's recognition of Jordan's role at the holy sites has been the subject of much criticism from the Palestinian leadership, which hopes to establish eastern Jerusalem as the capital of an eventual Palestinian state.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Front Line

The mixed blessings of the Israel-Jordan gamble

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

On the face of it, the emotional impact of the rapprochement with Jordan was almost as strong as that of President Anwar al-Sadat's visit in 1977.

Its practical significance, however, is more difficult to measure. Although the "state of war" between Jordan and Israel was formally ended and celebrated, and from now on contacts between the two countries will be open and not denied as they were for decades, full normalization will have to wait.

Not only are the outstanding issues between Jordan and Israel, such as the demarcation of frontiers, the distribution of water resources, and the fate of the Palestinians displaced by the 1967 war, still unresolved; they will require complicated negotiations.

And even if all this is settled, nobody expects King Hussein to sign a separate, final peace treaty.

As the practical coexistence with Israel was quite satisfactory, one can ask what induced the King to make his spectacular move and why the United States and Israel joined in promoting an initiative, the impact of which on the overall peace process is at best unpredictable, and which nonetheless endangers the King's political and even physical survival in the inflamed Islamic environment.

As far as Jordan is concerned, the explanation is not so complicated. The King's unfortunate entanglement with Iraq during the Gulf War and after has denied him the vital Saudi aid and has shut the doors and coffers of Washington as well. His kingdom was flooded by an additional 200,000 Palestinian refugees chased from Kuwait and his economy had become literally unmanageable.

Only Washington could provide temporary relief, by promising to cancel his huge debts and by offering some military supplies. He had to reciprocate by engaging in the latest open moves with Israel. That he did with remarkable royal grace and charm. As to the personal dangers to which he evidently exposed himself, these were largely tempered by the common knowledge that the superb spectacle barely covered the rather modest substance.

Yeshayahu Anug

Still, it was an excellent, even moving show and shows are important time-fillers in politics, when substantial progress on other issues is denied to struggling politicians. This may also be the simplest explanation for the American role in this unusual episode. Nobody can blame them for sharing the limelight or for paying the costs.

But what was in it for the Israeli government? For a while it enhanced the nation's optimism, showed its deep yearning for peace and left the Likud opposition no choice but to massively support the agreement with Jordan in the Knesset. No small achievement — internal politics count for a lot — but hardly a lasting one.

In fact, soon after the celebrations were over, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin had to meet with Yasser Arafat to allay his fears that the accord with Jordan would affect Israel's commitments to the PLO.

Arafat has his own survival problems. His administration in Gaza and Jericho lacks both funding and organizational skill, and the support of the frustrated population depends greatly on the authority he commands. His clout was certainly affected, whether the suspicion of a Jordanian-Israel collusion are well-founded or not. They probably are not, since whoever in Israel still thinks that Arafat should be outmanouevred, ought to know that the alternative to Arafat in the territories is at this point not the Jordanian King, but fundamentalist Islam.

As the Israeli government should not be suspected of being unrealistic, it follows that it will now have to intensify its cooperation with Arafat, to keep him afloat and to maintain the momentum of the Israel-Palestinian agenda.

Not less complex is the state of Israeli-Syrian relations after the Jordanian episode. On the one hand President Hafez al-Assad has made no hostile public comment on the Israeli-Jordanian embrace and has even allowed his media to fully cover all the spectacular events as they happened. Was this unprecedented coverage an indication of Assad's intention to slowly de-demonize Israel in the eyes of his own masses?

Possibly, but then, how can one explain his seemingly undiminished tolerance of Hezbollah terrorist activity in Lebanaon and beyond? This is a legitimate question, but the latest flare-up there requires a less incriminatory answer.

On a routine air-attack against Hezbollah positions, an "intelligent" Israeli bomb missed the intended terrorist target and destroyed a civilian building instead, killing its seven civilians.

Though Israel recognized the mistake and even grounded the pilot, one could not expect Hezbollah not to use the incident for retaliation, or not to regard it as a breach of the bizarre "modus vivendi" which tacitly stipulates that Hezbollah does not direct Katyusha rockets at Northern Galilee and that Israel does not attack villages outside the security zone.

And then there is the very sensitive issue of the Golan Heights. An acute observer of that sector said recently that the war over the Golan is not waged by Syria in the Golan itself, but by its handling of Hezbollah in Southern Lebanon.

Yet the accusation that Israel is doing the same, is unfounded. No sane Israeli planner can hope to affect Syria's determination to regain the Golan, by harassing it in Lebanon. It is clear that the precarious situation which Israel still faces in Southern Lebanon will only be resolved by a peace accord with Syria, which is still not in sight. Assad can wait and is playing his cards prudently.

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher's latest visit to Syria was not successful, but he is to return to Damascus and Jerusalem for a more energetic attempt to bridge the gap. If he does better than last time, this will re-ignite the now more peaceful internal debate in Israel.

It is not surprising that the much televised embrace between Israel and Jordan should have revived the old suspicion in the Arab world that Israel is counting on the lack of inter-Arab solidarity and that it aims to expose its notorious weakness. But the past has shown that Israel is not that good in such enterprises. The unfortunate Lebanese war of 1982 proves the point. Its open ends are still bleeding pointlessly in both countries.

Summing up: Even after the well-staged Jordanian-Israeli episode, the overall chances for Mideastern peacemaking to succeed remain basically unchanged. The centrepiece is still the Israeli-Palestinian sector which must be carefully nursed, and Syria still holds the master key to a comprehensive solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Progress must be made on all these fronts if the whole construction is not to collapse.

Wait-and-see attitude in Ukraine, Belarus

By LISA GLAZER
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

As the newly elected presidents of the Ukraine and Belarus switch from the hyperbole of the campaign trail to the harsh realities of elected office, Jewish community leaders are expressing a wait-and-see attitude toward their new government chiefs.

The leaders are hoping for a continuation of the recent trend toward open and friendly relations between the government and the Jewish communities in both countries.

However, since Jewish topics did not play a role in either campaign, they say the new presidents' actions will have to be closely scrutinized.

Ukraine's new president, Leonid Kuchma, a former director of the world's largest nuclear-missile factory, was inaugurated last month. Alexander Lukashenko, a fiery populist with little political track record, took office in July as the president of Belarus.

In Ukraine, Chief Rabbi Ya'akov Bleich said that under the leadership of the newly independent state's first president, Leonid Kravchuk, official anti-Semitism virtually disappeared.

After decades of repression during the Soviet era, Ukrainian Jews are now free to become involved in religious or cultural life or to emigrate to Israel.

In Ukraine, the Jewish community of about half a million is currently home to more than 50 Jewish congregations and nearly 20 Jewish schools.

"Kravchuk had a very positive relationship with the Jews, and we hope this will continue with Kuchma," Rabbi Bleich said.

He noted that one member of Kuchma's campaign staff visited him a day after the July 10 election to hear about Jewish concerns and to invite him to join the Humanitarian Alliance, a non-governmental organization that will be advising the new president on health, education, welfare and religious policy.

Rabbi Bleich also said the Jewish community has been invited to send a representative to the commission revising the laws on religion.

Experts in Moscow said that the general issues propelling the Ukrainian presidential campaign — the failing economy and relations with Russia — could have an impact on the Jewish community.

Kuchma's moderate, pro-market approach is helpful for the Jewish community, they said, as are renewed connections with Russia, which Kuchma has supported.

Many Ukrainian Jews speak Russian and not Ukrainian.

"None of the candidates running in the elections spoke about Jews and Jewish problems, but we think Kuchma will implement tolerant policies," said Leonid Feinberg, director of a social science research center run by the Ukraine's Association of Jewish Organizations and Communities.

The situation in Belarus is less clear — and potentially less rosy for the small Jewish community of about 150,000.

The newly independent state of 10 million has been labelled "the land that time forgot" because much of life remains as it was during the period of Soviet domination. Economic reforms are proceeding slowly, and a Lenin statue still stands in the capital's central square.

Meanwhile, Belarus is in the midst of a huge economic crisis as inflation gallops along at about 50 per cent a month.

Economic woes are frequently cited as the reason that Lukashenko, 39, won more than 80 per cent of the July 10 vote, beating Conservative Prime Minister Vyacheslav Kebich, 59, to become the first elected president of Belarus.

A former collective farm boss who came into the spotlight with an anti-corruption campaign, Lukashenko has promised to halt the republic's fledgling privatization program.

Lukashenko has been compared to Russian ultra-nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky because of his populist style and his promises of resolute action against his enemies.

But Jewish leaders say that so far the comparison is unfair.

"He is a populist, but of no specific color; an unknown personality who rode the wave of discontent to get into power," said Binyamin Meltzer, the vice president of the Association of Jewish Communities in Belarus.

"By no means can he be called a Zhirinovsky," added Yitzchok Wolpin, the chief rabbi of Belarus. "But his positions are very unclear. He's been making statements left and right. We really don't know who we're dealing with."

Rabbi Wolpin said that under Kebich's rule, the Jewish community has been able to begin rebuilding after suffering near-devastation during Soviet times.

There are now 14 congregation in Belarus, all but two of them established in the last few years.

Rabbi Wolpin said he had a very good relationship with the prime minister and several ministers in the cabinet, but that so far, he has not been sought out by the president-elect's staff.

One should be careful in judging Poland

By WAYNE BELICK

There is a tendency to stratify prejudice according to countries and religious groups. Germany has, at least in this century, been considered the most anti-Semitic of all countries. There is also a common belief, especially among the Jewish people, that Poland is probably the second most anti-Semitic country, with Canada near the bottom.

But classification has a negative aspect. Continual reproach can often lead to more hatred against the targeted group. My own Jewish kind may even be responsible for promulgating some anti-Semitism. This was revealed to me when I went to teach English in Poland this year.

Prior to my arrival in Warsaw, I knew very little about the country or its inhabitants except for the few stories I heard from Polish friends in Toronto. My father's response to my decision to go there was, "Why Poland? Don't you know they are anti-Semitic?"

I started to become ill at ease. I feared I had made a serious mistake in my commitment to work with the ETTP (Education And Training Programs For Poland). I was almost ready to drop out. Instead, I decided to find out for myself just how anti-Semitic Poland really was.

The drive to dispel the myth about anti-Semitism grew steadily within me, and I looked for the existence of it in every crevice of Poland. I began by speaking about it with my students, openly admitting that I was a Jew. I found one honest case of anti-Semitism in a 17-year-old who had never met a Jew. I asked him, "Do you like me?" Michael said he did. When I told him I was Jewish it seemed to confuse him: he obviously had a preconceived notion of what a Jew must look and act like.

Since that time, after having asked Michael to reevaluate his beliefs, he never neglected to say "good morning" with a smile on his face. If I had changed one person's attitude towards the Jewish race, perhaps it could be a start towards curtailing the rest of the prejudice in Poland.

I looked hard everywhere for the next nine months, searching for answers, counting occurrences of both anti-Semites and pro-Semites, weighing them against each other. I saw a lot of graffiti in Warsaw and Gdansk which denoted hatred towards Jews. It seemed clearer to me than to my non-Jewish associates because I was looking for it. But this kind of graffiti also exists in Canada, and has been used more viciously in Jewish cemeteries. Prejudice is everywhere, but how can anybody measure it?

Nearing the end of my stay, I felt I had come to understand everything about the relationship between Jews and Poles. I had spoken with dozens and dozens of people on the subject, including Holocaust survivors at the only synagogue in Warsaw. Their views on the Polish people corresponded to the accounts I had heard back home. The handful of Jewish people here clearly separated themselves and kept a low profile. Still, I wasn't sure if Poland was an anti-Semitic country.

Then in my last few weeks, I experienced the most blatant hatred toward Jews I had ever known, even in my own country, and it came at a time when I was feeling quite comfortable with my Judaism in Poland.

I had gone to see *Schindler's List*, which opened in Poland just months after its North American run. I cried. I had been to Auschwitz only a month before. I also found it disturbing that the film portrayed the Polish people in an unfavorable light — like the young Polish girl who says "Go away, Jews!"

In a later conversation with a Polish man, he told me he didn't like the Jews because they had said "the Poles were just as responsible for the Holocaust as the Germans." I could not do anything to change his opinion, and the conversation ended after I told him I was Jewish. I know very well that this belief is not a common one in Poland, but it is still a belief which can foster prejudice, given the right opportunity. The question is, where does this belief come from?

For every occurrence of anti-Semitism in Poland I witnessed, I could find at least double the number of Poles who were not hostile towards Jews. I made several friends there, and all of them accepted me and my religious background.

Yes, anti-Semitism in Poland does exist, and it will continue to exist — in Poland and around the world. However, it should not be promoted by equivalent hatred. At one point in history, Poland was one of the leading countries in Europe to admit Jews. And, although governments in Poland in the past have shown resistance to Jews, this should not be used as a guide to measure the beliefs of the entire Polish nation, as people are likely to do.

My excursion to Poland was intriguing. I want very much to return some day. And I hope to continue to strengthen the bond between the Jewish people and the Polish people.

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Real peace

Normalization, the key to Israel's incremental rapprochement with Jordan, is continuing apace since King Hussein officially ended his state of war with Israel last month.

A formal peace treaty, such as the one Israel has had with Egypt since 1979, lies on the horizon. But in the meantime, Israel and Jordan are taking well-publicized, concrete steps which herald a new, promising era in their bilateral relations.

On August 3, King Hussein, escorted by Israeli F-15s, flew over Tel Aviv and Jerusalem in his private plane as he made his way home from Washington and London. It was an important moment, a harbinger of the new international air corridors being established between Israel and Jordan.

On August 6, the two countries set up telephone links, and two days later, the first border crossing in the Arava, just north of Eilat and Aqaba, was unveiled and opened to third-party passport holders. On the same day, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and his entourage were invited to King Hussein's palace in Aqaba and a ride aboard his royal yacht. At a press conference, King Hussein referred to his Israeli interlocutors as "friends and partners."

These were not empty words and gestures. King Hussein and his brother and heir-apparent, Crown Prince Hassan, appear interested in forging cordial, mutually beneficial ties with Israel. By all accounts, they have rejected the notion of a so-called cold peace, which has all too often characterized Israel's relationship with Egypt.

There are, of course, major problems which must be addressed and solved before Israel and Jordan actually sign a peace treaty. These range from the demarcation of borders to the allocation of scarce water resources. But according to reliable sources, progress has being reported on all fronts. There are even plans afoot to expand east-west highways to link Israel with Jordan.

Peace — a genuine peace that meets the needs of both nations — is not too far around the corner. We await it with anticipation and untrammelled joy.

Iranian menace

"If you like North Korea, you'll love Iran." That's the message conveyed by the co-authors of a recent article in *Midstream* exploring the current drive in Iran to cultivate nuclear weaponry. The sober message communicated by Louis Beres and Yoash Tsiddon-Chatto is that if left unchallenged, the authorities in Teheran will proceed within a year or two to equip themselves with the bomb.

This disquieting scenario — nuclear weapons in the hands of an outlaw state — has nightmarish implications. Iraq was apparently on its way to becoming a nuclear power in 1991, when progress in this direction was halted by Desert Storm.

Speculation that Iran is well on the way towards achieving nuclearization is based on the fact that the United States and the West in general have already conceded that they have been impotent in stopping the North Koreans in their pursuit of atomic weapons. It is well-known that Pyongyang has been helping Teheran to develop its atomic facilities.

Naturally Iran has denied categorically that it is planning to produce weapons wth its fissionable material. The Iranians say that they are looking only at the peaceful use of atomic energy. Anyone who believes that also believes in the tooth fairy.

Since the advent to power in 1979 of the Ayatollah Khomeini, Iran has become a terrorist state which has persecuted its own people with almost the same zeal it applied to Iraqi invaders during the eight-year-long Iraq-Iran war. The war has been over for several years but Iran continues to conduct warfare against its minority Bahais and anyone else who does not subscribe blindly to the dictates of the mullah-dominated leadership cadres.

Instead of devoting itself to the task of reconstructing its economy, Iran continues to re-arm and export its radicalism through the support of such terrorist groups as the Hezbollah.

In addition, Iran, now under Rafsanjani, continues to vilify Israel as the devil's own experiment station on earth.

It is unfortunate that neither the United States nor any other political group has seen fit to stop Iran's indecent haste to acquire nuclear weapons. There can be no doubt who would be the intended target of Teheran's illogical wrath should it ever have the unwisdom to arm its nuclear arsenal.

The authors of the *Midstream* article suggest that Israel has no obligation to wait patiently for its own annihilation and that it may invoke the "right of anticipatory self-defence," some time in the near future. This is not a pleasant prospect to contemplate.

It is for this reason that pressure must be brought on democratic governments, especially the United Staters and its NATO allies, to take quick and resolute measures to defuse Iran's maniacal chase after nuclear weapons.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

DIFFERS WITH KIRSHNER

In his review of Iwo Cyprian Pogonowski's book *Jews in Poland: A Documentary History*, Sheldon Kirshner writes: "As for the Holocaust period, [Pogonowski] claims that there was no Polish complicity in the Nazi genocide of the Jews. Needless to say, he is dead wrong." (*CJN*, July 21)

Lest your readers think that Pogonowski was merely expressing his personal opinion, it should be pointed out that he cites an impressive body of scholarship, some of it written by prominent Jewish historians, which backs up his statement. One example, will suffice.

Yisrael Gutman, the director of research at the Yad Vashem Institute and editor-in-chief of the authoritative four-volume *Encyclopedia of the Holocaust*, has stated publicly that "all accusations against the Poles that they were responsible for what is referred to as the 'Final Solution' are not even worth mentioning." And most recently: "I want to be unequivocal about this. When it is said that Poles supposedly took part in the extermination of the Jews on the side of the Germans, that is not true. It has no foundation. There were minor exceptions where the [Polish] 'blue' police and the Jewish police took part in the expulsion and extermination of Jews."

Jerzy Zralski
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SLOGAN MONGERING?

Part of Sheldon Kirshner's review of three books on Polish-Jewish relations (*CJN*, July 21) is devoted to a book by I. C. Pogonowski. It contains the following paragraph:

"As for the Holocaust period, he [that is, Pogonowski] claims that there was no Polish complicity in the Nazi genocide of the Jews. Needless to say, he is dead wrong."

The last sentence in this paragraph is a grave indictment. Since it is not accompanied by evidence, this indictment is harmful and dangerous "slogan mongering" and not the kind of level-headed and persuasive journalism that I have come to expect of Mr. Kirshner.

Abe Shenitzer
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Sheldon Kirshner replies: Let's be clear. The Polish nation is not guilty of complicity in the Final Solution, conceived, planned and implemented by Germany. But, as I wrote in my review and historians support, the Polish Blue Police took part in the Holocaust. Furthermore, untold numbers of Poles betrayed Jews and caused their deaths. And by their silence and mass indifference, all too many Poles dishonored themselves and Poland. Of course, thousands of courageous and decent Poles helped — and saved — Jews at risk to their own lives.

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BARON BYNG REUNION

As a member of the Baron Byng High School Class of '39, I was pleased to read Janice Arnold's moving account of our 55th anniversary reunion. She admirably captured the spirit of fun and nostalgia of the occasion.

Statements attributed to me in the article were in fact written jointly by Dr. Ed Champagne and myself.

Samuel Levy
Montreal

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HELL IN TRANSNISTRIA

Yishar-koach to Felicia Carmelly for her praiseworthy initiative to raise the awareness of Transnistria in our community. The letter from Ruth Getter on the same subject (*CJN*, July 28) is ample proof how necessary and important such awareness is.

I myself endured for 3½ of my childhood years the horrors of Transnistria, and have carried that baggage ever since. The hellhole was a little town in the Ukraine named Djurin. There, among thousands of others, my father and my grandmother perished, while in another Transnistria location, in Bershad, two of my father's brothers and a sister suffered the same fate.

Aside from their murderous brutality, the Romanian soldiers, the rulers of the territory, had the twin scourges of hunger and a typhus epidemic on their side. In the fall of 1941, almost 4,000 of the Jews deported from the Romanian provinces of Bukovina and Bessarabia were dumped onto this small town on the heads of a local population of about 500; by the fall of 1944, when the Red Army liberated the area, less than 1,200 had survived.

It is not difficult to envision the cramping and congestion. In our case, we found ourselves lodged with a local Jewish family (Djurin was a typical Ukrainian Shtetl, 99 per cent Jewish), in a house straight from a Chagall painting, where we shared a 20x20-foot room with three other families. We were 12 people in that small room before raging death left only eight of us. Every one of us, without exception, had contracted typhus (typhus exanthematicus, "spotted fever").

After half a century, now that most of us who were children then are grandparents, the time has come to tell our brethren and the world about the "forgotten cemetery" that was Transnistria. Lest we forget. Lest we allow the offsprings of the beast, the would-be destroyers to deny.

Ike Katz
Toronto

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DO YOU KNOW HIM?

I seek information regarding the whereabouts of Peter Hamburger who immigrated to Canada from Vienna in 1938 or 1939. Today, Mr. Hamburger would be in his early to mid 70s. If you know anything about him, please write to me at the address below.

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HOW STUDENTS HELPED

Re: "Israeli MiA group joins Network to promote cause" (*CJN*, July 28)

Despite the article title, *The CJN* failed to accurately report the full extent of Network's involvement with the International Coalition for missing Israeli Soldiers (ICMIS).

Network has been involved with the MiA campaign for several years. During this past year, Network formed the National Student Coalition for the Israeli MiAs (NSCIM) with the help of Tirza Kramer in Montreal.

In January, Network sent information posters, solidarity bracelets and written literature to campuses across Canada. In partnership with the NSCIM, Network helped to facilitate rallies across Canada on behalf of the MiAs.

On March 8 in Winnipeg, "More than 100 adults and students gathered in front of the building in bonechilling weather as Zentner (hunger striker and rally organizer) and other speakers stood on the stairs, and underscored the importance of getting information about the soldiers." (*Winnipeg Jewish Post & News*).

The above quote echoes Network's sentiments and involvement with the MiA campaign. Network encourages participation and cooperation between the various interested groups. Network would also like to take this opportunity to applaud the efforts of the dedicated students across Canada. Keep up the good work.

Howard Katz
Executive Director

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A FOREGONE CONCLUSION

Yasser Arafat has been, since the Declaration of Principles, steadily pronouncing statements contrary to the terms of the agreement of September 13, 1993, without meaningful reaction on the part of the Israeli government.

In the most recent of his utterings on his arrival in Gaza, he vows to build an independent "Palestinian State with Jerusalem its capital."

This prompted Yitzhak Rabin to declare categorically that Jerusalem will remain undivided under Israeli authority. Rabin, however, failed to mention in his rebuking of Arafat, the "Palestinian State." This omission may lead one to construe that the establishment of a "Palestinian State" is, and perhaps has been, a foregone conclusion.

Isaac Josy
Toronto

Why Lanzmann didn't like Schindler's List

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

I recently came across a dissident review of *Schindler's List* written by the eminent film producer Claude Lanzmann. It appeared in the Parisian Newspaper *Le Monde*.

Lanzmann, you will remember, produced and directed *Shoah*, the most memorable documentary on the Holocaust, which appeared in 1986; in its full uncut length it covered nine and a half hours of viewing time. There is no question in my mind that this film will forever stand in as the most eloquent witness to a tragedy which in the end could not be captured in words or pictures.

But by its ponderous telling of what could be told, it failed to evoke the kind of instant and all-embracing reactions which Steven Spielberg achieved with *Schindler's List*. The reasons for the latter's success have been written about time and again (and I confess I contributed to this amplitude).

Not surprisingly, Lanzmann looks askance at Spielberg's production, and I thought it worthwhile to translate excerpts of his critique.

"I generally like Steven Spielberg. I saw *Indiana Jones* and *ET* and found that he makes good films.

"When I heard of his latest project (about which I knew nothing) I said to myself, Spielberg will experience a dilemma, for he cannot tell us Schindler's tale without telling us at the same time what the Holocaust was all about. And how can he portray the Holocaust by telling the story of a German who saved 1,200 Jews, while the overwhelming majority of Jews were not saved? Even if he shows Nazi behavior in the Krakow ghetto, even when he shows how the commandant shoots prisoners — he can never do justice to portraying the organized killing and the murderous machinery.

Rabbi Plaut

"The Holocaust is unique in that it is surrounded by a wall of flame, a border that one must not cross, because beyond a certain point there is no measure for atrocities, and whoever tries to trespass into this area is guilty of a serious transgression.

"In that sense all fiction is crossing the uncrossable line. It is my deepest conviction that attempting to picture the Holocaust in this sense is forbidden.

"When I saw *Schindler's List* I reacted in the same way in which I reacted to the TV series *Holocaust:* trespassing the uncrossable line and trivialization of the name. Whether TV or film, both trivialize and thus deny the singularity of the Holocaust.

"One can ask still another question: what kind of tale is here being told? It is the tale of the Righteous Gentiles. Suddenly there are increasing numbers of people who saved Jews. But if there were so many righteous people who were so ready to save Jews, why are there so many Jews who died?

"Most of all, what I have against Spielberg is the fact that he portrays the Holocaust through a German. Even if this man saved Jews, it changes the whole scenario entirely. The world is upside down."

(Lanzmann goes on to make a comparison with his own film *Shoah*).

"In *Shoah* much is ruled out, for it is a film about death, it has nothing to do with survival. In *Shoah* none of the survivors says 'I.' The barber does not tell how after three months he fled from Treblinka. That didn't interest me and neither did it interest him. He says 'We' — he speaks for the dead, he is their spokesperson.

"As for me, I wanted to find a structure, a form which applies to the whole people, contrary to Spielberg, for whom extermination is only the background; he does not expose himself to the blinding, darkened sun of the Holocaust. Do people cry when they see *Schindler's List?* Maybe. But tears are a catharsis. Many people have said to me: 'I can't see your film because when you see *Shoah* it is not possible to cry.'

"In a certain sense Spielberg's film is a melodrama, and kitsch to boot. To be sure, it is a cops-and-robbers drama which entices the viewer — but that is all."

I think Lanzmann makes an important point, but is it unfair to say that a sense of sour grapes also pervades his argument?

Wallenberg was poisoned, says former Soviet spy

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

What really happened to Raoul Wallenberg? Why did Josef Stalin toy with the idea of a Jewish republic in Crimea? Why were Soviet spies sent to Palestine? Why did the Soviet Union launch an anti-Semitic campaign after World War II?

These and other questions are addressed, if not answered, by Pavel Sudoplatov, the Soviet Union's deputy director of foreign intelligence from 1939 to 1942 and a super spook until his arrest in 1953, following Stalin's death.

Sudoplatov, who lives in Moscow today, deals with a plethora of issues in his revealing memoirs, *Special Tasks* (Little, Brown, $29.95). But how reliable a witness is the author? Ask Robert Conquest, the noted Sovietologist. "This is the most sensational, the most devastating and in many ways the most informative autobiography ever to emerge from the Stalinist milieu," he writes glowingly in the forward.

Sudoplatov claims that Wallenberg, the savior of Hungarian Jewry, was secretly executed in Moscow's Lubyanka prison in 1947, two years after he was detained in Budapest by the Soviets. His murder, he writes, was the result of "a recruitment effort gone bad."

As he tells it, the Wallenbergs' relationship with the Soviet Union started in 1944, when Moscow began looking for influential figures in Sweden who might act as intermediaries between the Soviet Union and Finland. Stalin was concerned that Finland, a German ally since 1941, might sign a separate peace agreement with the United States and thus imperil Soviet interests in Finland and the Baltics.

Wallenberg, he says, was arrested on the direct orders of Nikolai Bulganin, the deputy defence minister, who had been given to understand that he was in the pay of Western countries. As crazy as it sounds, there had even been speculation that Wallenberg was controlled by Nazi Germany.

After he was arrested, Wallenberg was treated with kid gloves, since the Soviets tried to turn him into a spy. He was interrogated by, among others, a high-ranking Jewish intelligence officer, Col. Dmitri Koppelansky, who was purged from the security service in 1951.

However, when it became clear that Wallenberg would not cooperate, he was poisoned and then cremated.

Sudoplatov claims that Stalin intended to use Jewish aspirations for a homeland to attract international Jewish funds to the war-torn Soviet Union.

In February 1944, the famous Jewish actor, Solomon Mikhoels, a member of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee, wrote a letter outlining a proposal for a Jewish republic in Crimea. The letter, Sudoplatov says, is still not declassified.

The concept of a Jewish homeland was discussed at the administrative level of the Soviet government and by Stalin himself, we're told. Indeed, Mikhoels was dispatched on a mission to the United States to whip up interest in the putative plan, which died when Stalin voiced opposition to it.

After the war, Sudoplatov notes, Stalin turned his attention to Palestine. He was convinced that Britain and the United States wanted to settle the Palestine question without the involvement of the Soviet Union, as well as to carve up spheres of Western influence in the Middle East.

By way of strengthening Moscow's influence in the region and penetrating the Zionist movement, Stalin sent three Soviet agents to Palestine in 1946. It isn't clear whether they achieved their objectives, but it transpires that one of the spies arranged for the shipment to Palestine of small arms and anti-tank grenades seized from Germany in Romania.

In passing, Sudoplatov discusses the establishment of the Jewish Autonomous Republic in Birobidzhan in 1928. This ill-starred entity, he emphasizes, was not created as "a favor" to Jews, but as an attempt to reinforce Soviet influence in an area under constant attack by Chinese and White Russian "terrorist groups."

Stalin stimulated his anti-Semitic campaign in the second half of 1946, for at least three reasons. After the onset of the Cold War, Stalin's hopes for obtaining overseas Jewish capital faded. Stalin was fed up with "Jewish demands at home," a reference to the rise of Jewish national and religious consciousness in the Soviet Union. Lastly, Stalin felt snubbed and isolated by British and American moves in Palestine.

Stalin's anti-Semitism culminated in a purge of Jews from the Communist party, diplomatic corps, military and intelligence services (all Jewish colonels and generals in the Ministry of Security were summarily arrested). Sudoplatov's Jewish wife, Emma, a KGB lieutenant colonel, retired in 1949, just before the axe fell on her department.

It goes without saying that the purges bore no relation to the victims' loyalty to the state. Sudoplatov relates that, during World War II, 90 percent of the Soviet Union's spies in Nazi-occupied Europe were Jews. Their reports, he says, "enabled us to beat back the (1941) German invasion." Yet, after the war, "we turned against the Jews who had served us loyally," he writes in a tone of regret.

The post-war purges climaxed with the infamous Doctors' Plot, in which a group of physicians, mostly Jews, were unjustly accused of trying to kill Soviet leaders. Sudoplatov compares this episode to the purges of the 1930s, which Stalin orchestrated to eliminate potential rivals.

Sudoplatov comments that the purges spun out of control, and were exploited by politicians who simply "harbored old hatreds against the Jews." For Stalin himself, anti-Semitism was merely "a tool" to sweep away possible centres of political opposition, Sudoplatov believes. "But in the hands of his subordinates it became a revival of an age-old tradition, pure hatred of Jews."

He adds: "Unfortunately, it was a legacy that remained and flourished after (Stalin's) death. The acceptance within the leadership of anti-Semitic policies finally stripped the government of an entire population of public servants who had supported the (1917) revolution and worked for the establishment of Soviet power. When the country came upon hard times and disintegrated, the flower of this educated leadership and their children had emigrated to Israel and the West."

Lest he be misunderstood, Sudoplatov writes that a privileged class of assimilated Jews — intellectuals and highly qualified professionals — remained untouched by the purges.

Sudoplatov claims that Mikhoels was murdered on Stalin's express orders. Mikhoels, he writes, had attained "the stature of a leader with world recognition," and Stalin feared his growing importance. Mikhoels was jabbed with a poisoned needle and later, in Minsk, thrown under the wheels of a truck to create the impression that he had been killed in a hit-and-run accident.

We're definitely not tied by convention

By JACK CHISVIN

It's not that I don't own a tie. I have a rack of them — diagonal stripes, polka dots, flowers, paisleys and indescribable patterns, all made of the best materials money can buy: Italian silks and handwoven wools. To tell the truth I even hoard several shoe boxes of wide and narrow ones so that when Harry Rosen or whoever the maven is who dictates men's fashions announces that new width ties are in, I'll be ready.

I was traumatized when I entered university. I was a poor kid from a working class neighborhood, where wearing ties was not a necessary social grace, but I soon learned that to be a big man on campus a tie was de rigueur. I quickly mastered color coordination and how to make a nifty Windsor knot as if I had been doing it for years. Ever since I have been very fastidious about wearing a tie.

As I was saying, it's not that I don't own a tie, it's just that I decided that I wasn't going to wear it, at least for the summer.

In accordance with a well-known principle, the air conditioning in our house packed it in during the longest sustained heat wave of the early summer. With each passing day as the serviceman promised to come, and didn't, the temperature in the house kept building up. By the fifth day even the night temperature stayed at the century mark (my thermostat is still on the Fahrenheit scale) and sleeping was almost impossible.

That morning standing before the mirror preparing to brave the world, uncomfortable and crankier than usual, I saw this guy tying a thing around his neck, when it suddenly struck me — Why am I doing this? Will it make me more comfortable; will it make me more handsome; will it serve any useful purpose? The answer to each question was no. Logic reigned. The tie was returned to the rack and I haven't worn one all summer.

The recent completion of a major project in our office called for an appropriate celebration — an elegant dinner with our client. The enterprising office resource person found out that an upscale hotel was catering a kosher function and if we would accept the menu fixed for the function, we could have our party of 12 served in the hotel's main dining room. That dining room is best known for its social status, where the pretentious maitre d' sneers at you and the servers intimidate, leaving the distinct impression that they are bestowing a favor by merely waiting on your table. However the occasion warranted the humiliation and dinner was arranged.

Jack Chisvin

Of course the dining room has a dress code. The fish and chip shop near our cottage also has a dress code — there it encourages the diners to wear a shirt and shoes — but here it is a euphemism for wearing a tie and coat. A constraint not imposed on women, but only on liberated men.

I arrived early, a paragon of sartorial splendor, if I do say so myself, with shoes polished, a knife-edge crease in my trousers, a freshly laundered sport shirt and my latest acquisition in blazers draped over my shoulders. Yet the maitre d' was appalled. I was still 10 feet away and already his lips were pursed. He was not going to let me through the door and have a slob denigrate his restaurant. Reluctantly he condescended to talk to me. Perhaps I was only delivering a message.

"M'sie?" (with much affection).

"Has anyone from Mr. Chisvin's party arrived yet? I asked.

"M'sieu Chisvin? A party of 12 I believe, not yet, but M'sieu cannot eat with us, a tie is required." (with finality).

"But I've dressed like this all summer, eaten at the best restaurants even at . . ." I was cut short.

"I understand, but here it is not allowed."

"I see" — and my nimble mind began to race, I was about to enjoy the sweetest, most delicious restaurant experience of my life.

"Well, when M'sheu Chisvin's party arrives tell them the reservation has been changed to that restaurant on Bathurst Street. You know, the one with the faded crepe paper in the store front and where they speak mamaloschen. Au revoir."

As I walked away he was after me. I couldn't believe it, I was being chased by a maitre d'! He wanted me. He was spastic with movement — those effected, put-down, pussy gestures were all gone now. "We can arrange a tie for M'sieu." He was shameless with greed; that fat tip on a 12-plate l'addition was being lost!

I left the hotel feeling like David slaying Goliath; like Judah Macabee defeating the Romans. I know why battles are won or lost. The victory goes to those who are not tied by convention.

Features

Neo-Nazi trip yields results

From Dresden, Sheldon Kirshner surveys the radical right-wing scene in what was East Germany.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Neo-Nazis in Yad Vashem?

The very idea is enough to make one's flesh crawl.

Yet as crazy as it sounds, this is precisely what happened last autumn, when 19 right-wing radicals from the Dresden area descended on the Holocaust memorial-cum-museum in Jerusalem.

Marita Schieferdecker-Adolph, the well-meaning, liberal-minded city official in charge of relations with foreign residents in Dresden, dreamed up the scheme.

Her motivations were clear.

She was concerned by the upsurge of neo-Nazi violence in eastern Germany, particularly in Dresden, and figured that a fact-finding mission to Israel might moderate anti-Semitic attitudes and ultimately be of educational value.

And though she rates the trip as a success, the uproar it generated, in both Germany and Israel, sorely tempted her to quit her job.

A year later, the trip remains a source of contention.

Heinz-Joachim Aris, the executive director of Dresden's Jewish community, believes it was basically a sound idea. But he's irritated that he was not consulted, and he doubts whether it really changed hearts and minds.

Steffen Heitmann, the minister of justice in the state of Saxony, expressed ambivalence as well. "It's questionable whether Jews should have been part of the delegation," he said, referring to the six Jews from Germany who accompanied the neo-Nazis. "Yet dialogue is a good thing."

More such trips should be undertaken, provided they're carefully planned and supported by the Israeli side, he noted.

Schieferdecker-Adolph, a striking 48-year-old with Mediterranean features, conceived the project as a way of fighting the increasing incidence of xenophobia and anti-Semitism in Dresden, a city of 500,000 which was firebombed and nearly levelled by Allied aircraft in 1945.

With the formation of the German Democratic Republic following the war, all manifestations of right-wing nationalism and neo-fascism were stoutly suppressed by the communist authorities. East Germany was held up as a model state where racial tolerance, brotherhood and internationalism flourished.

These utopian concepts were avidly promoted by the hardline Communist regime. But with its ouster in 1989 and its replacement by a reformist coalition government, latent racism, which had been kept in check all these years, bubbled to the surface.

In 1989, the public prosecutor's office in East Berlin investigated 296 cases of neo-Nazi violence, compared to 185 the year before. Jewish cemeteries, in particular, were repeatedly defaced. Such was the situation that the Ministry of Interior issued a report acknowledging that foreigners, homosexuals and Jews had become the targets of neo-fascist thugs.

The xenophobic, anti-Semitic violence, a problem the authorties had preferred to paper over prior to the late 1980s, increased by leaps and bounds in 1990, when East and West Germany amalgamated:

☐In Goerlitz, adjacent to the Polish border, walls were painted with the slogan, "Juden Raus" (Jews Out).

☐In Erfurt, skinheads armed with clubs threatened passersby.

☐In East Berlin, neo-Nazis gathered on the Alexanderplatz to celebrate Hitler's birthday.

☐In Hoyerswerda, skinheads assaulted a group of African workers.

☐And in Dresden, neo-Nazis, shouting "Seig Heil" and "Auslanders Raus" (foreigners out), staged several vocal marches through the centre of town.

The climate of rising intolerance prompted Jewish communities throughout East Germany, for the first time, to request police protection, according to Robin Ostow, a Toronto-based sociologist who writes on German affairs.

Ostow adds that, in 1991, anti-Semitic agitation escalated, with attacks against Soviet Jewish emigrants in locales ranging from Brandenburg to Glauchau.

In 1992, vandals torched a former barrack for Jewish prisoners at the Sachsenhausen Holocaust memorial. The *Rheinischer Merkur* reported that two-thirds of the estimated 5,000 militant neo-Nazi skinheads in Germany were from the five eastern states.

Analysts explain that neo-Nazism emerged for a number of related reasons — high unemployment, a housing shortage, an increase in crime, the legacy of anti-Zionist propaganda which had been disseminated by East Germany, inadequate attempts to come to terms with the Nazi past and, of course, latent racism. These factors were aggravated by the presence of foreign contract workers, especially from Africa and Asia.

In addition, in Heitmann's view, neo-Nazism was a function of opposition to the repressive nature of the regime and of the communism it espoused.

During this period, Dresden became a bastion of right-wing radicalism. Its most notorious neo-Nazi activist, Rainer Sonntag, was gunned down by an assassin in June 1991.

"Anti-Semitism was very strong in Dresden," says Schieferdecker-Adolph, whose family is of French Huguenot ancestry.

But today, she asserts, Dresden no longer claims title to that dubious honor. Strong police work, limits on the right of assembly for neo-Nazis and an outreach program at schools and youth clubs account in large part for the decline of neo-Nazi violence in Dresden.

It was against this background of escalating racism that Schieferdecker-Adolph came up with the idea of reaching out to neo-Nazis and converting them into law-abiding, tolerant citizens.

In April 1993, she organized an encounter between a bunch of neo-Nazis and a group of Holocaust survivors in Munich. "It was a very intense meeting," she observes. "The survivors convinced them that the gas chambers are not a hoax."

Chastened by their conversations with survivors, the neo-Nazis suggested that a trip to Auschwitz would be appropriate. Schieferdecker-Adolph made a counter proposal — Yad Vashem.

She went to Israel to explore the possibility. "The people in Yad Vashem were very open to my idea."

Most of all, she believes, they were moved by the children's memorial. Beyond that, they were forced to acknowledge the reality of the Holocaust, which they had denied; forced to look into the dark soul of Germany, which had committed crimes against humanity; forced to re-examine their skewed beliefs about Jews; and forced to reassess the insensitive Jewish jokes at which they had always laughed.

As a result of their experiences in Israel, they have stopped lashing out at Jews as a group, though some have made harsh comments about Ignatz Bubis, chair of the Central Council of Jews in Germany.

"They're still obsessively nationalistic, but they're not neo-Nazis any more," Schieferdecker-Adolph says. "They wouldn't physically assault a foreigner again."

In bringing them to Israel, she also hoped to dilute their biased view of the Jewish state — the butt of anti-Zionist media campaigns in the former East Germany.

"I wanted to correct the image, propagated by East Germany, that Israel is exterminating the Arabs."

In this respect, she appears to have partially succeeded. "One guy described Israel as 'cool.' Another wants to return with his family." Several, however, were critical of Israel's Law of Return (which grants automatic citizenship to Jews).

Still others, the racism welling up in them, voiced contempt for Arabs.

In retrospect, she would hesitate to lead a similar mission to Israel again, despite her feeling that it would be beneficial for both sides.

Marita Schieferdecker-Adolph [Frank Schroder]

The trip to Israel, paid for by the municipality of Dresden, attracted 19 right-wing radicals and seven Jews, including five emigrants from the former Soviet Union, ranging in age from 16 to 28.

They spent 10 days in Israel, stopping in Jerusalem, Tiberias, Eilat and the Galilee. They did not set foot in the territories.

The trip, as might have been expected, was marked by tension.

One of the Jewish participants couldn't abide the company of the neo-Nazis. And their guide at Yad Vashem, a German convert to Judaism, didn't attempt to conceal her disdain for the rightists.

Furthermore, the German embassy in Tel Aviv appeared embarrassed by the whole affair, largely because the *Jerusalem Post* had carried an inaccurate story claiming that some of the neo-Nazis had refused to visit Yad Vashem.

German newspapers picked up this story, and suddenly, Schieferdecker-Adolph found herself besieged by criticism.

In point of fact, Yad Vashem left a strong impact on the neo-Nazis. "They knew that it is not an amusement park."

"It caused a great commotion, here and abroad," she explains. "I think that German politicians would be reluctant to see another trip of this kind."

And, she says, the adverse publicity triggered by the trip jeopardized her job.

Schieferdecker-Adolph, though, is very much interested in organizing a trip to Auschwitz for right-wing radicals. The Central Council of Jews in Germany has offered its cooperation, and she believes she can make it happen in 1995.

Once mistakenly attacked as a Jew by a neo-Nazi in Dusseldorf, she maintains that the federal government can do still more to combat right-wing extremism and to foster tolerance and pluralism.

She recommends the introduction of more Holocaust education courses in schools, an accelerated program of visits to Holocaust memorials in Germany, and funding for a greater number of specially-trained social workers to work with juvenile delinquents inclined toward racist behavior.

"It's important that Germany doesn't deny its past for the sake of its image. It's important to attack the roots of racism."

Mideast Analysis

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

"We have, so to speak, an (Israeli) consulate general in Berlin for the first time in 2,000 years."

Mordechay Lewy is speaking and he is deliberately indulging in a bit of undiplomatic hyperbole.

A little background:

In October 1991, after West and East Germany fused into one unified nation, Israel opened a consulate-general in the once and future capital of Germany. Lewy, a seasoned diplomat, was appointed the first consul general.

At the time, Israel maintained an embassy in Bonn, its only diplomatic office in West Germany. Israel, which had established formal diplomatic relations with Bonn in 1965, had no representation in East Germany, West Germany's Communist rival on the other side of the Berlin Wall.

A hardline Marxist state, East Germany was the sole Warsaw Pact country which had never officially recognized Israel. Negotiations to establish ties got under way in late 1989, following the fall of the Berlin Wall, the resignation of Communist party boss Erich Honecker and the formation of a reformist government in East Germany.

But these talks were essentially an exercise in futility, since the momentum for unification had already begun. This, in fact, occurred in October 1990. So, for the official record, East Germany passed into history without having established formal links with Israel.

With East Germany's demise, Israel took the first of several steps which climaxed with the opening of a consulate general in Berlin. Its mandate and purpose are clear — to penetrate what had been East Germany.

"Our goal is to build up an extensive network of contacts," Lewy added. "For 40 years, we were excluded from eastern Germany."

A related objective is to disseminate information about Israel, the Jewish people and the Holocaust. Until the late 1980s, East Germans were subjected to a barrage of anti-Zionist rhetoric which portrayed Israel as an aggressive, Western imperialist outpost in the Middle East.

Israel in Berlin

And in line with its ideological orientation, the East German education system did not regard Jews as a people and underplayed the Holocaust as a uniquely Jewish tragedy.

Lewy, a 46-year-old fluent German speaker whose parents emigrated from Germany in 1938, has worked assiduously to change all that.

On the political level, he has cultivated relations with the governments of all five eastern German states — Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Brandenburg, Saxony-Anhalt, Saxony and Thuringia. To date, most of their premiers have visited Israel.

Lewy has promoted cultural ties. There have been a series of Israel Weeks, featuring art exhibitions, concerts, film screenings, book fairs and dance troupes, in 14 towns and cities.

"There's a great interest in things Israeli," said Lewy. "We depict Israel as a Jewish state. We don't separate Israel from the Jewish world."

University exchanges have taken place, and Jewish studies programs have been set up in Leipzig, Halle and Potsdam.

Teachers have been sent to Israel to study ancient and modern Israel. And Lewy himself has appeared in schools to deliver lectures on the Holocaust.

Scientific cooperation has begun, but Israel cannot meet the demand in such fields as chemistry, physics and microbiology.

Trade is yet another item on the agenda. With 17 million consumers, the market in eastern Germany is potentially lucrative. At the opposite end, Israel is seen as a possible importer of railway locomotives and cars.

Few Israelis have invested in eastern Germany's economy, but those who've taken the plunge are in telecommunications and high technology.

Lewy, who was scheduled to leave his post in July to become Israel's ambassador in Thailand, is basically satisfied with his accomplishments in Berlin, particularly in the cultural and political spheres.

"We've changed minds and filled in gaps," he said. "There's still a lot to be done, but the situation has improved."

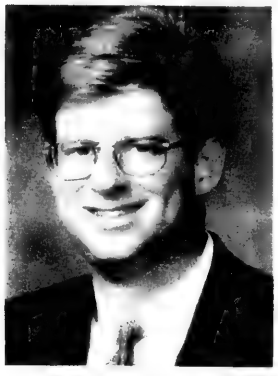
Quebec independent slams PQ, Liberals

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Robert Libman, the independent candidate for D'Arcy McGee, has launched a strong attack on Parti Quebecois (PQ) leader Jacques Parizeau, even though the PQ is not expected to garner many votes in the riding.

Libman set up a computer screen at the front of his Cavendish Mall election office which shows Quebec's debt as it mounts by the second. Libman termed it "the ticking timebomb" Parizeau left taxpayers from the time he was finance minister during the PQ's first government 1976-81.

At a press conference where he flipped



Robert Libman

the computer switch, Libman charged that the total public sector debt grows at a rate of $13,800 per minute. The "doomsday debt clock" is to tick away until the end of the campaign.

Libman lashed into Parizeau after he calculated that the promises the PQ leader had made during one weekend of the campaign alone added up to $200 million.

The computer keeps track of four categories of debt: the government's accumulated deficits; the province's unfunded pension liabilities; the total public sector debt (including Hydro-Quebec, Crown corporations, municipalities and school boards); and the share each Quebecer owes — over $18,000, by Libman's reckoning.

From 1976-77, Quebec's deficit shot up from $801 million to over $5 billion, says Libman using Statistics Canada as his source. The biggest jump took place during the PQ's two mandates; by the time the party lost power, the deficit was $3.5 billion.

Liberal candidate Lawrence Bergman, whose office is also in the mall, did not respond directly to Libman on this point, or any other.

"Mr. Libman is seeking headlines; I'm seeking to build bridges and to advance the interests of the community within the corridors of government," Bergman said. "The main issue in this election is [national] unity, and when the Liberals are elected we will have the tools to stengthen the economy, create jobs and attract investment and that will bring political stability."

Libman has, of course, also been criticizing the Liberals. "The dumping by Daniel Johnson of the only anglophone from cabinet [Sam Elkas], the refusal to even consider widening access for English-speaking immigrants to English schools which is a vital measure needed for the anglophone community to survive, the gross underrepresentation of anglophones in the Quebec civil service and the choice of Yvon Charbonneau as a Liberal candidate are all examples of how anglophones are still taken for granted by the Quebec Liberal Party," Libman stated, in response to the party's direct soliciting of the anglophone vote.

Libman called on whoever forms the government to immediately adopt the recommendation of the committee on English education, chaired by Gretta Chambers, that immigrants to Quebec from English-speaking countries be allowed to send their children to English schools.

Bergman's response is that he wonders why Libman sought to be a Liberal candidate if he is in so much disagreement with the party. "There is an inconsistency here. If only a few months ago [last December], Mr. Libman asked to be accepted as a Liberal, he must have agreed wholeheartedly in our policies, if he is sincere."

There's been a marked difference in Libman and Bergman's campaigns. Libman has been cranking out press statements almost daily, while the Bergman camp has been relatively quiet.

"I'm working hard within government, with ministers on various issues. Even though I'm only a candidate, I've had easy access to ministers. I think I've been effective behind the scenes," said Bergman.

Bergman's campaign manager Jonathan Schneiderman said an announcement will be made by the Liberals, perhaps from Premier Daniel Johnson himself, that will be of significance to the Jewish community, probably later this month.

Bergman would not make a public comment, but it likely will concern funding of the Jewish day schools.

Both candidates got their posters up this week, after Libman made a false start July 25, the day after the election was called. The chief electoral officer agreed with a complaint from Bergman that such advertising was a violation of the Election Act.

"We knew the law; he did not," said Schneiderman. "This shows the weakness of an independent candidate. [Libman] does not have a party to back him up, to do research."

Libman said he is not ignorant of the law; he was just trying to test its limits. "The Quebec election law is not as specific as the federal act. It speaks of a ban on publicity, like newspaper ads, [until 29 days before the election] but does not specifically mention posters.

Lawrence Bergman

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Agudath South Sailing Team members are seen at the Island Yacht Club before a competition. From left (top row) Randy Shiff, Hershy Weinberg, (bottom row) Berl Bessin, Dr. Barry Korzen, the skipper, and Dr. Joseph Minkowitz.

Orthodox men's club mixes sailing and religion on the open waters

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Every Monday evening throughout the summer, a group of Orthodox young men gather at the Island Yacht Club to prepare for an intra-club race.

They are, with one exception, all members of the Agudath Israel South Synagogue. Although they all enjoy sailing, they formed their competitive group two years ago for the friendships.

"I wanted to expose members of my shul to the sailing fraternity and for the camaraderie that goes on at the IYC," says endodontist, Dr. Barry Korzen who is the skipper. Korzen, a member of the IYC, who has been sailing for more than 25 years, is an associate professor in the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Toronto and former chair of the Endodontic Department.

He told *The CJN* that the group daven on board the boat and enjoy having a snack together before settling down to the task of sailing. Team member, Hershy Weinberg, who is in the clothing business, has become the on-board caterer — "the kiddush gabbai on the boat," says Korzen.

Lawyer and businessman, Randy Shiff, a loyal team member, has been sailing since he was 8 years old and he taught sailing at several summer camps. He is the only team member who is not a member of Agudath Israel and says, "I am a renegade from Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue."

The crew members also include cardiologist, Dr. Joseph Minkowitz, lawyer, Steven Nemetz, and businessman, Berl Bessin.

More than 35 boats compete on Monday nights. There are five categories, divided by size and boat type.

"While drifting along, the crew talks about Israel, politics. We tell Lubavitch stories and discuss many other subjects," says Shiff.

"We are a very close knit group," says Korzen. "We attend minyan during the week, daven together on Shabbos; and the sailing team carries us even closer." He adds that although competition is not their priority, the team did win a race this season, to the surprise of the team members.

Korzen notes that, as well as sailing, Agudath South has a cycling club headed by Weinberg.

N.Y. Orthodox group tours B.C.

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — Ninety Orthodox New York men and women, members of Touring Friends of Canada, were in British Columbia recently to visit Jewish communities in Kelowna, Vancouver and Victoria.

The group flew from New York to Calgary, where they boarded two buses for a trip through the Rockies to visit the Okanagan Jewish Community (OJC) in Kelowna, a city in the province's interior. Community president Anita Nadler and past-president Mel Kotler welcomed them, and the group was entertained at the new OJC community centre where Nadler lead them in singing Israeli songs.

The following morning the men held a service in the synagogue, using their own Torah. The rest of the tour arrived for breakfast, hosted by Nadler.

Then it was on to Vancouver where they were entertained and held services at Schara Tzedeck synagogue.

The tour continued by ferry to Victoria where the New Yorkers set up headquarters at the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) for meals and services. They were greeted in Victoria by JCC president Diana Shneider, and Annette Rose. The visitors toured the famed Butchart Gardens and Congregation Emanu-El, the oldest synagogue in continuous use on the West Coast of North America.

The visitors were also given a front seat at Victoria's Symphony Splash, an outdoor event which features the Victoria Symphony Orchestra playing on a barge in the middle of the harbour. More than 40,000 people attended this annual concert.

Food for the tourists was prepared by their own glatt kosher caterer, Joel Weinberger of Los Angeles. Taking advantage of the fact that this is the height of the salmon season here, he used 27 salmon in preparing the meals.

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Senior remembers missing war heroes

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — News that a veterans' group is trying to trace two missing Israeli war heroes — cousins Harvey Cohen and Ed Lucatch of Toronto — struck a responsive chord with Louis Lieberman, 92, of Toronto.

Lieberman and Harvey's father, David Cohen, were close friends who worked together for nine years at Reliable Upholstery.

"That oak dining room set with six chairs I bought for $40 from David when he gave up everything in Toronto in 1950 or 1951 to go and look for his son who had disappeared without a trace," Lieberman told *The CJN*.

"I never heard from David directly, but a year or so later a cousin of his showed me a letter from him saying he didn't find out anything and he was having a hard time in Israel. Not too long after, the cousin told me David died a miserable death there. I've never heard from his wife or three other children who also went to Israel."

Lieberman knew Harvey Cohen as an idealistic youth who was not even 19 when he volunteered to serve with Haganah, even before the State of Israel was declared. He often visited the Lieberman house which was on Brunswick Avenue, north of Harbord Street, and within walking distance of the Cohen house on the same street closer to College Street.

"According to the letter his cousin received from David, Harvey and Ed were given an undercover assignment in Jordan and were dressed as Bedouins for their assignment."

A recent letter to *The CJN* from Sidney Rabinovitch of the American Veterans of Israel states that the two cousins were reported to have arrived at the Tel Litwinsky induction centre early in June, 1948, and within days were missing in action.

"No one has yet claimed to have actually met or seen the cousins in Israel or on the way there," Rabinovich wrote.

Though David Cohen was not a Zionist zealot, he favored Israel's cause, and had no objection to his son's volunteering to fight for its independence.

In his comfortable apartment on Goldfinch Court, decorated with many needlepoint hangings and cushions he has done himself, Lieberman finds it easier to talk about his friend David than about the missing hero.

"He was a brilliant Talmudist and in our lunch breaks in a little room downstairs at the upholstery factory he would regale the 40 or so Jewish workers with tales of the old days. To think that he took all his tools and his possessions to Israel, hoping to open a shop there. As his cousin said — in those days Israel had no great need of upholsterers."

The memories of a full life, photographs and other mementos, give a warm charm to the Lieberman apartment. Included are photos of his three children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

His wife, Annie, died last year at the age of 88, after 22 years as a semi-invalid. They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary, but his wife was too ill to take part in any further observances.

His son, Stanley, is a Toronto lawyer. One daughter, Norma Better, lives in Baltimore, while another, Goldie Ross, is a therapist at North York General Hospital.

Asked if he had any clues as to the whereabouts of Harvey Cohen, Lieberman said: "If anybody could have found him, it would have been his father."

ASI helps Israeli soldiers

TORONTO — During the hot days of an Israeli summer, soldiers and their families can enjoy some much needed rest and relaxation thanks to help from the Toronto branch of the Association for the Soldiers of Israel.

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The Toronto branch of the association is building an air conditioned 20-room dormitory to house 80 soldiers at Ashkelon, in a former absorption absorption centre for Ethiopian immigrants.

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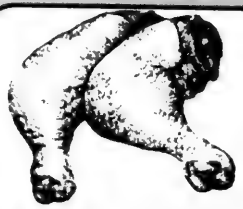

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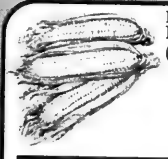

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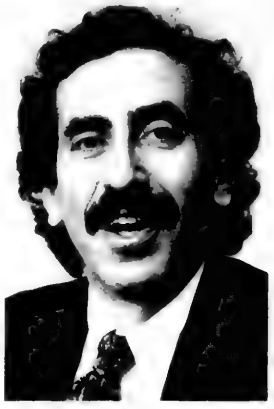

Dr. Alan Bernstein

TORONTO — Dr. Alan Bernstein was recently named director of the Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute of Mount Sinai Hospital. The announcement was made by Lloyd S. D. Fogler, chairman of the board and Theodore J. Freedman, president and chief executive officer of Mount Sinai Hospital.

Bernstein was first recruited to the Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute as head of the Division of Molecular and Developmental Biology. He served as its associate director where he worked closely with Dr. Louis Siminovitch, the retiring director of research. Siminovitch will continue his involvement with the institute and the hospital in a consultative capacity as director emeritus.

Born in Toronto, Bernstein earned his PhD in Medical Biophysics at the University of Toronto. He completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund Laboratories in London, England. He served as a Senior Scientist at the Ontario Cancer Institute for 10 years before joining the institute.

The Lunenfeld Research Institute is about to embark on a major expansion of its laboratory space to establish a new program in Human Genome research aimed at understanding the genetic predisposition of various diseases, including cancer, diabetes, asthma, bone diseases, drug and alcohol addiction and various mental disorders.

In an explanation of the process called gene therapy, Bernstein notes that all over the world, scientists are in the midst of a massive global effort to "crack" the human genetic code, to learn where important genes are on the human chromosomes, exactly what they do, and how they go wrong and lead to human disease.

This undertaking, he says, is one of the most ambitious and important scientific efforts in history.

"The 20th century may well be remembered as much for the Genome project as for other achievements, such as the space program," says Bernstein. "The sheer scope of the project is overwhelming."

He notes that genetic analysis forms the basis of much of the work at the institute, including studies in autoimmunity, neurology, embryological development, as well as breast, colon and other types of cancer.

Bernstein's own interest lies in cancer and blood formation. He and some of his colleagues in the institute, such as Dr. Tony Pawson, are particularly interested in how cells communicate with each other to keep the body functioning properly.

The institute, which was established in 1985, is widely recognized as one of Canada's premier biomedical research facilties, with a research staff of more than 300 and an annual budget of over $20 million, of which three-quarters is secured from national and international peer-review funding and contracts with biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies.

The institute's research programs range from basic studies on the molecular biology of development of cancer to clinical research in a wide spectrum of patient care areas. The institute's major programs include Development and Fetal Health, Cancer and Molecular Biology, and Clinical Epidemiology.

Bernstein explains: "Cells talk to each other — they transmit specific messages such as hormones, to be received by other cells, which can then carry out their necessary functions. It is a very balanced network always under strict control.

"But if mutations occur in some of the genes that control this communication process, the system is disrupted. The transmitting cells can send garbled messages. Alternatively, the receiving cells can misinterpret or not even be able to respond to the incoming messages."

Bernstein says that the institute consciously attempts to combine basic scientific research with clinical research. "This policy has helped keep the institute on the leading edge of research, both in Canada and internationally. By combining clinical and fundamental insights, scientists and physicians cross-fertilize each other's ideas. The result is a research program with a broader perspective."

Noting the reality that research dollars are scarce and that there is competition for funding, Bernstein optimistically adds that with the support of the institute's board and the community, "In the next few years, we have the opportunity to build on our successes and our strengths, enhancing our reputation as a world-class research facility."

The 47-year-old internationally recognized scientist holds the Anne Tanenbaum Chair in Molecular and Developmental Biology and is a professor of Molecular and Medical Genetics at the U of T. He is widely known for his significant contributions to the understanding of the molecular basis of cancer, blood cell formation and retrovirology.

A member of the board of directors of the National Cancer Institute of Canada, Bernstein chairs the International Scientific Council of the Israel Cancer Research Fund.

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Bonds to fete Greenbaum

By MOURA WOLPERT
Special to The CJN

HAMILTON — Described as "an exemplary Jewish woman" and long recognized as one of this community's busiest and most committed volunteers, Cheryl Greenbaum has been named this year's State of Israel Bonds women's division honoree.

The tribute to Greenbaum will take place at the women's division annual gala luncheon on Oct. 5, 12 noon at Adas Israel Synagogue.

The keynote speaker will be well-known American educator and Jewish community leader, Jeanette Eichenwald. A vice-president of the American Jewish Congress, Eichenwald is the child of Holocaust survivors and a passionate speaker who draws on her own life experiences as well as events facing modern Jewry.

Greenbaum is the immediate past chair of Hamilton Bonds women's division, a former United Jewish Appeal (UJA) women's division chair and current co-chair of the 1994-95 UJA general campaign.

Greenbaum grew up in an Orthodox home, the eldest of the four children of Sylvia and the late Morris Klein. Following public and high school education in Dundas, she graduated from the University of Toronto medical school with honors and went on to specialize in internal medicine and hematology.

Dr. Cheryl Greenbaum

Married 22 years to former Torontonian, allergist Dr. Joseph Greenbaum, she shelved her career for a number of years while raising six sons. She recently returned to work as a consultant in hematology at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Following the example set by her late grandmother and her mother, herself a former Bonds women's division honoree, Greenbaum always found time to volunteer. She is a life member of Hadassah-WIZO, where she served as treasurer of her chapter, as well as of Emunah Women and ORT.

She also continues to serve on the executive board of Israel Bonds, is actively involved in Adas Israel Sisterhood and has served on the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) of the Hamilton Hebrew Academy, where her three youngest sons, Moshe, Rafi and Ari are still pupils.

Her husband is president of Adas Israel congregation and their sons' education reflects the couple's deep commitment to Judaism and Israel.

After spending a year at a yeshivah in Israel, the eldest, Eli, is in his first year at Yeshiva University in New York, where he won the prestigious Max Stern scholarship. The next two are also studying at a yeshivah, Dov in Israel, and Yale in Hamilton at the Yeshiva Beit Yitzchak.

Women's division chair for the 1994-95 campaign is Stephanie McLean, while Flora Rams is vice-chair.

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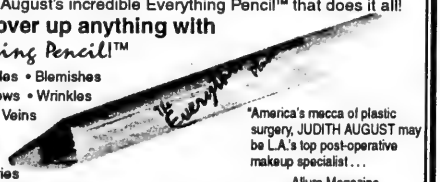

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York Region seniors oppose course costs

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — About 100 seniors from Vaughan and Markham, who are facing steep increases in the fees for courses they take at Bernard Betel Centre, have decided to organize a protest and petition local politicians to help them out.

Up to now, the North York Board of Education and the Betel Centre have subsidized these courses for Betel members who live north of Steeles Avenue and are therefore outside Metro Toronto.

But faced with a cut in their own funds, they can no longer afford the subsidization. As a result, the seniors from such places as Thornhill and Richmond Hill face fees of $180 for a 12-week course or $7.50 per hour of instruction. If it is a course which runs for three semesters, the cost would be $540.

The courses run a wide gamut, including fitness, needlecraft, soapstone sculpture, current events, Yiddish, Bible study, music appreciation, ballroom dancing, Hebrew, pottery, yoga, English as a second language, basic bridge and creative choir.

"There is a perception that York Region is full of couples with young children and that there are no seniors," Sharon Zeiler of the Betel staff told a meeting of 35 seniors from York.

Those at the meeting said there are few resources available for seniors in York and none to match the courses offered by the North York Board of Education.

"My husband, Manny, and I come to the centre three times a week for the North York courses," said Ida Ross, of Thornhill.

Another member from Thornhill said the courses are needed because they provide seniors with the motivation to keep up with the world instead of vegetating.

Program Director Norma Steiner said the centre has no quarrel with the North York Board of Education, but recalled that it took a massive show of interest by centre members to convince the North York Board to continue to offer its courses to seniors under favorable conditions.

Program organizer Bookie Kwart suggested that with an election coming up, centre seniors from York region should attend candidate meetings for York Board of Education and ask questions about services for seniors.

Before the meeting ended, a petition was circulated addressed to York Council and York Board of Education.

Noyek family reunion draws 175 family members

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Davida Noyek Handler, who lives in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, once owned a translation company but gave it up in the early 1980s to concentrate on researching her family tree.

Thanks largely to her research skills and perseverance, some 175 Noyek family members from six countries attended a first-ever family gathering at the Holiday Inn Yorkdale in Toronto this summer.

"We took a print-out of the family tree, which has about 1,500 names on it, and stretched it across three walls of the conference room," Handler recalled. "It was just enormous. It took about six and a half hours for a group of us to mount this thing on the walls. When people came in, they went directly to the tree, found their branch of the family, and saw how it related to the other branches. It was a really good icebreaker."

The gathering was held over the Canada Day-July 4th weekend; Toronto was the chosen site because several branches of the family are located here. Each spells its surname differently, however, so until Handler did her research they were not sure they were related.

"We always thought we came from a small family," said David Noik, owner of a lumber company in Toronto. "All of a sudden, we realized the family was much larger."

The weekend opened with an Oneg Shabbat, and on Saturday Handler explained to her relatives how she had fit all the pieces of the vast international genealogical puzzle together. She used such diverse sources as U.S. passenger lists and naturalization records, Irish civil registration records, and 19th-century Jewish records for various towns in Lithuania, which she found in the Mormon's Family History Library.

Afterwards, a representative of each branch of the family gave a short presentation, explaining how their ancestors had left Lithuania for their respective countries, and how they had survived there. But as in most Jewish families, there were many relatives who had not survived. A poem was read in dedication to family members killed by the Cossacks, or in the Russian-Japanese war, or in the Holocaust, or during the harsh Stalinist era. As well, a group photograph was taken.

Handler has determined the surname Noyek was invented by Joseph, the son of the earliest known patriarch, Shmuel Similovitch (born about 1798). Joseph purportedly took the name for himself and his family because he needed a non-Jewish-sounding surname to outsmart the dreaded chappers (grabbers), Russian soldiers who nabbed Jewish boys for an obligatory 25- or 35-year term in the Russian army.

For Handler, one of the best moments of the gathering was when she met a relative from South Africa, Leonard Israelsohn, who represented a branch of the tree she had been seeking for years. Israelsohn had heard of the gathering and dropped by to see what it was all about while in Toronto visiting his son.

"He added 46 names, addresses and telephone numbers to our list of relatives," Handler said. "We had no idea these people existed — we were writing names on the wall until 1 a.m. I get very emotional thinking about this because it was the end of a 10-year search, looking for that particular branch of the family."

Toronto relatives who attended the gathering unanimously said it exceeded their expectations. Dr. Minna Noik Stein, a Toronto dentist who is the deputy registrar of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario, said it was exciting to meet representatives of the family from Canada, the United States, Israel, England, South Africa and Ireland. "My kids are normally blase about most things — my daughter is going to be 19 and my son is going to be 21 — but even they were blown away by this," she said.

The Noyek family.

"Everyone had wonderful stories to tell," said Rose Noyek Farber, who still speaks with a faint Irish lilt almost four decades after coming to Toronto from her native Dublin. Although she tripped and broke her leg on a speed-bump outside the hotel, she has happy memories of the occasion, and hopes there will be another in a couple of years.

That would probably suit Dr. Arnold Noyek, chief of ear, nose and throat surgery at Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital. Along with Handler, Noik, Stein and Farber, Dr. Noyek was on the planning committee and also served as emcee.

"This family's history is a microcosm of Jewish survival," he mused. "The migrations, the persecutions ... we've had to contend with the Cossacks, the Nazis, the right-wing elements in the liberation of Lithuania, the Stalinists. ... We're looking at just a little piece of human history, and it's so reflective of the human will to survive. I find it very moving.

"The pride I take in this family is that this is a family that doesn't slow down. It's a tenacious family; look at the individuals. They're high-energy people who aren't about to get derailed."

For Handler, whose genealogical research made the family gathering possible, the work is far from over. Although she has published the family history in two impressive volumes, material keeps flowing in, and there are many corrections and additions to be made.

"I feel that other than raising my children, it's probably the most important thing I've ever down in my life," she said.

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For business, a deep, rich brown suit coupled with a crisp white shirt speaks volumes. Tweeds and tartans remain, as always, a traditional part of Fall. A colourful tartan argyle vest looks effortlessly chic with dark solids or tweeds -- and it's just the ticket to brighten any business suit.

Suits are more flattering and less restricting with longer, more tailored jackets and skirts that are on the rise. Anything goes from playful mini to conservative just-above-the-knee lengths.

For something slightly more relaxed team skirts or pants with this seasons influx of sweaters. Whether long and loose or short and fitted, mohair, cashmere or angora, sweaters add warmth, texture and variety to whatever they're matched with. Wear them over extra lacy blouses or a tiny tank or by themselves. The combinations and possibilities are endless.

Denims continue to play an important role in every wardrobe. Try jeans teamed with a short fitted sweater for casual comfort or a soft, cashmere cardigan tied at the waist for a little hint of glamour.

Sheath dresses (otherwise known as jumpers) are a definite hit this season worn over soft, delicate sweaters of contrasting colours. This combination can work equally well for the office or for a night out on the town.

And for that special date or dinner party you can't beat the rich, sophisticated look of velvet. No matter what colour, velvet is so luxurious that you need little else than a simple strand of pearls or some ornamental gold earrings to complete the look.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By Carolyn Blackman

DEADLINE REMINDER

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Sunday, August 21

JEWISH RECOVERY NETWORK

The Jewish Recovery Network is an organization whose aim is to provide emotional, spiritual and communal support for Jews in a 12-step recovery program, as well as serving as a resource centre and information exchange. The next meeting, 4-6 p.m. will be held at Earl Bales Senior Centre. For information, call (905) 669-0904.

SUMMER BAZAAR

Magen David Congregation Sisterhood is holding a bazaar, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 10 McAllister Rd., Bathurst and Sheppard. New women's clothing and more. For information call **Rachel**, 340-7246 or 633-6734.

DYSTONIA SUPPORT GROUP

The Toronto Dystonia Support Group is dedicated to helping dystonia sufferers enrich and enhance the quality of daily life. The regular monthly meeing is 2-4 p.m., Room 103, sixth floor, Toronto Hospital, Western Division (Bathurst and Dundas St.) For information call, 487-8326.

ANNUAL ORT PICNIC

The second annual ORT picnic is at Earl Bales Park, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Section 2. Bring family and friends, play games and have fun. Bring lunch and a dessert to share. Admission free. For information call 787-0297.

PNAI MEETING

The Toronto Chapter of Parents of North American Israelis is having its next meeting, 7:30 p.m., Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

Monday, August 22

AT AISH HATORAH

Dr. Michael Kirzner will help you discover the necessary tools and concepts for starting and continuing your search for meaning and fulfilment, at Aish HaTorah, Thornhill, in the offices of the Promenade, Suite 303, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, August 23

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of North Bathurst presents There's a New Baby in Your Life, the second in a series of four monthly meetings, 8 p.m., 55 Rosedale Heights, Thornhill. Discussions include childbirth options, getting breastfeeding started and the family's relationship to the breastfed baby. Meetings are open to pregnant or nursing mothers who are interested in information, help and support for breastfeeding. Babies are welcome. For information call **Robin**, (905) 886-8364 or **Risa**, (905) 738-8870.

Wednesday, August 24

BEST OF DANNY KAYE

Overbrook Cultural Club presents a video, *The Best of Danny Kaye*, 2 p.m., Lodzer Centre, 12 Heaton St. (Bathurst & Sheppard). Refreshments following. Members no charge, non-members, $2. For information call **Millie Herzog**, (905)882-5442.

TRANSNISTRIA ASSOC.

The Transnistria Survivors' Association will be meeting again 7:30 p.m., Beth Habonim Synagogue, 5 Glen Park Ave. For information, **Felicia Carmelly**, 482-1813.

Thursday, August 25

INFERTILITY AWARENESS

A discussion group on Pregnancy and Parenting After Infertility presented by Infertility Awareness Association will be held 7 p.m., Women's Health Centre, 790 Bay St., 8th floor. Get support and network with others who share your concerns. Fee, $10 per person; $15 per couple. Advanced registration required. For information, call IAAC Toronto, 691-3611.

ADULT FILM NIGHT

Wychwood Branch, Toronto Public Library, 1431 Bathurst St., one block south of St. Clair, is screening *The Window*, 6:30 p.m. Call 393-7683.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

EPILEPSY SUPPORT GROUP

Share experiences and information as well as stress management at an Epilepsy Support Group which meets Sunday afternoons in North York. For information, call **Reisa**, (905) 889-7534.

HEBREW SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Ahavat Israel Hebrew School offers a Sunday school program for children 5-12 years of age. Curriculum includes Herew language, reading, writing, prayers, holidays, Jewish history and Bible. Special events throughout the year such as sukkah decorating, Passover seder, challah baking and Purim party. Registrations being accepted for 1994-95 school year. Previous Jewish education not a prerequisite. For information call **Leslie Shapiro**, (905) 731-5054.

YOUTH ADVISORS/LEADERS

Beth Sholom Synagogue youth department is looking for energetic and enthusiastic leaders for youth groups ages 7-12 and 13-18. Those interested should be in last year of high school or university and have some experience in leadership. Call youth director at the synagogue office, 783-6103 or evenings, 781-5449.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

Senior Care requires volunteers to provide escort and/or transportation for its clients to medical appointments, shopping, banking and social activities within North York. Drivers are reimbursed for gasoline and parking expenses. For information call **Arnold Foss**, 635-2860.

KABBALAH SUNDAY SCHOOL

A Jewish program for 4-12 year olds includes Hebrew language, parsha and Torah learning, Jewish holidays, drama, arts & crafts, singing and dance. For information and registration for 1994-95 school call, Kabbalah Learning Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W., 631-9395.

BAYCREST SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds Shacharit services weekdays, 8:30 a.m. and Mincha, Maariv, 6 p.m. Shabbat services are at 9 a.m. preceded by Talmud studies with **Gershon Samonovits** at 8 a.m. For information call **David**, 256-1600.

CHILD CENTRE VOLUNTEERS

Centennial Infant and Child Centre is a preschool program for developmentally delayed and physically handicapped children. Volunteers follow an individualized program to physically stimulate the children. Training provided. A commitment of one school term is preferred. Program takes place weekday mornings in the Yonge/Lawrence area. There is a pool program one morning a week. For information call the Volunteer Centre-North York, 631-6117.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

Karen Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave. announces that registration is now open for fall courses for adults and teenagers in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced students. Morning courses run Mondays, Oct. 3-Jan. 9, 9:40-11:05 a.m. Evening courses run Tuesdays, Oct. 4-Jan. 10, 7:30-9 p.m.

All classes are conducted under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers. The promise is that beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew in 14 sessions. Free introductory private lessons are offered for beginners. Instructor for beginners' course is **Joseph Klinger**, well-known educator and founder of the Israeli ulpan method of teaching Hebrew. For consultation and registration, call 787-0197.

DINNER VOLUNTEERS

Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care is looking for volunteers to meal assist during the dinner hour. This is an excellent opportunity to help someone and gain hands-on experience at the same time. Training program provided. For information and to set up an appointment call 785-2500, ext. 2572.

CONVERSATIONAL YIDDISH

Anecdotes, humor and proverbs help you develop oral skills in Yiddish. Gain an appreciation of Yiddish and acquire skills you can use every day. Pre-register with a $31.50 fee at North York Public Library, Armour Heights Community Branch, 2140 Avenue Rd., before September 24. Classes held Thursdays, Sept. 29-Dec. 1, 1-2:15 p.m.

TORAH OHR HEBREW SCHOOL

Torah Ohr Hebrew School, Bayview-Steeles (Sundays only) and Bathurst-Major MacKenzie (Tuesdays-Thursdays only), is now taking registration for the 1994-95 school year for ages 5 to bar/bat mitzvah. Curriculum covers modern Hebrew language, prayers, reading, writing, Jewish history, holidays and celebrations. For information, 785-1161.

LEARNING NON-SERVICE

Rabbi Michael Skobac leads a learning non-service for beginners both days of Rosh Hashanah 10 a.m.-noon, Congregation Shaarei Tzedec, 397 Markham St., 1 block west of Bathurst, 1 block south of Harbord. Bring questions. Co-sponsored by Jewish Students' Union, University of Toronto. Call 923-9861 for information.

OHR SOMAYACH

Rena Schochet will give a public lecture for women only, Sunday, August 21, Ohr Somayach, 613 Clark Ave. W., 8:30-9:30 p.m. Topic is Women of Destiny in High Holiday Liturgy: Chava, Sarah, Rebecca and Chana.

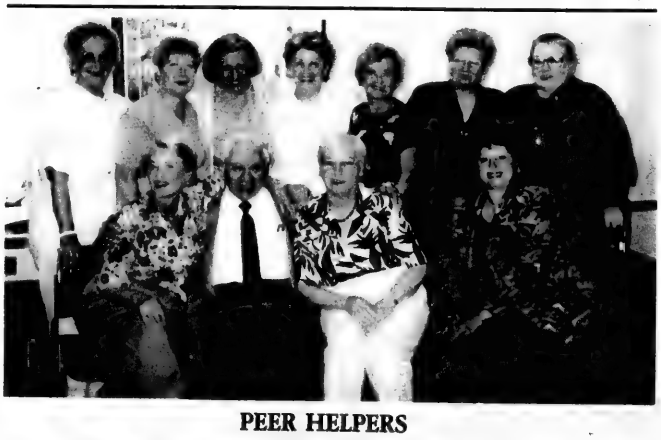
A class for beginning beginners, Handling the High Holidays, with **Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz** runs Sundays, 22 Gilgorm, 10-11 a.m. and Thursdays, 613 Clark Ave., 8:30-9:30 p.m.

Introduction to Kabalah, taught by **Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz** runs Wednesdays, 22 Gilgorm, 8:30-9:30 p.m.

Rena Schochet teaches High Holiday Prayer and Prayers, Thursdays, 22 Gilgorm, 10-11:30 a.m. For information on all activities call (905) 886-5730.

JEWISH BODY, JEWISH SOUL

A new lifestyle and wellness program co-sponsored by Kavannah and Bloor JCC, Jewish Body, Jewish Soul, offers classes in body awareness, meditative practice, relaxation, healing techniques and Jewish studies. Rush-hour Roof Top Meditations held at Bloor JCC, Tuesdays, 7:15-8:15 a.m. Feldenkrais Awareness Through Movement classes, Wednesdays August 24 and 31, with **Shelley Duke**, explore High Holiday themes of intention, forgiveness and atonement. Classes, $18, by pre-registration. Other High Holiday season offerings in coordination with Downtown Reform Minyan and Kolel include High Holiday Prayers and Themes with **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein**, August 23. Fall brochures and High Holiday event schedules available at Bloor JCC, 924-6211 or by calling Kavannah, 485-5975.



PEER HELPERS

Senior Peer Helper Training Program graduates recently completed an intensive course to prepare them to work in challenging volunteer opportunities. The program is co-sponsored by Jewish Family and Child Service, Bernard Betel Centre, Senior Care, Baycrest Centre and Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

CONFERENCE

H. Thomas Beck, chair and president, Canadian Society, Weizmann Institute of Science, (left) and Professor Haim Harari, president, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel attended the recent eighth International Leadership Conference in London, England.

for seniors

Lifestyle Retirement Communities Forest Hill Place lecture series, Topics in International Relations, with **Morton Manilla**, continues Thursday, August 25, with The Polarization of Canadian Politics, 2 p.m., 645 Castlefield Ave. Admission free but early reservations requested. For information or registration call **Gloria Gibbins**, 785-1511.

Club Hadar meets Mondays and Wednesdays 1-4 p.m. during the summer at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2 for painting, discussion, bingo, cards, Bible studies. Call **Viola Landman**, (905) 886-2625.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events: Tuesday, August 23, Niagara on the Lake and falls, members $18, non-members $20. Departs 9 a.m. from community centre. Bring or buy own lunch; Stage West, Mississauga to see *Pajama Tops*, Wednesday, Oct. 12. Members $34, non-members $36. Includes transportation and all you can eat buffet. Bus leaves 10:30 a.m. from community centre; *Showboat* at North York Centre for Performing Arts, Wednesday, Oct. 19. Members, $50, non-members $52. Includes transportation. Departs community centre, 12:30 p.m.; August 21, there is a dance in the community centre with live band, 7:30-10:30 p.m., $4 members, $5 non-members. Thursday, August 25, 7 p.m., PC, MPP Charles Harnick will speak in the clubhouse. Refreshments served. Good news for members: Harry the barber is back on the job, 9 a.m.-noon, Mondays and Wednesdays. For information on ongoing programs call **Espie**, 395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). On August 25, **Yaron Haik** will discuss What is a Good Investment for You? Sunday, August 28 there is a day trip planned to Georgian Bay area and Wasaga Beach, $20 members, $22 non-members.

The Wellness Education Group, Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., presents Lungs for Life, How to Keep Your

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What's New

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Lungs Healthy, Wednesday, August 24, 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the assembly room. Speaker is **Trudy Kamburis**, Metropolitan Lung Association. For seating purposes, register by August 23 at Wagman Centre Office, 785-2500, ext. 2267. Members and residents of Baycrest Terrace, free; $2 guests.

Sunrise Group upcoming trips: Washington D.C., Oct. 2-Oct. 6 includes Holocaust Memorial; Quebec fall foliage tour includes Montreal, Quebec and Montreal casino, Oct. 7-10; Pine Resort in Catskills, Oct. 31-Nov. 4; Atlantic City, Oct. 9-12. Phone **Esther**, 223-9165 or **Ida**, 636-8696.

Bowlers, 60 + for 10-pin bowling, every other Saturday night, beginning September 3 at York Bowl, Wilson Ave. Call **Ray**, 781-0906 or **Charlotte**, 638-4413.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club's opening luncheon is on Monday, August 22, 12:30 p.m. The Israeli trip has been extended to three weeks, Oct. 31-Nov. 21. Registration is still open for the two Stratford trips, Sept. 29 to see *Twelfth Night* and Oct. 18 to see *Cyrano de Bergerac*. For information on programs and trips call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

City of North York presents Health Matters for Seniors, weekly talks by North York Public Health Nurses on health topics ranging from osteoporosis to stress. Attend scheduled talks or request a speaker for your group by calling 395-7600.

LZA Seniors Club continues taking registration for the Miami trips to Di Lido Hotel, every Wednesday morning 10 a.m.-noon in the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. For information call **Belle**, 633-5841 or **Libby**, 782-2059. Seats still available for Stratford trip to see *Pirates of Penzance*, Wednesday, Oct. 12. Seats also available for Washington D.C. trip, Oct. 30-Nov. 3.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

August is Membership Awareness Month at the Centre and a variety of exciting events are scheduled including a New Members' Tea, August 22, weekly coffee corner and several trips. For more information and a tour of the Centre, call **Helen Issenberg**.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre, Osteoporosis Support Group meets Tuesday, August 23, 1:30-3 p.m. in the Cultural Room. For information, call **Brenda**.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. A fifth anniversary party with full dinner and entertainment is on Oct. 5. Tickets available at the Centre. Call **Anna**.

Join the Centre for a picnic at Earl Bales Park, Area 3, Tuesday, August 23, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Bring lunch. Family welcome. There will be entertainment, refreshments and prizes. RSVP Information Desk.

Movie, Sunday, August 21, 2:30 p.m. is *The King and I*. Members, free; non-members, $1.

Wednesday afternoon social, August 24, 1:30 p.m. features **Ella Porett**. Members $3, non-members, $4.

Lifelong Learning Institute presents **Rachel Kastoryano** accompanied by **Michael Khinkis**, Monday, August 22, 1 p.m. in the Synagogue. Members $1, non-members, $2.

HEART LIGHT CRUISE

Enjoying a laugh during the recent Heart Light Cruise III on behalf of the New Comprehensive Heart Institute at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Medical Centre are (from left) Dr. Bernard Kafka; noted stage and screen personality Harvey Atkin, guest personality and auctioneer for the evening; "Captain" Bernie Abrams, first vice-president, Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation; Brenda Kafka, a former president of the Foundation's Toronto Women's Division and currently a national board member; and Celia Atkin.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Pinchas Gutter, incoming president of the Baycrest Men's Service Group (MSG), congratulates outgoing president Ted Waldman on receiving a certificate of honor at the recent installation of MSG's 1994/95 officers and executive committee. [BDS Studios photo]

About People

YESHIVA U GRADS

Eleven Ontario residents were among 70 students from Canada, United States and Israel to receive master of social work degrees at commencement exercises for the Block Plan of Yeshiva University's Wurzweiler School of Social Work in New York City.

The graduates are **Margaret Ash** of Etobicoke; **Linda Brotman, Susan Brotman, Carolyn Cahin, Anat Feldhendler, Arthur Samuel** and **Cynthia Pink** of Toronto; **Jeffrey Fishbain** of Ottawa; **Wendy Kline** of Richmond Hill; **Rudy Kreindler** of Don Mills and **Asya Vit** of Thornhill.

The Block Plan allows students to complete degree requirements for the MSW in three summers of study in New York City while working for social service agencies throughout the world during the traditional academic year. Students are also required to participate in supervised field work. Those already employed in appropriate agencies may use their work setting to fulfil this requirement provided the work assignment meets certain educational criteria.

The Wurzweiler School of Social Work, founded in 1957, offers master of social work and doctor of social welfare degrees through a variety of programs.

GIFT FOR BETH TORAH

Beth Torah Synagogue was the recipient of a gift of a framed declaration of the newly established State of Israel in 1948. Members Larry and Barbara Gross made the donation to the synagogue on the 46th anniversary of the State of Israel. The declaration belonged to Barbara Gross's late parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Everett who resided in Saint John, N.B. [Mollie Rothman photo].

HALLELUYAH COMPETITION

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Family Matters

by

John Syrtash, B.A. (Hon.), LL.B.

Is there life after divorce?

In a surprising development that will immeasurably help former spouses of retirees, an Ontario court recently ruled that a pension plan must pay survivor's pensions to divorced spouses. The ruling applies to all public and private pension plans and ex-spouses of pensioners who retired on or after January 1, 1987.

In the case of *Smiley V. Ontario Pension Board*, Mr. Justice Christopher Speyer's ruling (which is not being appealed) decides that someone who divorces his spouse can collect survivor's benefits, without that person still being married to the retiree prior to his or her death.

The case involved the former wife of an Ontario civil servant. On separation the couple agreed, in a separation agreement, that even if the retiree remarried or cohabited with a new partner, he would ensure that only the former spouse would be entitled to survivor benefits. However, the Pension Board would not permit the surviving former spouse's claim, notwithstanding the separation agreement. In overruling the Pension Board, the Court sets a critical precedent, giving former spouses the status of non-divorced spouses. In my opinion, it is now conceivable that the same principle could eventually be applied by the Courts to insurance plans, such as Extended Health Benefit Plans. I frequently have been asked by a spouse to delay a divorce because, by virtue of their spouse's employee health benefit plan, the client would be "cut out" of prescription drug/dental benefits once the divorce was finalized. Are we that far away from the Courts or the Legislature ensuring that former spouses continue to be covered by such plans? I think not. Of course, premiums for employers and some employees will escalate, particularly if claims from multiple spouses of the same survivor or employee begin pouring in.

For the moment, I advise anyone contemplating separation to look carefully at the terms of survivor's benefits in their employee/employer Pension plans and examine their limits carefully with the assistance of a competent lawyer and Pension consultant/accountant. Lawyers negotiating separation agreements must now also be very careful not to "give away" the right to survivor benefits by ignoring them. They must ensure this item is part of their "checklist" of goodies that form part of the non-pensioned spouse's rights in any separation agreement and ensure that the agreement confirms that the rights survive divorce. I would also include a provision putting the pension plan on formal notice of the rights of the recipient spouse to such benefits.

Needless to say, survivor's benefits should not be confused with the value of the pension itself (i.e. while the pensioner is still alive). Particularly after a long marriage, a pension often has a large value based on a prospective "stream of income". Actuaries are usually used to valuate lump sum values for these pensions for family law purposes, often considerably before the pension becomes payable. The value of the pension is then often split on a cash basis 50:50, or less, depending on the length of the marriage. The sale proceeds of many matrimonial homes on separation have not been split equally, precisely because one of the spouses is anticipating a large pension income on retirement. In many cases, he is expected to share this pension with his spouse on a "present cash" basis, and **not** when he retires.

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New book puts author Ozick under the microscope

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — It has long been debatable whether Jewish-American author Cynthia Ozick strives to be a serious writer or a writer of comedic tongue-in-cheek fiction.

Although Ozick's works have been thoroughly analyzed in several books and numerous critical articles, a recently published book, *Cynthia Ozick's Comic Art: From Levity to Liturgy* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press) by author, lecturer and playwright Sarah Blacher Cohen sheds new light on Ozick's enigmatic writing.

Cohen, in a telephone interview with *The CJN*, said that she believes that Ozick does not set out to make people laugh. "Nevertheless, in her originally clever fashion, she tells the whole embarrassing truth, which the art of comedy is dedicated to telling. She unhesitatingly reveals that the emperor has no clothes and she exposes the folly of those who insist he's dressed in the finest attire."

Cohen explains that Ozick portrays her hybrid conception of human nature by revealing that "we are not ethereal paragons of virtue, but earth-bound awkward creatures repeatedly committing the same mistakes and

Sarah Blacher Cohen

indiscretions, continually stumbling upon unforeseen obstacles, grappling with inevitable disruptions and reversals."

The conspicuous comic element of Ozick's fiction, argues Cohen, is comedy of character which exposes the tainted nature of her protagonists. Some of her characters are aware of their unsightly flaws and struggle to eliminate them, secure enough to make fun of themselves at their own expense. Cohen says that "their self-mockery elicits Ozick's sympathetic laughter."

Examining Ozick's characters under a microscope, Cohen sets her readers on a new path of understanding of the ironies and false images of Ozick's real-life creations. Transitions "from the flippant to the philosophic, from the risible to the moralistic," notes Cohen, "are present in most of Ozick's fiction and are the most prominent feature of her comedy of ideas."

Although Ozick has been influenced by the literary works of such writers as Henry James, Saul Bellow, Flannery O'Connor and George Eliot, "nevertheless, she strikes out on her own." Cohen describes Ozick as "an adroit juggler of many kinds of comic prose, which are often juxtaposed within an individual work."

Cohen is a professor of English at the State University of New York, Albany. She is the author of *Saul Bellow's Enigmatic Laughter*, and editor of *From Hester Street to Hollywood*, *Jewish Wry*, and *Comic Relief*.

In 1981, Cohen was awarded a Distinguished Fulbright Professorship to Yugoslavia where she lectured on Jewish American humor, fiction and drama.

Among her many plays, in 1984, Cohen collaborated with Isaac Bashevis Singer on an off-Broadway play, *Schlemiel the First*, which was produced at the Jewish Repertory Theatre.

She recently completed a new play with music, *Molly Picon's Return Engagement* which is being staged in cities throughout the United States.

Cohen will be attending the Second International Conference of Yiddish Clubs which will be held in Toronto in October.

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Toronto UJA mission visits ancient shul

AUGUZ, Azerbaijan — Members of a Toronto UJA leadership mission recently stepped into a mysterious chapter of Jewish history when their helicopters landed in a soccer field in this mountain town.

Some 150 Jewish families live in this lush, forested region, high in the Caucasus mountains. Auguz is 175 kilometres from Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan, deep inside what was once the former Soviet Union.

The Jewish presence in Auguz is 2,600 years old, and the prevailing language is a dialect of Farsi from Persia.

The century-old Auguz synagogue was closed by the Communist regime in 1930, and transformed into a warehouse. Two years ago, the synagogue was returned to the Jewish community, restored and refurbished by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

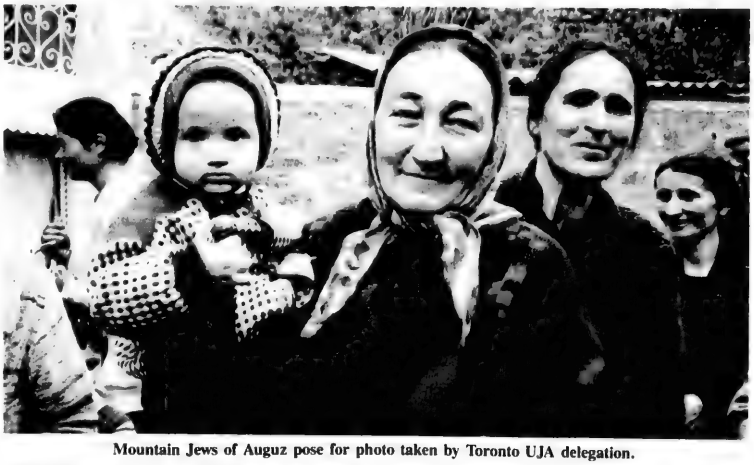
The 14-member Toronto delegation attended the synagogue rededication ceremony under the curious stares of about 100 Jews who, according to 1995 UJA campaign co-chair Wendy Eisen, "appeared to have stepped out of the 18th century.

"Despite the fact that nobody had prayed there for 70 years, the Auguz community has managed to preserve its unique Jewish identity."

The Jews in Auguz have lived in harmony with their non-Jewish neighbors for centuries. However, they are now endangered by their proximity to the front lines in the war with Armenia, 40 kilometres away.

"Most mountain Jews are not concentrated in towns such as Auguz," said Dr. Baruch Gur, who heads Jewish Agency efforts in the former Soviet region. "They live in Baku, where the community is being assimilated at a much larger pace than any other Jewish group."

The agony of an ongoing war, political instability and economic deterioration have motivated more than 22,000 Azerbaijan Jews to make aliyah, with the Agency's help, during the past two years. Entire Jewish communities have been evacuated from the war zones. "It's just one example of how UJA rescues Jews in distant corners of the world," Eisen said.



Mountain Jews of Auguz pose for photo taken by Toronto UJA delegation.

North York youth gets top marks with an average of 99.5 per cent

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Howard Feldman cannot count the number of people who have asked him where he lost the extra marks on his Grade 13 report card.

Feldman, who just turned 19, recently graduated from Earl Haig Secondary School with a 99.5 per cent average, the highest of any student in North York.

The son of Rubin, a master electrician and Alice, an insurance broker, Feldman earned 100 per cent in chemistry, physics and three mathematics courses.

"I always knew I was good in math. Even in the primary grades I loved numbers but I only started taking chemistry and physics in Grade 11. I really didn't know I had such potential in these subjects as well. As for those few extra marks, I didn't just concentrate on maths and sciences, I also took history, family studies and business."

He says he did not spend the entire year studying. "School work comes easily to me. I do all the homework that is required and no more. I still have time for a part-time job at a movie theatre and to pursue hobbies such as stamp and coin collecting, playing sports and programming my computer."

Feldman is headed for University of Toronto (U of T) next year to study engineering science. He was awarded about $17,000 in scholarships, $10,000 of which is divided over four years, provided he keeps up a high average.

Howard Feldman

"I chose U of T because it is known for its engineering courses and I can still live at home.

"I'm not quite sure where exactly the engineering courses will lead but hopefully some type of management position in the engineering field. I'm interested in biomedical engineering and computer engineering but we do not specialize until our third year."

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Challah a sweet holiday tradition

By MARCY GOLDMAN
Special to The CJN

For many, Rosh Hashanah means the timeless New Year's services and songs, the Hebrew school snacks of honey and apple slices, and the warm, heady scent of the Indian summer that pervades family gatherings.

The theme of sweetness for the new year underscore the season, and foods like apples, raisins and pomegranates are edible symbols of the holiday.

But the most indelible food of the Jewish New Year's table is the raisin-studded egg bread or faigele. This enticing circular bread is a particularly rich rendition of the regular Sabbath challah, and its round form represents the continuity of life, while the addition of extra honey and plump raisins exemplify the holiday theme.

According to Freda Reider in *The Hallah Book*, the faigele's roots go back to 18th-century Ukraine. That's when some Jewish bakers used to top the holiday challah with a bird's head made of additional dough, with two raisins for eyes. Reider writes, "The symbolism of the faigele [Yiddish for little bird] is, may our sins be carried away by the bird, and may she fly with our prayers for salvation straight up to God."

Eventually the spiral challah lost its little bird of dough, but the name remains. Its "round bounteous form still symbolizes universal peace, harmony, and the full measure of prosperity for the new year," Reider writes.

Contemporary professional bakers also resist adding on the bird's head but the turban-shaped breads endure, filling Jewish bakery shelves for the two first days of the holiday, as customers pick up one bread or more as gifts, and certainly, as a centre piece for their own holiday table.

BREAD MACHINE SPECIAL NEW YEAR'S CHALLAH

1 cup cool water
1 3/8 tsp. salt
1 tbsp. sugar
2 eggs, beaten
2 yolks (beaten with whole eggs)
¼ cup honey
¼ cup vegetable oil
3½ - 3¾ cups flour (approx. 16-18 oz. total)
3 tsp. instant yeast
1 cup raisins, plumped and blotted dry

Egg Wash:

1 egg
1 yolk
Sesame seeds — optional, for sprinkling

Prepare raisins and set aside until needed.

Place water, salt, sugar, eggs, yolks, honey and oil and all but ½ cup of flour into the machine's pan in order given or in order stipulated by manufacturer.

Manually mix dough (before machine is put on) with a narrow spatula or wooden spoon handle for one to two minutes — this is a heavy, rich dough and needs a head start.

Put on dough mode or program.

Dust in additional flour as dough forms into a ball and seems wet enough to call for remaining flour. Usually it needs all of the flour but holding some back until later results in a better dough.

Add in raisins before second knead. If your machine will not allow this, complete the dough cycle, remove to a floured board and simply press the raisins in. (Note: dough may not be smooth.)

Divide dough into three sections. Braid as you would a regular braided loaf of challah. Form braid into a circle and pinch ends together.

Line a baking sheet with baking parchment and sprinkle on some cornmeal. Place braid on top. For a unique treatment, place braid in a lightly greased, cornmeal-bottomed, 10-inch springform pan. Generously brush bread with egg wash glaze. Sprinkle on sesame seeds if using.

Allow bread to rise, 30 to 40 minutes, until it is almost doubled.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Bake 30-35 minutes, until crust is nicely browned.

TRADITIONAL NEW YEAR'S FAIGELE OR HONEY RAISIN

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Challahs come in all shapes and sizes

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⅔ cup oil
4 eggs
3 egg yolks, extra
7-8 cups approx. unbleached all-purpose flour
1½ cups dark or yellow raisins, plumped and dried

Egg Wash Glaze

1 egg
1 egg yolk
2 tbsp. water
Sesame seeds sprinkle
Cornmeal for sprinkling

In a large mixing bowl briskly stir together the yeast, water, salt and honey. Add oil, eggs, and yolks and half of the flour. If using an electric mixer, attach dough hook and add most of the remaining flour. Knead 8-10 minutes (same amount of time by hand) until dough is soft and elastic and leaves the sides of the bowl. If it is sticky, add small amounts of flour until dough is soft but no longer sticks.

Let dough rest on a lightly floured board 10 minutes, then knead or press in raisins as evenly as possible into the dough, folding dough over raisins to "tuck" them in.

Cover dough with a damp clean tea towel and let dough rest 20 minutes. If allowing to rise overnight in the refrigerator, place in a lightly greased bowl and wrap with greased plastic. Punch down and then proceed as follows.

Press any air out of dough and divide in two, or leave whole to make one large loaf. Shape each section into a rope 12 to 14 inches long and thicker at one end. Coil, starting with the thicker end; tuck thin end under to lock. Or, you can shape a traditional challah braid by dividing dough into three sections.

Place on cornmeal-sprinkled baking sheet. Brush with egg wash and sprinkle with sesame seeds. Let rise until puffy, around 20 to 30 minutes. The bread will continue to rise in oven, so don't wait for it to double in size.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Bake bread 15 minutes then reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake another 20 to 30 minutes until bread is evenly browned.

Makes two medium or one large breads. Can be frozen baked or unbaked. If freezing unbaked, let bread rise slowly overnight in the fridge. Bring to room temperature before baking.

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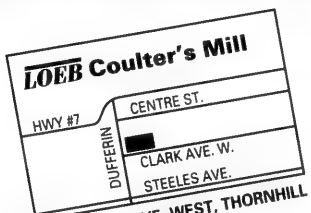

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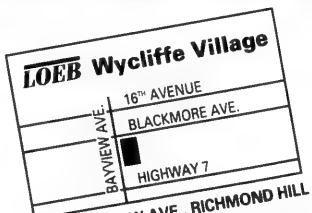

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In search of the perfect pre-Yom Kippur meal

By EILEEN GOLTZ
Special to The CJN

While I realize there is no such thing as a traditional pre-Yom Kippur meal, it has been brought to my attention that there is a heated debate raging as to what type of food you "should" eat before going into a fast.

There is the carbohydrate camp. All I hear from them is "pasta — lots of pasta or grains and bread and very, very little protein." Are these guys nuts? I'm supposed to spend the next 25 hours fasting after polishing off a hearty helping of macaroni and cheese or farfel? I think not.

On the other side of this debate are the meat mavens. Please, will somebody test my cholesterol. According to them the only thing I should be wolfing down before a fast is a side of beef with a chicken chaser.

I think I can help settle this dispute. According to the experts I consulted (three mothers, one rabbi, two professional caters and one neighbor whose sister knows Barbra Strisand's cook's mother), the best menu for going into a fast should contain "equal" helpings of protein and carbohydrates.

The other point everyone stressed was "no salt." Season with herbs and spices (nothing too hot) but stay away from any kind of salt. Drink lots of water, but avoid pop, coffee or tea.

Even though the following recipes are terrific, try not to eat too much. Overeating before a fast has a tendency to make you even hungrier than eating a normal meal.

No matter what you eat before fasting, all bets are off when it comes to what's best for breaking the fast — everything works.

CHICKEN AND HEARTS OF PALM

8 chicken breast halves, skinned and boned
1 14 oz. can hearts of palm
Onion powder
White pepper
Salt, optional
3 tbsp. margarine, melted

Sauce
3 egg whites
¼ tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. white pepper
1 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
1 cup margarine

Preheat oven to 400. Flatten chicken breasts and wrap each breast around a heart of palm. Secure with a toothpick. Arrange the breasts in a 9x13 glass baking dish and brush with the melted margarine. Sprinkle with onion powder, pepper and salt. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, basting once at about 15 minutes.

Place egg whites, salt, white pepper and lemon juice in a blender. Heat margarine to bubbling point. Turn blender on to medium speed and slowly drizzle hot margarine into mixture. Pour over chicken just before serving. Note: chicken may be prepared one day ahead, covered and refrigerated. Sauce must be made just before serving. Serves 8.

APPLE AND WILD RICE PILAF

1 (10 oz.) pkg. kosher long grain and wild rice mix
1 medium tart red or green apple, unpeeled, cored and diced
1 carrot, shredded
¼ cup golden raisins
¼ cup loosely packed fresh parsley, minced
¼ cup toasted almonds
¼ cup margarine, melted
2 tsp. poppy seeds
1 tsp. grated lemon rind
½ tsp. cinnamon
1 tbsp. apple juice

Cook rice according to package directions. In a large bowl, combine apple, carrot, onion, raisins, parsley and almonds. Add cooked rice, toss together to blend. In a small bowl, combine margarine, poppy seeds, lemon rind, cinnamon and apple juice. Add to rice mixture, toss to combine and serve immediately or at room temperature. Serves 6, and can be doubled.

SALMON EN CROUTE

2 lbs. of salmon steaks, skinned and boned
Juice of ½ lemon
1 bunch fresh spinach
6 to 8 oz. fresh mushrooms
Mayonnaise
1 to 2 tsp. dill weed
Pepper
2 sheets kosher puff pastry dough
1 egg slightly beaten

Preheat oven to 400. Spray baking sheet with a non-stick spray and set aside. Wash and dry salmon and rub with lemon juice. Set aside. Wash and dry spinach and discard stems. Chop half the mushrooms with the spinach, season lightly with pepper. Lightly spread mayonnaise on one side of each pastry sheet, leaving a one-nch margin on all sides.

Place one pastry sheet on baking sheet, mayonnaise side up. Place spinach mixture in the centre and place the salmon on top. Sprinkle the remaining chopped mushrooms over the top and sprinkle dill over the mushrooms. Cover with remaining pastry sheet, mayonnaise side down. Crimp, seal and trim excess pastry, using it to decorate.

Make slits across the top of the dough and glaze with beaten egg. Bake 20 minutes until golden brown. Serve sliced, hot or cold. Serves 4 to 6.

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Jerusalem Dateline

Herod the Great was a man who enjoyed eating well; two thousand years ago he was famous for the quality of the feasts he served his guests.

There was no shortage of fish, lamb, vegetables and fruits in the Holy Land but Herod had a passion for apricots. His culinary complaint was that there were no apricot trees within a thousand kilometres of Jerusalem.

Herod so dearly loved this fruit that he went to enormous expense to ensure that apricots would be on hand all year round.

In the spring he imported them from Italy, in the summer from Armenia and in the winter from Algeria. In the autumn, when there were no fresh apricots anywhere in the world, he made do with jams and preserves. Over a 20-year period his various cooks devised more than 200 apricot-based recipes.

Over the years, many local beliefs have developed about these delicious fruits. Bedouin women living in the Negev Desert say that tea made from apricot pits increases fertility, the men of the Samaritan sect consider apricot juice good for longevity, and many Israelis take the gift of apricots to be a sign of the friendship.

Many recent Israeli immigrants from the Republic of Georgia consider it a sign of good luck when announcing one's engagement, for the man to give his future parents-in-law a basket of fresh apricots or, if they are out of season, a large jar of apricot preserves.

It was not until about 1,850 years after Herod's death in 4 CE that apricot trees were first planted in Israel, primarily on the kibbutzim on the shores of the Sea of Galilee and those in the Sharon Valley, where apricots have thrived.

In addition to being popular locally, either fresh, preserved or for use in cooking, Israeli apricots are so highly prized that they are now exported to 12 European and six African nations.

The following recipes, each of which is designed to serve four to eight people, will be useful even when the apricot season is over, as dried apricots may also be used in any recipe that calls for apricots.

APRICOT AND RICE SALAD

1 cup uncooked rice
1 piece of ginger, about 1 inch long, peeled, or ½ tsp. of powdered ginger
Black pepper to taste
2 tbsp. lemon juice
2-3 shallots (or greens of spring onions), chopped
½ tsp. ground coriander seeds
¼ tsp. nutmeg
About 1 tbsp. olive oil
8 apricots, pitted and halved
½ cup seedless raisins
¼ cup almonds or toasted pine nuts

Boil the rice in the usual fashion in lightly salted water together with the ginger just until the rice is tender. Drain well, remove and discard the ginger piece and, while still warm, season with black pepper to taste and then add the shallots, coriander and nutmeg. Stir in just enough olive oil to make the rice moist and then add the apricots and raisins. Garnish with the roasted almonds or pine nuts and serve warm.

APRICOT SOUFFLE

3 tbsp. each butter and flour
1 cup milk
6 tbsp. sugar
1 cup pureed cooked apricots
4 egg yolks
2 tbsp. kosher kirsch liqueur
6 egg whites
¼ tsp. salt
1 tsp. confectioners' sugar

In a large saucepan, melt the butter. To this, add the flour and cook for 3 minutes, stirring constantly, but not allowing the mixture to brown. In a separate saucepan, scald the milk together with the sugar. Pour the milk into the flour and butter, stirring briskly and then simmer for 4-5 minutes. Remove from the flame and let cool.

To the cool mixture add the apricot puree and then beat in the egg yolks, one at a time. Add the kirsch. In a separate container, combine the egg whites and salt and beat until they are stiff but not dry and then fold the egg whites into the apricot mixture.

Pour into a 6-cup, buttered and sugared souffle mold and bake in an oven that has been preheated to 400 F. for 20 minutes. Gently open the oven door, sprinkle the souffle with the confectioners' sugar and bake 8-10 minutes longer. Serve immediately.

APRICOTS IN DESSERT WINE

4 large ripe apricots, peeled, halved and sliced
1-1½ cups sweet white dessert wine
4 tsp. confectioners' sugar
Juice of 2 lemons

Distribute the appricot slices between four dessert glasses. Over each apricot, sprinkle 1 tsp. of the confectioners' sugar and squeeze the juice of ½ lemon. Cover and refrigerate. Immediately before serving, pour over just enough of the wine to cover the fruit. (Serves 4).

Holiday recipes

By NAOMI ARBIT
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

MOCK CHICKEN LIVER

1 can green beans, drained well
1 can sweet green peas, drained well
3 hard boiled eggs
2 onions, sliced
1 tbsp. vegetable oil
1 cup chopped walnuts
Salt and pepper to taste
Matzah meal

In a small skillet, heat oil. Add onions and saute until softened and just golden in color. Combine all ingredients except the matzah meal in a food processor. Using the metal blade, process until almost smooth. Remove to a bowl. Stir in enough matzah meal to give it the required texture. Taste and correct seasonings. Chill several hours or overnight. Serve with rye bread rounds or crackers.

TOMATOES PROVENCAL

6 large tomatoes, cut in half
½ cup parve margarine
1 cup chopped onion
1 clove garlic, minced
1 ¼ cups fine bread crumbs
½ cup snipped fresh parsley
2 tsp. basil
1 tsp. thyme
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. freshly ground pepper

Melt margarine in a skillet; saute onion and garlic until soft. Remove pan from heat and stir in crumbs, parsley and seasonings. Mound this mixture on top of each tomato half. Compress gently with cupped palm of hand. Place the tomatoes in a shallow baking dish. Bake in a 350° oven about 20 minutes or until the filling is lightly browned and the tomatoes are tender.

HONEY GLAZED CHICKEN

½ cup soy sauce
2 tbsp. finely chopped onion
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 tbsp. vegetable oil
½ tsp. grated ginger root
or ¼ teaspoon ground ginger
1 4-5 lb. whole roasting chicken
¼ cup honey
2 tbsp. soy sauce

Stir together the ½ cup soy sauce, onion, garlic, oil and ginger root. Place chicken in a plastic bag and place in a bowl. Pour the soy sauce over the chicken and close the bag. Chill for 3 hours, turning the chicken occasionally to distribute marinade. Drain. Skewer the chicken neck to back. Tie legs to tail; twist wing tips under back. Place chicken, breast side up, on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Roast in a 375° oven 1½ hours or until drumstick moves easily. Mix ¼ cup honey with 2 tablespoons soy sauce. Baste chicken with honey-soy mixture during the last 15 minutes of roasting time. Serve with Tomatoes Provencal.

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Jewish cooking has evolved over the ages

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

Quick, now. What's your definition of "Jewish food?" Bagels and cream cheese? Gefilte fish? Chopped liver? Sambusak? Chicken, lime and Tortilla soup?

What?

The truth is, of course, that there is no such thing as truly "Jewish" food. Jews, wherever they ended up in their centuries of travelling, adapted local culinary techniques and tastes to traditional foods and the strictures of kashruth.

My Russian grandmother made kokleten, while my Canadian-raised mother made hamburgers; my Austrian grandmother served kale, while her daughters preferred cabbage.

And I like spaghetti and meat sauce and Chinese stir-fry.

My children, I have no doubt, will experiment with Martian salads and deep-space stew.

What brought on this reverie, was two cookbooks that I came across, *In Search of Plenty*, by Oden Schwartz (published in Canada by Culture Concepts, 1994) and *Jewish Cooking in America*, by Joan Nathan (Knopf, 1994).

Both are fascinating discussions of the evolution of Jewish cooking through the years.

Over half of *In Search of Plenty* is, pure and simple, a history of Jewish foods and cooking, from biblical times, through the various countries of the Diaspora, to modern-day Israel.

Schwartz gives the reader an insight into what the Jewish kitchen was like, the importance of culinary traditions in the preservation of Jewish culture and the evolution of what we consider our own food history.

The recipes are heavily traditional Ashkenazi and Sephardi dishes, with such delights as fish in tahina sauce, pumpkin cooked in rice, and pot roast with potatoes and garlic.

Nathan's book deals with the different groups of Jews who settled in the United States, and is laced with delightful anecdotes, information about early cookbooks, cooks and restaurants, and eating styles.

Photographs add both interest and historical insight, as do frequent quotes from letters, books and newspapers.

The beleaguered kosher cook of today will get a kick out of an account from *The American Hebrew* of April 15, 1910, that talks about a strike by Jewish housewives, when chuck steak, a staple in Jewish homes of the time (and often now, too) went from 16 cents a pound to an unconscionable 20 and 22 cents a pound.

Nathan describes with some relish how such ethnic delicacies as Mexican seviche, pastel de papa from Argentina (a potato-meat pie) and salmon mousse were translated into kosher delicacies.

There is an almost poignant recognition of the adaptations the new Jewish immigrants had to make to new foods, the often scanty availability of kosher products and their own poverty.

FISH IN TAHINA SAUCE
(From In Search of Plenty)

6 cleaned fish
Spiced but not salted flour for dipping

Sauce

½ cup tahina paste
juice of 2 or more lemons
⅔ - ¾ cup milk
3 - 4 tbsp. parsley, chopped

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Evolution of Jewish cooking

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3 - 4 tbsp. dill or fennel leaves, chopped
1 clove garlic, crushed and mashed with a little salt (opt.)
salt
chopped parsley, pine nuts and lemon wedges for garnish

Make the sauce by mixing the tahina paste with lemon and milk until it has the consistency of single cream. Add the chopped herbs and garlic and mix well.

Coat the fish with flour. Either grill or fry until it is almost done. Transfer to a baking dish and cover with tahina sauce. Bake in a hot, 425 oven for 15 minutes, or until the sauce bubbles and begins to brown. Serve hot or at room temperature garnished with chopped parsley, fried pine nuts and lemon wedges.

ROSH HASHANAH POTLUCK WITH LENTIL, CHICK-PEA, RED PEPPER, AND BROCCOLI SALAD

(From Jewish Cooking in America)

Salad
1 lb. broccoli
2 cups chick-peas (1 12-ounce can)
2 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
2 tbsp. fresh parsley
¼ cup olive oil
1 garlic clove, mashed
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
2 cups lentils
2 red peppers

Vinaigrette
2 tbsp. kosher balsamic vinegar
1 garlic clove, mashed
Dash of sugar
1 tsp. kosher French mustard
¼ cup olive oil
¼ cup fresh mint

Cut the broccoli into florets, cook briefly in boiling salted water, and plunge into iced water.

Drain the chick-peas and mix with the lemon juice, parsley, ¼ cup olive oil, garlic clove, and salt and pepper. Set aside.

Clean the lentils and cook in boiling salted water for about 20 minutes or until al dente. Drain.

Place the red peppers in a preheated 450-degree oven for 20 minutes. When charred, place immediately in a brown paper bag to cool down for about 30 minutes. Peel, remove seeds and membranes, and slice into thin strips about ½ inch wide.

To make the vinaigrette mix the balsamic vinegar, garlic clove, sugar, and mustard in a small bowl. Whisking constantly, pour in ¼ cup of oil. Add the salt and pepper to taste and garnish with diced fresh mint. Set aside in an attractive small bowl.

Using a large platter place all the vegetables and grains in individual sections, using lettuce as a garnish. Serve as a salad or first course, with the vinaigrette in a bowl with a spoon on the side.

Yield: at least 12 servings.

LUBYEH (SYRIAN BLACK-EYED PEAS WITH VEAL)

(From Jewish Cooking in America)

1 onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 tbsp. vegetable oil
½ lb. veal stew meat, cut into one-inch-square cubes
2 cups water
1 cup black-eyed peas, which have been soaked overnight in water to cover
1 tsp. salt or to taste
1/8 tsp. pepper
1 tsp. allspice
½ tsp. cinnamon
2 tbsp. tomato paste

In a heavy skillet with a cover saute the onions and garlic lightly in the oil.

Add the cubed veal and brown briefly. Add 1½ cups of the water, cover, and simmer slowly for 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, drain and simmer the black-eyed peas in water to cover for 20 minutes. Drain and add the peas, salt, pepper, spices, tomato paste, and the remaining ½ cup water to the veal mixture. Cover and cook over low heat for 1 hour or until the peas and veal are tender. If the stew dries out, add a little more water. Serve warm.

Yield: 8 servings.

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Arts

BOOKS

By BERNARD BASKIN

A Discovery Of Strangers by Rudy Wiebe, Knopf Canada $27.00

About 20 years ago Rudy Wiebe's *The Temptations of Big Bear* — the best known and most admired of his seven novels and the 1973 Governor General's Award for Fiction — presented readers with a colorful segment of Canadian history from 1876 to 1888. The protagonist of the book, Chief Big Bear of the Cree, is a tragic figure, caught between waning power and spiritual integrity. In the end he can neither save his people or himself.

A Discovery of Strangers is a fictionalized account of the first of three ill-fated expeditions by English explorer John Franklin in search of the elusive Northwest Passage. On his third expedition he and a crew of more than 100 perished after their ships became ice-bound. A 12-year rescue operation proved futile but kept much of England in a state of feverish excitement.

At the head of Wiebe's new novel is the encounter between members of Franklin's crew and the Yellowknife Dente Indians as well as the emotional fallout that results from a romance between a 15-year-old native girl dubbed "Greenstockings" and Lt. Robin Hood, a Royal Navy midshipman and the expedition's artist.

Hood doesn't live to see the birth of his daughter. In 1821, short of food and trapped by the early winter ice, he dies with a group of others in an attempt to reach a band of friendly nomadic Indians 450 kilometres to the south.

In his search for authenticity the author spent 10 years in painstaking research, making long journeys by foot and canoe to Northern Canada and the Arctic.

In the first portion of the book the animals of the region and their feral emotions are described. "Instantly the caribou along the edge nearest the charge exploded into flying snow. And their flight spread like a quick river bursting thick and strong into the herd . . . they knew they could outrun any wolf, the tight, hot closeness of their boned bodies beginning to stretch every intricacy of muscle into familiar speed, all their perfect hoofs reaching, gripping and hurling their bodies away over snow or swept ice, barely touching in their immense communal vision of safety for ever awaiting them over the deepest waters of lakes, always there at the spooned tips of their ... infallible hoofs."

On a rich and broad canvas, Wiebe paints his characters with penetrating insight. Above all he is concerned with the spiritual dimension of experience — not just how things happen, but also why. Never far from his basic concerns are the themes of miscegenation, the evils of colonialism and the stark and harsh beauty of the North.

The author is a master of descriptive prose. "In a long bowl of rocks, into which wind can drive a little less snow, the canoe at last accepts a gentle fire. Small smashed pieces of it feed firelight against the cliffs, soften the roar of the rapids. A mess of rock moss and two tiny fish bowls there. The vapour drifts upwards, faint as a weed bending in the muscle of a river, and 18 men hunch together around it, try somehow to nurse warmth and smell into themselves before they can finally cup the one warm spoon they have, turn by turn, into their split and crushed mouths."

This memorable novel will add to the author's reputation as one of Canada's most gifted writers — a peerless delineator of his country's history and soul.

Saffer employs unusual idea to stress universal message

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

Robert Saffer

TORONTO — *Radio Man* is far out — in outer space to be exact.

But this new play by Robert Saffer, 27, also has one foot in our world. The contemporary characters come back from the dead to run the last remaining AM radio station in the year 2055.

At its heart, *Radio Man* is about the obligation each of us have to others on this earth and to universal consciousness.

As producer Rhonda Lipstein puts it: "It is our feeling that it is not enough merely to enjoy a play. The sign of a good play is the feeling one is left with, the mighty yearning to know why you enjoyed it, not merely that you were idly entertained for an hour."

This unusual one-act play will premiere at the Summerworks drama festival in Toronto August 20, 21, 23, 25 and 27. For further information, call 699-2284.

Playwright Saffer is the son of Toronto advertising executive Morris Saffer. He worked for five years for his father's agency in TV production, overseeing 500 TV commercials in his career. Now he writes a column, Streets of Life, for a new downtown entertainment semi-monthly, *The Core*.

Saffer said he realized leaving the advertising business to become a playwright and newspaper writer was heading into a field where the compensation is much lower, but he has no regrets.

His mother, Barbara Freedman, brother, Davis, a research analyst and sister Rachel, a social worker, all live in Toronto.

Saffer attended a military school at Wellandport, and also attended York University and followed up with a radio and TV course at Ryerson Polytechnic University.

Those involved in *Radio Man* include director Frank Caruso, set designer Eric Weissman, costume designer Lisa Mann and musical director Mark Holmes. Those in the cast are Thom Marriott, Suzanne Cyr, Robin Haggerty, Helder Ramos, Frank Scott, Doug Ozier, Al Polo, Marc Morgenstern and Roger Domenique.

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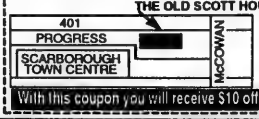

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Arts

BILL GLADSTONE'S EYE ON ARTS

Leah Posluns Theatre Celebrates Chai Landmark: For its 18th season beginning in October, the Leah Posluns Theatre recently announced it is offering these four plays:

• *Kuni Leml*, a musical comedy by Nahma Sandrow (book), Raphael Crystal (music) and Richard Engquist (lyrics). Two young lovers seek to defy an arranged marriage by a traditional Jewish father. Based on Avrom Goldfadn's farce of 1880. Previews Oct. 5. Runs Oct. 6 to 30.

• *The Twilight of The Golds*, by Jonathan Tolins. Fresh on the heels of its Los Angeles and New York premieres comes the Canadian premiere of this controversial and cautionary tale that touches the morality of eugenics, bigotry and familial ties. Previews Nov. 23. Runs Nov. 24 to Dec. 18.

• *Broadway Bound*, by Neil Simon. In this, Simon's third work in the autobiographical recreation of his journey from Brighton Beach to Biloxi to Broadway, brothers Eugene and Stanley break into the world of professional comedy writing during the 1940s. Previews March 8. Runs March 9 to April 2.

• *Yiddle With A Fiddle*, by Isaiah Sheffer (book & lyrics) and Abraham Ellstein (music). A lively musical tracing the journey of a poor young girl and her musician father through Poland in 1937. Based on the 1936 Yiddish movie that starred Molly Picon, the stageplay is filled with the sounds of the Big Band era. Previews April 26. Runs April 27 to May 21.

A fifth play is to be announced shortly to complete the season.

Subscription prices range from $50 to $90 for the five-play series, with single tickets starting at $17 before applicable discounts. Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St., North York. (416) 630-6752.

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Media Watch: The August/September issue of *The Beaver*, a magazine dedicated to exploring Canada's history, features an article of interest to Jewish-Canadian historians. "The New Jerusalem," by Abraham Arnold, tells the story of the 1884 Jewish settlement at Moosomin, Sask. As the article documents, the settlement failed within a few years. A visitor at the site in 1892 found only the remains of a synagogue and two houses, all without doors, windows or flooring. Several Moosomin homesteaders, including members of the Lechtzier and Weidman families, later became important founders of the Jewish community in Winnipeg. *The Beaver* is available at Lichtman's and other magazine stands.

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New Skin for the Old Ceremony: *Skin* is the title of Peter Himmelman's third album on the Epic label. Himmelman, who played this month at the Bottom Line in Greenwich Village, is the son-in-law of Bob Dylan, the reigning rock-poet of the post-beat generation. Since a memorable encounter years ago with the late Lubavitcher Rebbe Menachem Schneerson, Himmelman is also an Orthodox Jew whose music is infused, in a generic sort of way, with his spiritual values.

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Wedding Photography: The Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery is seeking cuturally diverse, candid, formal and humorous wedding pictures that capture both ceremony and celebration for an exhibition, The Wedding Photograph, scheduled for Sept. 20 to Nov. 6. The gallery intends to award prizes in different categories and host an opening night, wedding-style reception, with champagne, music, cake and prizes. Photographs must be received by August 26. For entry form and guidelines, contact the gallery at: 901 Lawrence Ave. W., North York M6A 1C3. (416) 789-7011.

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New Koffler program combines music, art

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Music and art will be combined in an innovative Sunday afternoon series at the Koffler Gallery.

The announcement was made by Dorothy Shoichet, president of the Koffler Centre of the Arts, 4588 Bathurst St. The first of the Sunday Afternoons at the Koffler with Music will take place in the Koffler Loggia Gallery from 2 to 4 p.m. on August 28.

The Koffler Loggia Gallery, situated one flight up from the main JCC registration desk and information centre, is wheel chair accessible. Please call (416) 636-2145 if this service is needed.

Funded by du Maurier Arts Ltd., this concert series will be held on the fourth Sunday of each month.

The first concert titled, Some Like It Hot . . . Some Like It Cool, will be a pot pourri of vocal and instrumental jazz featuring the piano and vocal styling of Fern Lindzon, with Laura Cesar on bass.

On Sept. 25, the Koffler Centre will celebrate with art to art. Lindzon will return to perform alone and with guitarist, Brian Katz. They will explore the many dimensions of music from classical to jazz.

On Oct. 30, the focus of the program will be Autumn in New York. The series will conclude in November with Our Jewish Spirit, with music especially for Chanukah — Yiddish, Israeli and Klezmer.

Fern Lindzon

Shoichet told *The CJN*, "We acknowledge the support of du Maurier Arts Ltd. in funding this pilot project for the Koffler Centre of the Arts. Du Maurier understands that music and art enfold, enrich, and give meaning to life."

Gallery admission is free. The Centre would appreciate donations and suggests $2 for an individual and $5 for a family.

Buchenwald's notorious legacy

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Buchenwald, the notorious German concentration camp, claimed the lives of tens of thousands of hapless victims. Miraculously, some of the inmates managed to survive the ordeal. Among them were 168 Allied airmen who were captured after their planes were shot down over Germany and France.

Their heretofore untold story is revealed in a National Film Board of Canada documentary, *The Lucky Ones*, which will be broadcast on CBC's *Newsworld* on Sept. 3 at 3 p.m.

The airmen in question were from Canada, Britain, Australia, New Zealand and the United States. They were shipped to Buchenwald from Paris on Aug. 20, 1944, the day the U.S. army liberated the French capital.

Not being treated like prisoners of war, the men were crowded into cattle cars, like Jews, and taken to Buchenwald. The Germans, we're told, considered them spies and saboteurs.

The Lucky Ones, which was filmed on location in Europe, North America, Australia and New Zealand, is based on old file footage and interviews with the survivors and their families.

Surprisingly, the survivors are quite phelgmatic as they recount their horrifying stories. No tears or heart-rending body language here. This, in fact, is the tone *The Lucky Ones* adopts.

Their relative lack of emotion is belied by Buchenwald's depravity. When they arrived, they saw human skeletons walking around, and immediately realized they were in a concentration camp.

Buchenwald was certainly inhospitable. Indeed, one survivor recalls the "starkness and evil of the place."

They were segregated from the rest of the prisoners, but they witnessed mass hangings and sadistic beatings. And they were clearly aware of Buchenwald's crematorium, which hungrily consumed the dead.

Their worst moment occurred shortly after an Allied air raid on a barracks which killed 300 SS men. They were sure they would be murdered, but there were no reprisals.

Back home, their families were led to believe they were missing in action.

In the autumn of 1944, they were released and transferred to PoW camps. Not a single airmen died in Buchenwald — which is why, comparatively speaking, they were fortunate.

After the war, they returned to their homes to take up the thread of their lives. They suppressed their memories of Buchenwald because their stories were hard to tell, still harder to hear and, to some, implausible.

Interestingly enough, one survivor was accused of lying because he was neither Jewish nor had tell-tale blue numbers stamped on his arm.

A little of Buchenwald rubbed off on each man. Reflecting on his incarceration, one survivor said that it gave him a healthy respect for freedom and liberty, as well as a lasting appreciation for food.

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The Lucky Ones was directed and produced by Michael Allder. A longer version will be shown on the Arts & Entertainment's new History Channel next April.

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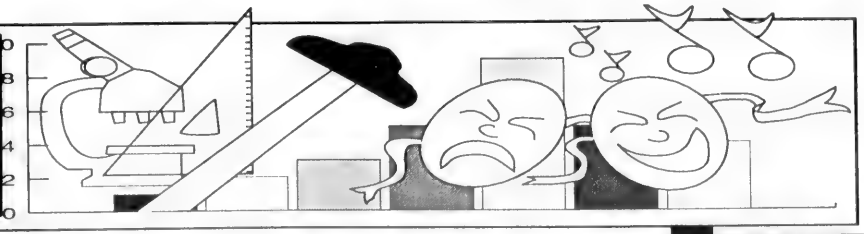

PUPPET POWER

Nicholas Touikan, 13, and Randy Pinsky, 10, are pictured here working on papier mache puppets. This is just one of the activities kids can look forward to when they start back to school in a few weeks.

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Courses at Frank's Swim School are offered seven days a week year-round, with a teacher-student ratio of one to three or one to four. Liebmann says that weekly swimming lessons from Sept. to June will have the pupil swimming like a fish come summer.

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At Frank's Swim School children of all ages learn to swim in a unique indoor pool designed and built by Liebmann. Located at Kodiak Crescent near Allen Road and Sheppard, it is the only one of its kind in Canada, The water level of this terraced pool gradually increases from two inches at the shallow end to five feet at the deep end.

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Originally from Hungary, Liebmann has been teaching swimming for 40 years. He opened Frank's Swim School in 1969. More than 2,000 children take classes there each week.

The program includes Red Cross and Royal Life classes from yellow to white level, bronze medallion and bronze cross, as well as leader courses. The school has a swim team for serious swimmers. Fitness training and instruction in the techniques of competitive-style swimming are also available.

The fall session runs from Sept. 23 to Dec. 15. Following is the schedule for the rest of the year: Winter – January to March (10 weeks); Spring – April to June (12 weeks); Summer – July to August (6 weeks).

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Buckstop/Shop-rite's back-to-school prices send competitors back to the drawing board

The back-to-school shopping ritual can be a cash-draining experience. New pens, pencils, pencil cases, paper, binders, briefcases . . . it all adds up. Then you get into the designer lunchboxes (I guess we really weren't hip with the clunky old "lunchbuckets" we used to shlep), designer T-shirts, sweatshirts . . . Now multiply that by four or five kids ... oy vey!

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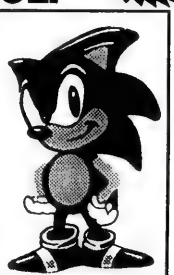

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Chetner, who has been teaching during th past 25 years, holds a combined Arts and Education degree. For the past seven years, she has taught Grades 7 to OAC at Havergal College, a school renowned for academic excellence and nurturing teacher-student relationships.

The Learning Lab employs collaborative learning to help parents communicate with students and teachers. There are independent programs designed for both parents and students, as well as individual and group workshops.

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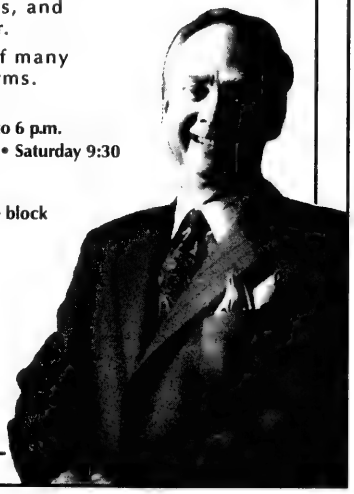

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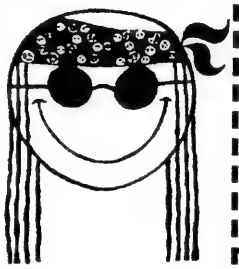

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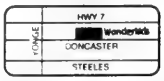

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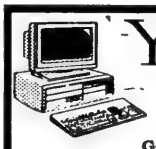

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In her recently expanded private practice she will be utilizing her newly acquired skills together with her 18 years of broad based experience as a staff Psychometrist at the Dellcrest Children's Center in Toronto.

Her psychometric testing expertise is in measuring the learning ability level of children, targeting areas of learning disability, and the identification of children for participation in the gifted learning program of the North York Board of Education. Her professional experience also includes testing for emotional and behavioral problems which reflect on a child's school performance and learning potential. All psychometric test results are shared with parents and teachers, when appropriate. Consultation services include professional recommendations for remedial follow up, to help maximize a child's potential, by utilizing strengths to minimize weaknesses.

Soryl Schreiber Nussbaum received her undergraduate degree in Social Work at the University of Maryland, and Graduate Diploma from the University of Toronto Institute of Child Study, specializing in Assessment & Counselling. In addition to her staff position at the Toronto Dellcrest Children's Center, she has been a lecturer at the Early Childhood Education Diploma program of the Canadian Mothercraft Society, since 1984 and holds membership in a number of leading professional organizations. As a graduate of Toronto's Beth Jacob High School, married, and the mother of children attending Hebrew day schools & Yeshivas, she is sensitive to the special needs and program requirements of children attending these schools.

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Maestro Brodie awarded Order of Canada

By JACK KOHANE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Canada's maestro of the saxophone, Paul Brodie, has been awarded the coveted Order of Canada.

The medal will be presented by the Governor General of Canada, Ramon Hnatyshyn, during a formal ceremony in October at Ottawa's Rideau Hall. The Order of Canada is given to those individuals who have demonstrated outstanding service to Canada, to their fellow citizens, or to humanity at large. For Paul Brodie, the honor is richly deserved.

Brodie has come a long way from the auditoriums of Regina where he first performed, playing with the Regina Lions Junior Band many years ago. Today, his music takes him around the globe, selling out venues wherever he is the featured artist.

Since 1960, Brodie has given more than 2,500 recitals in Canada, the United States, Israel, Mexico, France and Italy. Most recently, he toured Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China where he was literally mobbed by adoring fans. He received rave reviews from the local press which dubbed him the "Marco Polo of the Saxophone."

Throughout his musical career, Brodie has taken on the additional role of unofficial ambassador of good will, spearheading the establishment of music schools in many countries. During his visit to China, Brodie offered his services in promoting that nation's fledgling saxophone clinics, providing guidance to students and teachers alike.

While in the Far East, Brodie premiered a piece composed specifically for him by Huang an-lun. His sax was the only western instrument in an orchestra of antiquated, hand-made instruments called gaohus, sanxians, shengs and suonas. Brodie says it was the first Chinese music ever to use a western instrument as a solo.

Brodie is currently on a concert swing through Scotland, which will culminate in performances at the renowned International Arts Festival in Edinburgh.

Canada's premier saxophone virtuoso is not one to consider slowing his pace. Bearded, strikingly handsome, he looks much younger than his 60 years. This September, he will be releasing his 46th recording. Entitled *Back to the '20s*, the album presents a wide cross-section of early 20th century music, from waltzes to ragtime.

"The album is dedicated to Rudy Wiedoeft," says Brodie. "He was the man who almost singlehandedly initiated the saxophone craze of the 1920s; who inspired me to take up the instrument as well as millions of others."

Among the songs on the album are *Saxophobia*, *Kiss Me Again*, and *Kitten on the Keys*.

Due to his reputation for excellence, Brodie has received tempting offers to teach outside of Canada. He always politely declines, explaining, "This is home for me and my family. It's a marvelous country with increasing opportunities for musicians. I've never felt the need to pursue employment elsewhere."

In Toronto Brodie divides his time between teaching music at York University, overseeing the Brodie School of Music and Modern Dance (at Bathurst and Eglinton), and at the end of a long day, spending some relaxing hours at his cottage in Bala, Ontario. He continues to practise on his sax almost daily, because "You never really stop learning about music," he says.

Admitting to having been flabbergasted when the call came from Ottawa in June about his being awarded the Order of Canada, he chuckles, "At first I thought it was the income tax people. I had been nominated for the award several years ago, but having heard nothing more thereafter, I eventually forgot about it."

The only saxophonist ever to be recognized for the Order of Canada, he now joins the illustrious ranks of artists already bearing the title, including Anne Murray, Moe Koffman and Oscar Peterson.

Brodie says it is the highest honor a Canadian can receive; for a musician, it represents the highest form of recognition for one's contributions and achieveents.

"It makes me especially proud as a Jewish person. Never would I have believed at my Bar Mitzvah, when I received my first instrument — a clarinet — that music would one day take me before the Governor General of Canada to have this medal bestowed on me," he says.

Paul Brodie

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TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

Jerusalem Birthday Party: At a recent press gathering, Ruth Ben-Tzur, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Toronto, announced Jerusalem is preparing for a spectacular 3,000th birthday party in 1996. "Gee," one wag remarked, "you'd never have guessed it. The city doesn't look a day over 2,500."

By 1996, it will be precisely three millennia since King David designated Jerusalem as the Jewish capital. To celebrate, planners are promising an extraordinary catalogue of festivities. Among the planned events:

- Fifteen world-renowned chefs will prepare a meal fit for a king for several thousand fortunate diners.
- Thousands of marchers will participate in an historical pageant through city streets.
- A series of world premieres in theatres, dance and music.
- City squares will reverberate with the singing of international gospel choirs, and concert halls will ring with the sounds of concerts of international calibre.
- Around town, famous artists will design floral displays of Biblical scenes.

With all the recent peace gains and an impending visit by the Pope, it seems that — dare I say it? — the stars may finally be in the right place as far as Israel's tourism picture is concerned. The planned year-long celebration, which promises to be the world's biggest municipal birthday bash, is expected to bring a record number of tourists to Jerusalem.

Israel's Ministry of Tourism is working with the private sector to ensure sufficient hotel space for 1996. Never established in Israel before, Days Inn and Marriott recently announced they are planning footholds in the Israel market.

According to Ministry of Tourism surveys, Jerusalem is the favourite destination of visitors to Israel, and the Western Wall is the number one tourist attraction.

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Meet the Israeli Program: Sure, you've interacted with taxi drivers, tour guides, shopkeepers, waiters and hotel employees during your visits to Israel, but how many Israelis have you met outside the hospitality industry? Israel's Ministry of Tourism runs a program through which visitors may enjoy coffee, cake and a chat with hosting families in Jerusalem, Haifa, Tel Aviv, Eilat and Netanya.

If you wish to participate, contact the Tourist Information Office in Israel several days before the requested date of meeting to make arrangements. Hosting families are indexed according to language, profession, hobbies and other criteria. Once matched, you will be given the name, address and phone number of a host, and requested to phone directly to confirm the appointment. Groups may also utilize the program.

Phone numbers: Eilat, 059-72268 or 059-76737; Haifa, 04-666521/3; Jerusalem, 02- 241281/2; Netanya, 053-27286; Tel Aviv, 03-223266/7; Tiberias, 06-720992; Ashkelon, 051-32412. For more information while in Canada, contact the Israel Government Tourist Office, (416) 964-3784, toll-free 1-800-669-2369.

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Kolel Correction: The description of the Kolel Israel Study Tour in last week's column carried a phone number — (905) 709-1900 — that wasn't due to be operational until August 18. In the meantime, phone (905) 660-3154.

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Canadian Pacific Stores: "If we can't export the scenery, we'll import the tourists." So said William Cornelius Van Horne, general director of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in the late 1880s, in explaining the necessity for a cross-country chain of grand hotels. More than a century later, the Canadian Pacific Hotels Corporation is the largest owner-operated hotel company in Canada. Its 26 properties across the country represent one of the largest collections of landmark, heritage hotels in the world.

Now CP has come up with a nifty place for those imported tourists to spend their money. Recently, the chain opened the Canadian Pacific Store in Toronto's Royal York Hotel, the second in its own private-label retail chain. The shop, like the one in the Banff Springs Hotel, carries many items reminiscent of the early days of Canadian travel with Canadian Pacific.

The inventory includes custom-made travel accessories, reproduction railway items, and original and reproduction silver once used in the hotels. As well, both shops carry a selection of posters and stationery featuring historic CP crests, and other private-label merchandise made expressly for CP.

"The Canadian Pacific Store reflects the heritage and elegance of our hotels," says Marilyn Harvey, the chain's general manager. "We want our guests to share in our pride and to be able to take a piece of Canadian history home with them."

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Canadian Maturity and Travel Show: Billing itself as the largest senior's travel show in North America, this event, which last year attracted 47,000 visitors, features singer Frank Mills, multiple door prizes and many displays on finance, food, health, housing, lifestyles and travel. It's at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Sept. 12 and 13, 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free shuttle buses run every 10 minutes from Toronto's Union Station.

Shooting whitewater rapids

TORONTO — Travellers in search of thrilling vacation activities should try a visit to West Virginia, long noted as a premier whitewater destination. With nearly 2,000 miles of mountin streams and rivers, the waters of the fabled Appalachians provide incredible variety for rafting enthusiasts who want to dive into the excitement of their favorite sport.

Whitewater rapids are classified according to their degree of difficulty, from Class I to VI (Niagara Falls is classified as VII). Novices can raft I to II portions of the river without a guide, while segments classified as III to V require real paddling skills or qualified leadership as provided by West Virginia's many professional outfitters.

"There are over 60 rivers that can be rafted, kayaked, and canoed in West Virginia," says William Tappé, director Canada for the United States Travel & Tourism Administration (USTTA). "There is such a wide range of classifications — from relaxing to racing — that visitors are sure to find a river suited to their skills."

The 1993 fall season on the Gauley River is sure to be a success with the release of water from Summerville Dam by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. With each release, approximately 2,500 cubic feet of water thunder through the dam each second, the perfect time to take advantage of the Gauley River's 75 Class III-V+ rapids. The first release is scheduled for the weekend of Sept. 10, and continues each weekend through to Oct. 17. The Gauley River is a short hop from Charleston's Yaeger Airport, or visitors may drive along Interstate 79 to Route 19 out of Summersville.

Other whitewater rafting rivers for the family or the adventurer include the scenic New River Gorge (Class I-V+), the Cheat River (Class III-V+), the Tygart River (Class I-V), and the Greenbrier (Class I-III), and excellent canoeing rivers include the south branch of the Potomac and the Shenandoah.

Debbie Keyser, whitewater consultant for Appalachian Wildwater, a professional outfitting company, says, "We provide everything you need — self-bailing rafts, tents, accommodations, food, and top-notch guides who have been through extensive training, to ensure safety. Of course, there is always a risk when you participate in this kind of sport, but you are more likely to break a leg downhill skiing than you are whitewater rafting." Prices can range from $60-$80 (U.S.) for a one day rafting excursion plus meals and equipment, to $80-$230 (U.S.) for a two-day excursion, including camping or hotel, deluxe dinner and all other meals, and equipment. Rates are slightly higher on weekends.

For more information on whitewater rafting in the Mountain State, a complete listing of outfitters and programs, and whitewater updates, contact the West Virginia Division of Tourism & Parks at 1-800-CALL WVA (225-5982), or Travel USA — the consumer information service of the USTTA — in Toronto at (416) 595-0335, in Montreal at (514) 861-5036, and in Vancouver at (604) 669-1446.

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Today, however, these same forecasters are using the "R" word to signify recovery and while many taxpayers wait for that recovery to trickle down, it seems to be the perfect time to address the health of personal finances.

Mired in recession for close to four years, personal finances have taken a beating and now, perhaps more than ever, it is important to talk to financial advisors, investors and tax specialists to ensure maximum results.

The CJN has enlisted the services of four professionals who hail from the world of finance to assess the finances of several families that represent a cross-section of the public.

This is the third of a four-part series. The people featured in the articles are real but their names have been changed to protect their identities.

As well, the advice given pertains only to the individuals addressed in this letter and readers are cautioned to obtain specific professional advice prior to the implementation of any of these suggestions.

By WARREN FERGUS
Special to The CJN

Warren Fergus, CA is a Senior Tax Specialist with Soberman Isenbaum & Colomby. The firm, one of the top 20 in Canada, provides clients with a full range of professional services, person to person.

Dear Sophie and Joel:

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this *Canadian Jewish News* series. It has been a pleasure to work with you. I hope you find the result of our discussions helpful and practical for reducing your family's overall income tax burden.

Your Current Situation:

I understand you are both in your mid-thirties and both work outside the home (Joel as a systems engineer; Sophie as a part-time health educator). Your combined gross income is approximately $60,000. You have two small children — a 4-year-old and an 18-month-old.

As we discussed, your goals are to reduce current taxes as much as possible, to plan for retirement and to provide for your children's education.

Retirement Planning:

Even though retirement may seem a long way off, the time to start planning for retirement is now. It is important to have a clear plan for reaching your goals.

From an income tax perspective, Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) contributions are probably the best way to accumulate the savings needed for retirement. Right now you each have about $5,000 accumulated in your RRSPs. Your current year contribution limits (including RRSP room carried forward) are roughly $12,000 for Joel and $9,500 for Sophie. Although it seems difficult to put away enough money to make substantial RRSP contributions each year after paying all of your household obligations (ie., child care, mortgage, car payments etc.), with careful planning it's possible.

With roughly $40,000 of gross income, Joel will pay tax at a marginal rate of approximately 40 per cent; Sophie's tax rate will be about 26 per cent and her taxes will be reduced by child care expense deductions.

At these marginal tax rates, an $8,000 RRSP contribution by Joel would bring roughly a $3,000 tax refund. Since your car loan payments of $550 per month were finished after July of this year, you could put this money towards your RRSPs.

The car payment savings could add up to over $6,000 per year. While this amount of contribution alone would generate a $2,400 refund for Joel, if you were to borrow $2,000 to "top up" the contribution to $8,000, the $3,200 refund would repay the loan and leave $1,200 for other things.

The same thinking might be considered regarding lump sum payments against your mortgage. If you are thinking about making a lump-sum payment to your mortgage, consider using that money to make an RRSP contribution, then use the tax refund to make (albeit a smaller) lump sum mortgage payment. This is a great way to save for retirement and have the government contribute to paying down your house mortgage through tax refunds.

When making RRSP contributions, it is usually best to try and leave each spouse with an equal RRSP balance. This equalization will keep taxes as low as possible when the funds are paid out to you during retirement. In years when only one spouse contributes, some or all of the contribution can be made to a spousal RRSP plan. In deciding whether to make regular or spousal contributions, you must take into account that Joel has a company pension plan, while Sophie does not. Your RRSP accounts should be balanced so that you end up with equal retirement incomes (including the pension).

Registered Education Savings Plan:

During our discussions, you mentioned you were contributing about $45 per month ($540 per year) to a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) for your children's university education. These plans are similar to RRSPs, as the interest accumulates in the plan tax-free, except that for the RESP, no deduction is given for the original contributions. The theory behind these plans is that the funds will be withdrawn and taxed in the child's hands when he or she is in university. Since students usually have very low incomes and have tuition fee and other tax credits available, little or no tax is paid on the RESP funds.

These plans, however, can have significant drawbacks. Generally, the income earned in the plan cannot be returned to the contributor in the event that neither of your children attend university. The original capital contributed can be returned, but the loss of income earned can represent a significant cost. As it will likely be 15 to 20 years before one of your children is of university age, you may want to consider an alternative method of funding their education.

This is especially the case since you have RRSP contribution room available. You could choose to put the $540 per year into RRSPs instead of RESPs. In this way, the eventual withdrawal of the funds will be taxable in your hands, not your children's, but you will get a tax deduction for the contributions today. This alternative avoids the uncertainty concerning education decisions which won't likely be made for 15 years or so.

Child Care Expenses:

Because you are both employed, the costs of caring for your children are tax deductible to you as child care expenses. These expenses are limited to $5,000 per year per child under 7 years old ($3,000 if the child is over 7 but not yet 15). The child care deductions must be claimed by the lower-income spouse and cannot exceed two-thirds of that person's earned income.

Presently, you pay a babysitter $125 per week (about $6,500 per year). This amount should qualify entirely as a child care deduction. Other expenses which could qualify are the cost of pre-school.

You told me Joel's sister will be living with you while she attends university, and will be providing babysitting services. These services will be in place of the current babysitter. I understand you are considering not paying Joel's sister for the full value of the babysitting and will provide her with room and board in your home in lieu of such pay. Under this arrangement, she would not pay you for the room and board which, you have told me, has a market value of $350 per month ($2,800 for the eight-month university school year).

Rather than enter into this kind of a "barter" arrangement with Joel's sister, I believe you would each be better off if you paid her for the full value of the babysitting services and she paid you for the full value of the room and board. In this way, the babysitting costs incurred by you would qualify for tax deductions as child care expenses. The amounts would have to be reported by Joel's sister in her income, but as a university student she will be eligible for tuition and education credits and, depending on her other sources of income for the year, she will likely not have to pay much (if any) tax on the babysitting income.

The amounts you receive from her for room and board will have to be included in your income as rental income, but can be offset with expenses. Based on the roughly $2,800 to be received, you may not have any net rental income (and so, no related income tax payable) after you have deducted the proportionate amount of expenses such as realty taxes, utilities, insurance, food costs and mortgage interest.

It is important to note, however, that in order to preserve your ability to claim the principal residence exemption on the entire house when you eventually sell it, you should not claim capital cost allowance (tax depreciation) against the rental income. If it does not appear that you have a reasonable expectation of earning a profit from the rental then you may not actually claim a rental loss, but you would still be eligible to claim expenses to bring your net rental income down to zero.

Sophie's Automobile Expenses:

Sophie, in the course of your employment, you are required to drive your own vehicle. Your employer reimburses you for this use at 21 cents per kilometre. The employer should provide you with a Form T2200, setting out the conditions of your employment, especially the requirement that you use your own car for business travel.

For income tax purposes, you have the option of either including the reimbursement in your income for the year and claiming car expenses, or not reporting the reimbursement in your income, in which case you would not be allowed to claim the expenses. This decision can be made on a year by year basis and requires some calculating, but, depending on your expenses for the year and the extent of your business use, one option can result in a significant advantage over the other.

Based on your estimated business use for the year of approximately 20 per cent (travel between home and office is considered personal, not business travel) and your expenses for gasoline, maintenance and insurance (all together totaling about $3,000), I have calculated that you are eligible to claim car expenses before capital cost allowance of $600. Added to this amount is a claim for capital cost allowance based on the maximum of $24,000 (plus sales taxes, but for our purposes say $24,000) at the 30 per cent rate, for a claim of $1,440 (using the same 20 per cent business portion).

It would appear that for this year you would be better off to include the reimbursement amount in your income and claim the related car expenses. The reimbursement, based on approximately 5,000 business kilometres, totals $1,050. Your expenses total $2,040, so that you will have a net deduction, for tax purposes, of $1,010. At your current tax rate of approximately 27 per cent, this deduction should bring a $270 tax refund.

You should keep a mileage log to properly track business use of your car, along with receipts supporting your expenses. Both items may be requested by Revenue Canada to verify your claim.

Finally, let me thank you again for participating in this series. I hope this information will help you achieve your long-term objectives while saving you some tax along the way.

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Next Week: Jack Pollack, a financial planner with Panfinancial, will examine the investment potential of a single Toronto mother in order to help her maximize her finances.

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A 'motivation' to do better

Useful income tax tips

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

In order to determine Joel and Sophie's assessment of their financial planning experience, The CJN conducted a follow-up interview with them.

TORONTO — When we first approached Joel and Sophie in Saskatoon with the idea of a "public" financial planning session, the timing couldn't have been better. In fact, they said this was something they had talked about doing many times.

The outcome?

"It was a little tricky to do over the phone but it was a good process to go through and it did reaffirm that what we are doing is right on track," said Sophie.

Warren's suggestion about not putting any more money into the RREP for the children is one they will follow up on. "It does make sense to put the money into our RRSPs. While we don't know if we'll do it right away, we will won't put any more money into the scholarship fund," Sophie said.

Two pointers that she feels will benefit the family include the pre-school costs and Sophie's expenses that may be used as deductions on their income tax.

"Warren also gave us good information on how to top up our RRSPs. The entire process gave us the motivation to do better."

Would she and Joel sit down with another financial expert in the future?

"Yes, but we would have to be significantly better off before we think about starting to diversify our investments."

BIZ BRIEFS

GDP Falls 5.7 Per Cent

JERUSALEM — The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) fell 5.7 per cent in the second quarter of the year, as the closure of the territories cut down construction activity and the Hebron massacre reduced tourism, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported recently.

The GDP measures the total value of goods produced and services provided by the economy.

The business product, which measures private sector activity, dropped 10.2 per cent compared with the first quarter, due to the sharp decline in construction and a relatively moderate increase in industrial production.

Despite the drop, both the GDP and the business product rose 5 per cent during the first half of the year following first quarter increases of 7.8 per cent in the GDP and 10.2 per cent in the business product.

Eli Sagi, director of Economic Models, was not surprised by the GDP drop and said his company had predicted it six months ago. He expects, however, that economic growth will moderate in the next two years.

Sagi attributes the slowdown in the economy to the virtual halt in the government's efforts to increase the economy's efficiency and to the reduced flow of immigrants. These two factors were most responsible, according to him, for the impressive growth that has been registered since the beginning of the decade.

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Trade Deficit Falls

JERUSALEM — The trade deficit fell by a third last month to $410 million, as exports rose 3.6 per cent and imports dropped 8.5 per cent, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported recently.

Exports rose to $1.34 billion from $1.29 billion in June, while imports fell to $1.75 billion from $1.91 billion.

According to the bureau, the drop in imports reflected a sharp decrease in fuel imports last month.

During the first seven months of the year, the trade gap shot up 37 per cent to $4.67 billion compared with the same period last year.

Exports were 7.75 per cent higher and imports increased 16.3 per cent.

Seasonally adjusted figures for the past three months show that exports — excluding diamonds, ships and planes — rose between 4 per cent and 5 per cent compared with the previous three months.

During that period imports were flat and the trade gap fell 6 per cent.

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The Fight Against Inflation

JERUSALEM — Members of the Knesset Finance Committee and economic experts both came out squarely in favor of the Bank of Israel's inflation-fighting efforts and warned that the Treasury must do its part as well.

Committee chair Gedalya Gal (Labor) promised the committee would do its bit to ensure Treasury cooperation, but asked Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel commit to keeping interest rates the same for the near future.

Constant small rate increases, Gal said, are causing inflationary expectations, which in turn cause inflation. "Reining in [inflation] is a goal of the first importance," Gal said. "If [Frenkel] will send the message that there is no need to raise rates in the near future, we will work to restrain next year's budget and the cost of labor, and to promote import liberalization."

But professors Zvi Sussman and Haim Ben-Shahar, who both testified before the committee, strongly supported Frenkel's actions.

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State Revenues Increase By 12 Per Cent

JERUSALEM — — State revenues rose 12 per cent to NIS 6.1 billion last month compared with July 1993, reflecting the economy's continued expansion, State Revenues Director Yoram Gabbai reported.

During the first seven months of the year, revenues grew 14 per cent to NIS 41.8 billion.

Excluding legislative changes made throughout the year, which reduced tax collection by NIS 800 million, receipts increased 16 per cent.

Income tax revenues overshot estimates by NIS 1.5 billion from the beginning of the year, as they grew by 22 per cent.

Treasury officials now expect that until the end of the year, they will collect NIS 2 billion in taxes over their original estimates.

Company income taxes and property taxes contributed the unexpected surplus.

Arab-Israel joint venture rings true

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Few Israelis were prepared emotionally when Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat made his historic visit to the West Bank earlier this summer to establish Palestinian authority over Jericho and the Gaza Strip. For one Arab-Israeli joint venture, however, the peace treaty was already a fait accompli.

Tel Aviv-based Solan Telecommunications and Barat el-Arab in eastern Jerusalem had already agreed to provide temporary telephone, long-distance, fax and satellite services to the hordes of foreign journalists that descended upon virtually phoneless Jericho that hot July day.

Since Arafat's visit, the two companies have continued to work together to upgrade the tenuous phone links between Israelis and Palestinians.

"Telecom infrastructure in the West Bank and Gaza is very poor," according to Freeman Bandak, president of Barat el-Arab and official dealer of Motorola cellular equipment in the areas now under PLO control.

Bandak's joint-venture partner, Jacob Solan, earned fame — some say notoriety — several years ago when he set up a London computer link that allows Israelis and Palestinians to make direct-dial calls to 11 Arab countries, usually without those countries' consent.

Helping journalists cover Arafat's visit was easy next to the enormous telecommunication hurdles that lie ahead for the fledgling Palestinian entity, according to officials in the region.

According to statistics provided by Bezek, Israel's state-owned telephone company, the West Bank and Gaza — with a combined population of 2.5 million people — have an average phone density of only five to six lines per 100 households. This compares to 36 lines per 100 households in Israel proper.

"Bezek serves all Arab towns and villages (in the West Bank) and runs the show," said Radwan Abu-Ayash, director of the Palestinian Broadcasting Service and the PLO's chief negotiator on telecommunications issues during peace talks with Israel.

"Now everything is connected with Bezek," added Abdel Hafiz al-Ashab, a doctor from Hebron who was recently named the PLO's minister of communications.

"We look forward to disengaging ourselves from any other outside company, but we can't at this time," he acknowledged. "On the contrary, we need to cooperate with Bezek until we have the capability to run the telephone system ourselves."

Meanwhile, the Palestinians are getting help from International Technologies Integration, a Virginia consulting firm active in the Middle East and in various Russian semi-autonomous regions.

ITI recently won a concession to build, maintain and operate the newly established Palestine Telecommunications Co., known as Patelco, in all areas under PLO control now or in the future.

"It's not a big system, and phone penetration is woefully minuscule," said Patelco's chairman, Dennis Schonacher, estimating there are only 23,500 telephone lines in the Gaza Strip and 2,000 in Jericho. "Over the next few years, we expect a lot of that to change."

Schonacher declined to say what other companies are in the consortium, or to discuss the financial details of ITI's agreement with the PLO.

He did say, however, that the Palestinians would need at least $25 million in the next 12 months to bring their phone system up to minimum international standards.

"We're using whatever was available under the Israeli system," he said. "Until things are organized and we get Palestinians trained, the Israelis will be operating the company on a short-term basis under contract. It all depends on how fast we can get qualified people on board."

ITI is no newcomer to the Middle East. In recent years, it has developed an overall communications plan for the Lebanese Defense Ministry, designed a 200,000-line central office system for the Beirut Reconstruction Authority, done consulting work for the NESMA Group in Saudi Arabia, and established joint ventures with MCI to install Earth stations in Kuwait and Syria.

For what appears to be political reasons, the Palestinian entity will not get its own country dialing code for the time being. Rather, calls to Jericho and the Gaza Strip will continue to require Israel's "972" prefix as before. That will make it nearly impossible for the area's residents to receive calls directly from family members in Jordan, Saudi Arabia and other Arab countries.

Some Israelis are skeptical whether Patelco can function at all without help from Bezek.

"They have the same technology as we do, but they have too little of it," said Avi Patias, Bezek's vice president for engineering. "They don't have enough capacity in switches or transmission, and they have a long waiting list for telephones. It's impossible to get a phone in Gaza or Jericho."

Added a Bezek spokesman in Jerusalem: "We would be happy to assist the Palestinians, and we would like for many reasons to do business with them.

"But they have this feeling now that since they've accomplished a kind of independence, they have to be independent in everything," he said, adding: "It doesn't make economic sense."

Violators charged

WASHINGTON — A federal grand jury has indicted four companies for violating export regulations.

According to Eric Holder, United States attorney for the District of Columbia, the violations involved the shipping of zirconium pellets, which are used in cluster bombs, to Jordan and Greece.

The defendants, according to the charges, conspired to export 175 million zirconium pellets worth $3.5 million without acquiring a license from the State Department and by making false statements to the Commerce Department.

If convicted of all the charges for allegedly conspiring to violate the Arms Export Control Act and Export Administration Act, the companies would face $20 million in fines and possible suspension and debarment from U.S. export privileges.

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Exclusave: a savings guide

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Everyone is looking for ways to save money these days.

Three creative entrepreneurs, emigres from the former Soviet Union, have combined their artistic talents and business acumen to fill that need with Exclusave, a unique savings guide.

Exclusave is made by Diskadd Corp. The complete package includes an elegant gold savings card, a pocket directory of participating businesses, and two computer disks with detailed information on prices, maps, reviews, inventories and sample restaurant menus. Its inventors call Exclusave a "new and exciting excursion into a world of remarkable savings."

Zak Bespaly and Leon and Irina Brand formed Diskadd in 1990. Bespaly, whose family came to Canada in the 1973, had an extensive background in sales and marketing including four years as owner of a direct sales company. Leon Brand, who immigrated to Canada in 1979, was the computer expert while wife Irina contributed an artistic touch: Irina was a classical pianist who played with the Windsor Symphony after emigrating in 1980.

Choices

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The Exclusave program, which is designed for DOS, Windows and all IBM-compatible computers (preferably with VGA color monitor) opens the door to easy and fast access to may businesses and services. "Informed choice becomes very easy and joyable with thorough information," Irina says. Updated information can be accessed by modem.

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Advertiser's Corner

Advertiser's Corner highlights the news, views and backgrounds of companies whose advertisements appear regularly in the CJN.

This week The CJN features . . . Crawford Boys

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

TORONTO — These days independent retailers have to specialize and offer an extensive selection of merchandise if they hope to succeed.

"Retailers who are doing well have looked at a niche in the market and said, 'This is what I'm going to do and I'm not going to do anything else,' " said Paul Spiar, who, with his wife Roseanne Markens-Spiar, owns **Crawford Boys,** a store that specializes in boys' dresswear.

A small store with "a little bit of everything" is unlikely to survive, said Spiar, because customers like to choose from the largest selection available. Prices ought to be reasonable, too, as people want value for their money.

Spiar stressed the importance of the staff in a specialty store such as Crawford Boys.

The staff, from top to bottom, should be committed to customer service and focus on making the customer happy. "If you're not going to do that, the customer won't come back."

Salespeople should honestly enjoy the time they spend with their customers. Customers, especially kids, Spiar said, are quick to spot a disgruntled salesperson.

His clientele consists mainly of mothers accompanied by their sons age 4 and up. It is mom who does most of the shopping, he noted.

Spiar advises his sales staff to take the concerns of their young shopper seriously. "His opinion should carry as much weight as mine, his mom's or his dad's."

Even in this time of high unemployment, Spiar experiences difficulty finding both part-time and full-time salespeople. "There are a lot of people who need jobs, but not everyone is suited to retail," he said.

And those who are suited to retail do better with some products than with others.

Many people believe that selling in a retail environment is easy, but they are wrong, he said. It takes product knowledge, time, effort and patience.

In Spiar's store, it is possible for staff to spend up to two hours selling a suit and then discover the customer wants to "look around." If the salesperson shows anger or frustration at this crucial stage, the customer is unlikely to return.

Even if the customer does buy a suit somewhere else, all is not lost, providing she has had a positive experience , said Spiar. She might tell a friend or neighbor that the salesperson was pleasant and the neighbor might visit the store.

Crawford Boys used to feature both men's and boys' wear, with a small corner set aside for boys' dresswear, but Spiar and his wife found there was a demand for the dresswear.

"Gradually it started taking over more and more of the store's floor area," recalled Spiar. "We decided — a lot was at Roseanne's instigation, she's good at spotting this sort of thing — to go with [boys'] dresswear."

Markens-Spiar, who has a background in the sciences, got involved in retailing because she married a retailer. Spiar praised his wife's analytical skills, calling her a very important component of the business. "We survived the recession due to Roseanne's input into the business."

He said she considers herself an average mother — the Spiars have an 11-year-old son and a 15-year-old daughter — who shops for her kids and knows what she likes when she walks into a store.

But he feels the fact that she works from home is an asset. "I'm in the store every day, so I'm a little too close to the forest to see the trees."

This summer Crawford Boys cleared out the remainder of its stock of men's wear and camp wear.

Spiar promises his store will feature "one of the largest selections of boys' suits, sports jackets, dress pants in the city," in time for back-to-school shopping.

The newly-renovated store has a user-friendly layout for customers who prefer to look through the merchandise on their own; salespeople will be available for those who want assistance.

The store has been in the Spiar family for more than 40 years. Paul Spiar's father Mort purchased the business, which used to be known as Crawford's Men's Shop, in 1952, when it was located at Yonge and Dundas.

In 1980 Spiar bought the business from his father and nine years later moved it to Lawrence Plaza.

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Ernst And Young Set Up Shop

JERUSALEM — Leaders of the international accounting giant Ernst and Young were in Jerusalem recently to formally unveil their new association with local accountancy firm Kost, Levary and Forer.

The Ernst and Young alliance with Kost, Levary and Forer formally makes the Israeli firm part of the international Ernst and Young network.

Informally, the Israeli and U.S.-based firms have been cooperating for a decade.

The firm is the second of the "Big Six" accounting companies to officially align itself with an Israeli accounting organization, following the affiliation of international firm Deloitte and Touche with Yigal Brightman, Ltd.

The rest of the "Big Six" are expected to follow suit soon.

The trend is a result of both the expansion and attractiveness of local companies and the increased ability to do business here and in the Arab world.

Ernst and Young, for example, is also established in 11 other Middle Eastern countries, employing more than 1,000 people.

Ernst and Young International CEO Michael Henning said Israeli clients of Kost, Levary and Forer will benefit from Ernst and Young's ability to help them smoothly conduct business in the 120 countries in which it maintains operations.

Within the year, he said, Ernst and Young in New York will have a Kost, Levary and Forer partner heading an Israel desk in New York and an Ernst and Young partner will be heading a U.S. desk in Tel Aviv.

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A Cable Car Link Up?

JERUSALEM — American businessman Jack Blass, owner of a large investment company, has decided to invest in the establishment of a cable car which will link Safed and Tiberias.

The $115 million project will be built by German experts who have already visited the area.

The 13-kilometer cable car will have three main stations — one in the Safed artists quarter, another at Karei Deshe and the third on the shore of the Kinneret.

Blass met recently with Safed mayor, Moshe Haniya, and presented the plans for the project, which was formulated over the past year by architects, tourism advisers, engineers and other experts.

The project will include the construction of two luxury hotels.

The plan will soon be brought before the various committees for approval.

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An Israel/Jordan Bank Deal

JERUSALEM — Bank Hapoalim signed a deal with the Bank of Jordan in March, whereby it will provide the Jordanian bank's branches in the territories with shekel and foreign currency banking services, Bank Hapoalim reported recently.

The services will include clearing checks, conducting foreign trade activities, and providing training to Bank of Jordan employees.

Bank of Jordan, the country's fifth largest bank, was the first Jordanian bank to open branches in these areas, and the agreement at this stage applies only to its Ramallah and Nablus and branches.

At the Bank of Jordan's request the pact was kept secret until Jordan decided that developments on the diplomatic front made publication possible.

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Possible Trade Concessions

JERUSALEM — Israel is considering giving trade concessions to Jordan on exports to the territories outside of the autonomous areas, an Israeli official close to the economic talks with Jordan reported.

Economic negotiations with Jordan resumed recently at the Moriah Hotel on the Dead Sea shore.

The official said the talks were going very well, and that the Jordanians had asked for "symbolic" Israeli concessions on trade with Palestinians outside the autonomous areas. According to the official, the Israeli delegation is seriously considering agreeing to the Jordanian request.

"In light of the positive atmosphere and of the fact that we are talking about a volume of trade that doesn't pose any threat to our economy, the delegation is inclined to accept the proposal," said the official.

Israeli officials have pointed out that the Paris economic agreement with the Palestinians has, to a great extent, left trade with the autonomous areas in the hands of the Palestinians.

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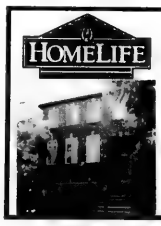

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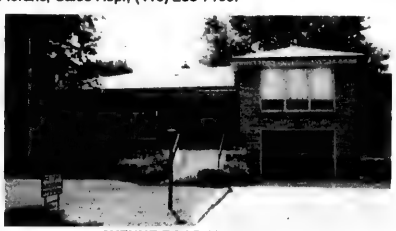

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Abrams, Margaret on August 6, 1994
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Kerpneck, Faye on August 1, 1994
Lazar, Herman on August 7, 1994, late of 155 Marlee Ave., #906
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Sprackman, Chester on August 7, 1994, late of 184 Honiton Street
Yurman, Joseph on August 6, 1994, late of 92 Clark Ave. East

Steeles Memorial Chapel

335 UNVEILINGS

KATZ
The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of Dora Katz, mother of Ida Kershner and Bambi Katz Freireich will be held on Sun. Aug. 21 at 12:30p.m. at the Workmen's Circle Section of Mt. Sinai Cemetary. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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11:00 a.m.
Roselawn Cemetery
(Roselawn,& Chaplin Crescent)
Shomrai Shabos Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Lily Rosenbloom ז"ל
beloved mother of Faigie Feldman and Shari and Husby Polan
will take place
Sunday, August 21st
10:30 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
New Fraternal Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Leon Arie Tiefenbach ז"ל
beloved husband, father & grandfather
will take place
Sunday, August 28th
1:30 p.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Tomaszower Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
VICTOR MAYERS ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 21st
at 1:00 p.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
One For All Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
PETER LEVINE ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 28th
10:30 a.m.
Roselawn Cemetery
(Roselawn, east of Bathurst)
Shaarei Tzedec Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Dorothy Goldenberg ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 21st
12:00 noon
Dawes Rd. Cemetery
B'nai Israel Beth David Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
IDA SHIAMAN ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 28th
1:30 p.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
Sunnyside Lodge Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monumentto the memory of the late
LEON BOKSER ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 28th, at 12:00 noon
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
(Bathurst South of Steeles)
Linitzer Benefit Society Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
IRENE ROTH ז"ל
and the late
ARNOLD ROTH ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 21st, at 1:00 p.m.
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Dufferin St. North of Major Mackenzie Drive
Labour Zionist Farband
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
FANNY WENER ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 21st, at 10:00 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Husitner Klaus Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

ORLY WATKIN ז"ל
The unveiling of a monument
to the beloved memory of our dear
ORLY ז"ל
will take place
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PARDES SHALOM CEMETERY
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BIALICK
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BROWN
The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late Nellie Brown will take place on Sunday August 28 at 11:00 a.m. at Beth Jacobs Cemetery, in Kitchener. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Stern
The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late Sam Stern will take place on Sunday Aug. 21, 1994 at 1 p.m. at Mount Sinai Memorial Park, Pride of Israel Section. Relatives are invited to attend.

ZIMMERMAN
The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of Herman Zimmerman will take place Sunday Aug. 21, 1994 at 10:30 a.m. Mount Sinai Cemetery, Farband Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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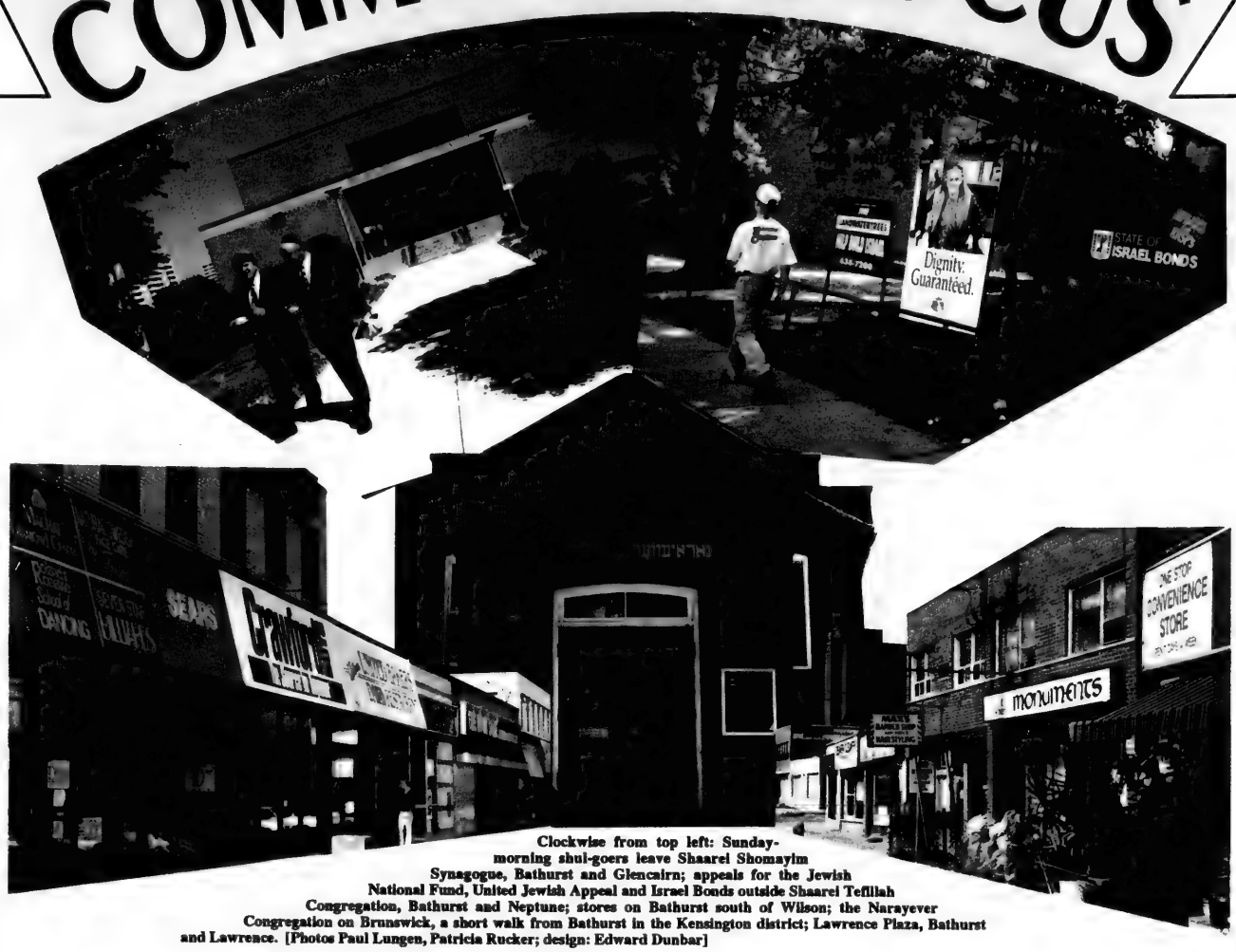

Clockwise from top left: Sunday-morning shul-goers leave Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, Bathurst and Glencairn; appeals for the Jewish National Fund, United Jewish Appeal and Israel Bonds outside Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, Bathurst and Neptune; stores on Bathurst south of Wilson; the Narayever Congregation on Brunswick, a short walk from Bathurst in the Kensington district; Lawrence Plaza, Bathurst and Lawrence. [Photos Paul Lungen, Patricia Rucker; design: Edward Dunbar]

STREETSCAPES ALONG TORONTO'S JEWISH CORE

-BATHURST STREET-

Israel and the Diaspora:

An evolving partnership

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

Some things never seem to change. Like the onset of Labor Day and the preparation for the High Holidays, autumn brings with it another seasonal rite.

As sure as leaves change color and fall, the Jewish community lifts itself from its summer doldrums and launches itself into its most feverish event of the year — the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) campaign.

Known simply as "campaign" to the hundreds of volunteer canvassers and UJA staffers who beat the bushes for contributions, the event is the time when the Jewish community reaches out and touches someone.

This year's goal has been set at around $40 million, a $1.9 million increase over last year's total and a sign that campaigners believe the worst of the recession may be over. With a bit of an improvement in the economy, canvassers are expecting Toronto's Jewish community (estimated at 162,000) once more to live up to their international reputation for generosity when it comes to supporting Jewish causes.

Toronto Jews outdid themselves in 1990 during the Operation Exodus campaign when they were asked to aid in the rescue and settlement of hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews. Many doubled their annual gifts — and more — with the Exodus campaign alone amassing the incredible figure of over $50 million in the three years of its existence.

Since that one-shot affair, campaign has come back down to earth with this year's $40 million goal, remarkable in itself considering that the United Way in Toronto raised $46.5 million in 1993, from a much larger population base.

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In the sometimes labyrinthine world of Jewish organizational life, the names of agencies can confuse the uninitiated. Here's a primer on who the players are during campaign.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto serves as the central Jewish communal organization for Metropolitan Toronto, Mississauga, Vaughan, Markham and Richmond Hill. The UJA is its fundraising arm.

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Contact: Lillian Benlolo. Offers a Sunday and/or two evening program in Thornhill and Richmond Hill. Energetic teachers and assistants encourage students to learn Hebrew language, prayers, reading, writing, Jewish history and Bible through self-expression and creativity. Theatre, music, dance and poetry are integrated with the child's studies to provide a joyous and lasting learning experience.

BETH SHOLOM HEBREW SCHOOL (Mildred Arnoff Memorial)
1445 Eglinton Ave. W., 783-6103
Principal: Harriet Weinberg. Affiliated with the Board of Jewish Education and United Synagogue of America. Small classes. Qualified certified teachers. Classes from junior kindergarten to pre-bar/bat mitzvah. Students participate in Bible contests, Zimriah, Rikudiyah and various mitzvah projects. Beth Sholom Hebrew School promotes commitment to our Jewish heritage.

BETH TIKVAH CONGREGATIONAL SCHOOL
3080 Bayview Ave., Willowdale
Tel. 221-5083, Fax 221-1602
Contact: Ed Goldman, director of youth activities. Beth Tikvah offers a dynamic curriculum of Jewish studies, including Hebrew, Bible, prayer, Jewish concepts and celebration. We are particularly proud of our strong music program, and the wide variety of youth activities available to our students. Classes from junior kindergarten through high school are open to the entire community.

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350 Hilda Ave. at Clark in Thornhill (905) 731-2797
Affiliated with Board of Jewish Education. Junior and senior kindergarten to Grade 7. Bar/bat mitzvah program. Hebrew, holidays, prayers, Israel, Bible, history, Israeli folkdancing, music and more! Education director: Joseph Klinger, former principal of Bialik Hebrew Day School. Administrator: Sadie Domb.

COMMITTEE FOR YIDDISH JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER TORONTO
635-2883, extension 155
Contact: Sylvia Lusgarten. The Committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto brings Yiddish Ashkenazi culture to a new generation. It mounts Yiddish cultural and educational programs: annual outdoor concert; book fair lecture; kindergarten to high school credit classes; university courses; conversation classes. It co-sponsors and encourages many Yiddish projects, local and international.

DOWNTOWN JEWISH COMMUNITY SCHOOL
750 Spadina Ave., 924-6211, Fax: 924-0442
Contact: Joan Schoenfeld, principal. A supplementary school affiliated with the Toronto Board of Jewish Education. Aims to provide students with a positive basis for Jewish identity in a pluralistic community. Students learn the concepts and skills necessary to live a Jewish life and to feel comfortable within a Jewish setting. Jewish studies, Hebrew and high school classes offered.

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585 Cranbrooke Ave., Toronto M6A 2X9, 789-5502, Fax: 789-5981
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RICHMOND HILL HEBREW SCHOOL
9711 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill, Ont. L4C 9X7, (905) 884-8400, Fax: (905) 886-6491
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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

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630-9313, Fax: 630-9319
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JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER TORONTO/UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
4600 Bathurst St., Willowdale, Ontario M2R 3V2, 635-2883
Federation, "the central address" for organized Jewish communal life in Greater Toronto, is dedicated to preserving and enriching Jewish life, and to strengthening the community's identification with Israel. With funds raised by UJA, its fundraising arm, the federation allocates funds to its affiliated agencies which deliver educational, social welfare and cultural services to Jews in Toronto, Canada, Israel and around the world.

JEWISH STUDENT FEDERATION
4700 Keele St., 736-5178,
Fax: 736-5102
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3101 Bathurst St., Suite 604.
Diane Uslaner, executive director
Women's Canadian ORT, 787-0339, Fax: 787-9420
MEN'S CANADIAN ORT
5165 Sherbrooke St. W., Suite 208, Montreal, Que. H4A 1T6
Mac Silver, executive director
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SERVICES

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Fax: 663-9417
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JEWISH IMMIGRANT AID SERVICES OF CANADA
4600 Bathurst St., Suite 325, Willowdale, Ontario M2R 3V3,
630-6481, Fax: 630-1376
Contact: Perry Romberg, executive director. Since 1922 JIAS has helped some 175,000 Jewish refugees and immigrants come to freedom in Canada. As the national agency of Canadian Jewry, JIAS provides resettlement counselling, integration programming, language training, immigration consultation, financial assistance and social services to those newcomers who travel the difficult journey "from immigrant to citizen."

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74 Tycos Dr., Toronto, Ontario M6B 1V9, 787-1151, Fax: 785-7529
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TORONTO JEWISH FREE LOAN CASSA
4600 Bathurst St., Suite 340,
635-1217, Fax: 635-8926
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3101 Bathurst St. #502, 787-7565
Fax: 787-8457
The Jerusalem College of Technology (JCT) awards a four-year B.Sc. Degree, combining Torah, highest technological and academic disciplines and Judaic studies. A leading centre for research and development, JCT provides hands-on training and prepares students for senior decisive roles in society. Canadian Friends of JCT raises funds for College and informs the community of JCT's contributions and needs.

THE CANADIAN SHAARE ZEDEK HOSPITAL FOUNDATION
3089 Bathurst St., Suite 205, 781-3584, Fax: 781-6439
Contact: national executive director Sheila Dropkin. The foundation represents Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, Jerusalem's "Hospital With a Heart." Our groups and committees offer rewarding and self-fulfilling activities for people of all ages. Our all-occasion cards and certificates, Jewish New Year cards and place cards for simchot provide supporters with an opportunity to honor friends and family.

CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR THE WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
45 Sheppard Ave. East, Ste, 218, North York, M2N 5W9
733-9220, Fax:733-9430
Contact: Associate director Gloria Temkin. Actively mobilizing for Weizmann's scientific research in Rehovot, Israel, the Canadian society has funded the two most prominent buildings on campus — the Canadian Institute for the Energies and Applied Research and the Canadian Centre for Nuclear Physics with its Koffler Accelerator tower.

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

ISRAEL BASED ORGANIZATIONS CONTINUED

CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR YAD VASHEM
2180 Hwy. 7, Unit 12A, Concord, Ont., L4K 2S9, (905) 660-6028, Fax: (905) 660-6029
Contact: executive director Barbara Tamir. The Canadian Society for Yad Vashem is a non-profit, volunteer organization of concerned citizens, Gentiles and Jews, survivors and partisans, and those lucky enough not to have experienced hatred and racism firsthand. Our goal is to educate Canadians and raise funds in Canada to support the on-going work of Yad Vashem.

CANADIAN VOLUNTEERS FOR ISRAEL
788 Marlee Ave., 781-7089
Sar-el is a voluntary, non-political organization providing Diaspora Jews with the opportunity to directly help Israel. Most volunteers are between 18 and 65. They work and live for three weeks on IDF maintenance bases. Room and board supplied. Transportation discounted. Many extras.

EMUNAH WOMEN OF TORONTO
3768 Bathurst St., Suite 308, 635-9847, Fax: 635-1519
A Torah Zionist organization, stands proud of its accomplishments. Under Emunah's dynamic auspices, over 170 educational and social facilities meet the ever-increasing physical and spiritual needs of diverse communities in Israel. Emunah represents a commitment to the quality of Jewish life in Israel and the Diaspora.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND
4600 Bathurst St., Suite 238, 638-7200
Best recognized as the organization which has planted forests, parks and trees in Israel. It really does much more — builds roads, constructs dams and reservoirs, develops land infrastructure for new immigrant housing, prepares recreation and tourist sites, and conducts research with regard to various ecological concerns. Donors to JNF receive receipts for income tax purposes.

NA'AMAT CANADA
272 Codsell Ave., 636-5425
A dynamic fighter for women's rights in Israel and Canada. Since 1921, Na'amat Israel, with 800,000 members, has dramatically affected lives of Jewish, Arab and Druze women by providing child care, vocational high schools, scholarships, and community centres. In Canada, Na'amat sponsors Bialik Hebrew Day School, Camp Gesher and Habonim Dror Youth Movement.

CATERERS

SAM FIRESTONE CATERERS LIMITED
470 Glencairn Ave., Toronto, Ont. M5N 1V8, Leslie Firestone, catering manager, 782-8022 or 221-6329, Fax: 789-1728
Sam Firestone Caterers, under the direction of founder Sam Firestone and more recently, catering manager Leslie Firestone, has served the community's needs for more than 30 years. Glatt kosher menus are tailored to your needs and budget wiothout compromising quality and service. Located at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue (non-members welcome). Under supervision of the Kashruth Council, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (COR).

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786 Supertest Rd., 650-5440, Fax: 650-5621
Contact: president Ailette Ponte. We provide a full catering service to include home and office food services (including staffing). We provide institutional food services. Exclusive kosher caterer to York University. Factory outlet open to public. Under supervision of the Kashruth Coucil, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (COR).

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Joanne Katz, catering manager 630-0303, Fax: 630-4585
Regal Kosher Caterers, under supervision of the Kashruth Council, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (COR), meets the varied needs of the Orthodox community. Its two restaurants, the Wok 'N Deli and King Solomon's Table, offer a variety of oriental and continental dishes. Special events are catered at the beautiful banquet halls of the Montecassino Place Suites Hotel.

RELIGIOUS LIFE

BEIT RAYIM SYNAGOGUE
9711 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill, Ont. L4C 9X7, 905-508-4410
A rapidly growing Conservative egalitarian synagogue in Richmond Hill. It offers regular services, a brotherhood and sisterhood, youth programs, adult education classes, and bar and bat mitzvah lessons. Membership is reasonably priced, and family participation in services is encouraged.

BETH AVRAHAM YOSEPH OF TORONTO CONGREGATION
618 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, (905)886-3810
The congregation was founded in 1981 and now has 600 families. Under the spiritual leadership of Rabbi Baruch Taub, it follows an Orthodox path, while warmly welcoming those at all levels of religious observance. The synagogue has a dynamic sisterhood, youth activities and an extensive series of educational programs.

BETH RADOM CONGREGATION
18 Reiner Rd., 636-3451
Contact: Irving Kirshenblat or office administrator, Irene Aidelman. A member of the Association of Conservative Congregations, Beth Radom is comprised of over 280 member families. Recently completed modern facilities provide for bar/bat mitzvahs, weddings, banquets, etc., all with strictly kosher catering, under the supervision of the Kashruth Council, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. New members are enthusiastically encouraged at attractive terms.

BETH TORAH CONGREGATION
47 Glenbrook Ave., Toronto M6B 2L7, 782-4495, Fax 782-4496
Contact: Isaac Lallouz, treasurer. Conservative synagogue in existence over 30 years, Lawrence-Dufferin area. Rabbi Charles Freundlich — spiritual leader, daily minyan. Active sisterhood and brotherhood, adult education. Singles program. Kosher and high quality catering by Rose Lazar under supervision of the Kashruth Council, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. Handicapped access.

B'NAI SHALOM NORTH CONGREGATION
275 Arnold Ave., Thornhill, (905) 731-2797
High Holy Day services held in the air-conditioned auditorium of the Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, led by Rabbi Solomon Domb. Youths aged 6-17 years may attend the main services or a separate youth service. Babysitting for children aged 2-5 years during the services. Also, catering facilities at the synagogue all year.

BOROCHOV CULTURAL CENTRE & KOL YISROEL CONGREGATION
272 Codsell Ave., 630-9444, Fax: 636-5248
Contact: president Dave Newman. A Conservative synagogue situated in the Borochov Cultural Centre. Weekly Shabbat services are held in a warm, friendly atmosphere, apparent during the kiddush when everyone socializes. Bar and bat mitzvahs, and other special occasions are held. No membership fee. High Holy Day services are held in the main hall in the centre.

CONGREGATION BINA
PO/CP 92127, 2900 Warden Ave., Scarborough, Ont. M1W 3Y8, 416-491-9109
Contact: Solomon Samson, president. The main objective of Congregation BINA, a non-profit organization for Jews from India, is to assist maintain, and promote traditional religious, social, cultural, and educational activities among its members. Each year, High Holy Day services and social gatherings are held, and a quarterly news bulletin, *Contact*, is published.

CONGREGATION B'NAI TORAH
465 Patricia Ave., 226-3700
An Orthodox congregation of over 300 families, offering: women's mikvah for Sabbaths and festivals; separate Shabbat services for adults, youth and children; High Holy Day services; vibrant youth program; daily shiurim for men and for women, and for pre and post bar/bat mitzvah youth; dynamic adult education program; library.

CONGREGATION DARCHEI NOAM
15 Hove St., 638-4783
A congregation of families and single adults who value a fully egalitarian and participatory religious life. Our Reconstructionist affiliation means we are religious progressives emphasizing peoplehood over theology while remaining committed to traditional Jewish practices. Children's programming; adult education and social action projects are among the activities of Congregation Darchei Noam..

DOWNTOWN REFORM MINYAN
1520 Steeles Ave. West, Suite 113, 694-0556
Contact: Ellen Morrow, steering committee chair. The Downtown Reform Minyan is a group of Liberal Jews interested in coming together for a warm, egalitarian worship experience on a regular basis in the downtown Toronto area. We operate under the auspices of the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism.

EMUNAH SHLEIMA CONGREGATION
4120 Bathurst St., 638-6115
Will conduct High Holy Day services under the dynamic leadership of Rabbi Meir Uri Gottesman at Forest Hill Collegiate Institute, 730 Eglinton Ave. W. Families and singles welcome. There is an atmosphere of warmth, sharing, piety, joy and spirituality. We pride ourselves on being a little synagogue with a big heart.

FIRST NARAYEVER EGALITARIAN CONGREGATION
187 Brunswick Ave., 927-0546
For the seventh year the congregation will sponsor High Holy Day services at the JCC Bloor and Spadina Branch. Tickets are available at the JCC or by calling the shul office. The shul offers Shabbat and holiday services, and programs, junior congregation, adult education and opportunities for participation. Guests are warmly welcomed at all times.

KEHILLAT AHAVAT HESED
788 Marlee Ave., Third Floor, 733-9848
Contact: Sharon Gunther. Services held at 788 Marlee Ave., Third Floor. An egalitarian Conservative congregation established in 1985 for mutual support and celebration of Jewish ritual. Focus on communal prayer, study, involvement in social and charitable causes. Inspiring, educational and interesting services. Adult education study groups. Vegetarian Shabbat pot-luck meals. Celebrating simchot and lifecycle events.

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2640 Bayview Ave., Willowdale, M2L 1B7, 229-2600, Fax: 229-2167
Contact: Rabbi Reuven Tradburks. Kehillat Shaarei Torah is a young, vibrant, modern Orthodox synagogue on Bayview near York Mills. With 175 families, we offer a wide range of services and programs, while maintaining the warmth of a small shul. Our bat/bar mitzvah ceremonies are unparalleled. Special introductory rates for new members. Visitors always welcome.

LODZER CENTRE CONGREGATION
12 Heaton St., Downsview, Ontario M3H 4Y6, 636-6665, Fax: 636-8861
Contact: Dina. A Conservative congregation located near Bathurst and Sheppard. Daily minyan and Shabbat services; High Holy Day services with separate youth minyan and babysitting. Adult education classes with Rabbi Louis Schechter. Banquet hall seats up to 300. Strictly kosher catering under the Kashruth Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

OR HADASH SYNAGOGUE
1110 Stellar Drive, Newmarket, Ont., L3Y 7B7, (905) 898-2220, Fax: (905) 727-2086
Contact: Karen Rosenthal, director. Or Hadash is a reform synagogue located in Newmarket, Ontario — a growing Jewish community. We attract families from throughout northern York Region. We are a warm, family-oriented congregation. Programs offered: High Holy Day and Shabbat services; holiday celebrations; life cycle events; adult education; interfaith outreach; moms and tots; Hebrew school.

PRIDE OF ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE
59 Lissom Cres., Willowdale, Ont. M2R 2P2, 226-0111, Fax: 226-0128
Contact: Rabbi Flanzraich. A large, traditional Conservative congregation at Bathurst and Steeles. We run daily services and complete Shabbat services for the whole family. We offer bar/bat mitzvah program, Shabbat story hour, BBYO, adult education, an active sisterhood and glatt kosher catering under the supervision of the Kashruth Council, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

SHAAREI-BETH EL CONGREGATION OF HALTON
186 Morrison Rd., Oakville, L6J 4J4, (905) 849-6000, Fax:(905) 849-1134
Contact Rabbi Edward Goldfarb. A Reform congregation with a strong traditional orientation. The synagogue offers Hebrew and religious classes, bar/bat mitzvah instruction, youth activities, sisterhood and adult education programs. The shul has experienced sustained growth over the last 10 years from Burlington and Oakville. Other members come from Milton, Mississauga, Hamilton and Toronto.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM CONGREGATAION
470 Glencairn Ave., 787-3213, Fax: 789-1728
Contact: executive director Carol Kravetsky. Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue is a vibrant congregation emphasising a religious basis for the diverse programs which it provides for the members and for the community. Our facilities are host to many types of activities which are designed to appeal to all ages, all backgrounds and all interests. All are welcome.

SHAAREI TEFILLAH CONGREGATION
3600 Bathurst St., 787-1631
A vibrant Orthodox congregation next to Baycrest. Under the dynamic spiritual leadership of Rabbi Moshe Stern, offers daily morning and evening services. Shabbat and holiday services, and a vareity of adult education and Torah classes. Brotherhood and sisterhood offer monthly breakfast meetings, guest speakers and varied activities for all ages.

SHAAR SHALOM SYNAGOGUE
2 Simnston Blvd., Thornhill, Ontario L3T 4L1, 905-889-4975, Fax: 905-889-4975
Contact: Erma Bader, administrator. Shaar Shalom Synagogue under the spiritual leadership of Rabbi Martin Berman is a Conservative congregation in Thornhill. We offer full services on Shabbat and holidays, daily minyans, a newly renovated social hall, excellent catering services, active sisterhood, brotherhood, youth groups and an afternoon Hebrew School (SK-Grade 7).

SOLEL CONGREGATION
2399 Folkway Dr., Mississauga, Ontario L5L 2M6, (905) 568-1836, Fax: (905) 569-6965
Contact: Shelley Cass. A Liberal congregation affiliated with the Reform Movement. Services include prayer and study on an adult level and a discussion led by the rabbi or a guest speaker. Children are encouraged to participate. Services are held on Friday evenings, Saturday and Tuesday mornings. Holiday services include cultural programs for the entire family.

TEMPLE EMANU-EL
120 Old Colony Rd., 449-3880
Contact: H. Rudolph/P. Leszner. A Reform synagogue in North York where people care about each other, their spirituality and their Jewishness. Participate in daily morning minyan, social action, religious practices, volunteers choir, chaverim (combined brotherhood/sisterhood). Dynamic Hebrew/religious schools, youth groups.

TEMPLE HAR ZION
7360 Bayview Ave., (905) 889-2252, Fax: (905) 889-2258
Contact: executive director Marilyn Somers. An egalitarian congregation. Spiritual leader Rabbi Michael S. Stroh. Social action group; youth groups; young marrieds; educational program for children led by Rabbi Sheryl Nosan at Leo Baeck Bldg. Daily minyan; Friday night and Saturday morning services; monthly Friday night family services.

TEMPLE KOL AMI
1520 Steeles Ave. West, Suite 113, Concord, Ont. L4K 2P7, (905) 660-5199, Fax: (905) 660-3411
Contact Peter Sewell, chair membership committee. Temple Kol Ami is a Reform Jewish congregation led by Rabbi Nancy E. Wechsler and based in Vaughan (Thornhill), Ontario. Established in 1989, the congregation has grown to approximately 120 member families, and offers a full range of religious, educational and social programs and services. For more information, including High Holy Days, call our office.

UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM
1520 Steeles Ave. W., #112, (905) 738-1717
The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism is the association of Conservative congregations in North America. The Program Department plans and organizes the United Synagogue Biennial Convention, publishes the United Synagogue Art/Engagement wall calendar, program suggestions for congregations, and the Directory and Resource Guide. The United Synagogue Book Service is responsible for the production and distribution of items of the Jewish Theological Seminary, Women's League for Conservative Judaism and the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism offers numerous programs which communicate the Conservative Jewish experience to our youth. Ontario region is proud of its vibrant youth activities in each affiliated synagogue. USY regional programs include USY Israel Pilgrimage, USY on Wheels, Nativ (11-month Israel experience, with full accreditation at Hebrew University for first-year college students), and USY High (2-month high school program in Israel). Affiliated congregations are: Adath Israel, Adath Sholom, Ahavas Isaac (Sarnia). Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, Beth Emeth, Beth Sholom, Beth Tikvah, Beth Torah, Beth Tzedec, Beth Jacob (Hamilton), B'nai Israel (St. Catharines), Or Shalom (London), Shaar Shalom.

The way we are

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Supplement Editor

Just what do we mean when we talk about "community?"

Sociological theory describes it as a society within a larger society, a part of the whole, but with its own parameters and characteristics.

The Concise Oxford Dictionary defines community as an "organized political, municipal, or social body; a body of people living in the same locality;...having religion, profession, etc. in common..."

Others see a community as a collection of individuals, who, generally speaking, choose to live or interact with each other. A corollary to this view is that they choose to act together at least some of the time for the common good, for those who take no part in communal life seldom really consider themselves a full part of it.

The Toronto Jewish community is less than 150 years old, a mere child in terms of Jewish history. Yet in many ways it is a paradigm for all those Jewish communities around the world that sank roots into alien lands, flourished, and contributed so much to their hosts.

The earliest Jews came to Toronto for largely economic reasons, and, by and large, they did well. After a time, others came to escape persecution and deprevation, seeing in the "goldine medina" (even if many of them really wanted to go to the United States and saw Canada as either a stepping stone or a substitute) a chance to live safely and make a good life for their children.

Like all Jewish communities, they banded together and created religious institutions, mutual aid societies, charitable organizations. They fought the anti-Semitism and discrimination which, although more genteel then in Europe, was anti-Semitism and discrimination nonetheless.

And gradually, as life got more comfortable, they contributed more and more to the outside community, in politics, the arts, and social welfare. And when war came, they put on uniforms in percentages far out of proportion to their numbers.

Now the community has grown up. We have our own hospital, schools, institutions. We are known for our enthusiastic and generous support of Israel.

But "community" is more than institutions. It is also a composite of the people who comprise it, who are willing to work for it, who bring their own unique background and experience and talent to enrich it.

This Community Focus supplement is also a composite, highlighting the formal, institutional aspects of Toronto Jewish life — the good parts and the difficulties — but also featuring some of the very special and always interesting people who live here. It is their contributions that make Toronto the remarkable Jewish community it is.

YOUNGER AND OLDER

Intergenerational Players performing a play at the Betel Centre with students from Pleasant Public School. Pictured in the background are members of the combined choir of Betel and Rockford Public School.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TO SECURE COMMUNITY CALENDAR LISTINGS CALL FRAN AUGENBLICK AT JEWISH INFORMATION SERVICE (416) 635-5600 OR FAX 631-5715

DATE		EVENT	ORGANIZATION	TIME	PLACE
AUGUST					
Thurs	18	Golf Tournament	B'nai Brith Canada Foundation	11:30 am	Lionhead Golf & Country Club
Thurs	18	75th Anniversary Dinner	B'nai Brith Canada Metro Toronto Lodge	6:30 pm	Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda
Tues	30	1995 Campaign Launch	United Jewish Appeal	5:00 pm	Inn on the Park
SEPTEMBER					
Sun	11	Super Sunday	United Jewish Appeal	8:00 am	Lipa Green Building
Sun	11	Bike for Baycrest	Baycrest Centre Foundation	1:00 pm	Seneca College, King Campus
Mon-Tues	12-13	Super Week Telethons	United Jewish Appeal	6:00 pm	Lipa Green Building
Wed	14	Super Week Telethon	United Jewish Appeal	7:30 am	Lipa Green Building
Sun	18	Federation Sunday Telethon	United Jewish Appeal	9:00 am	Lipa Green Building
Sun	18	Annual Fall Festival Open House	Jewish Community Centre North "Y" Branch	10:00 am	JCC North "Y"
Sun	18	Barnes Exhibit Art Collection Opening	Israel Cancer Research Fund	7:00 pm	Art Gallery of Ontario
Sun	18	Musical Soiree	Dental Volunteers for Israel	7:30 pm	TBA
Sun	25	All Day JNF Family Program "Beauty & the Beast"	Jewish National Fund, New Leadership	10:00 am	Massey Hall or Roy Thomson Hall
Thurs	29	Israel Kibbutz Choir	Na'amat Toronto	7:45 pm	Seneca College, Minkler Auditorium
OCTOBER					
Tues	4	Fashion Show	Canadian Shaare Zedec Foundation	8:00 pm	Richmond Hill Country Club
Wed	5	Fashion Show	Aish Hatorah Women's Division	7:00 pm	Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue
Fri	7	International Conference of Yiddish Clubs	Friends of Yiddish of Toronto	Noon	OISE & JCC Bloor Branch
Sun	9	International Conference of Yiddish Clubs	Friends of Yiddish of Toronto	4:00 pm	Lipa Green Building
Mon	10	10th Craft & Gift Sale	Na'amat Toronto	11:00 am	Bayview Village Mall
Thurs	13	2nd Annual Jewish Bachelor Auction	Jewish Community Centre North "Y" Branch	7:30 pm	JCC North "Y"
Thurs	13	Lecture: "There's A Story to be Told"	Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association	7:30 pm	TBA
Sun	16	Community-Wide Garage Sale/Flea Market	Jewish Community Centre North "Y" Branch	10:00 am	JCC North "Y"
Sun	16	Israel Fair	United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism/ Canadian Foundation for Masorti Judaism	10:00 am	Beth Tzedec Congregation
Thurs	20	Annual Meeting	Baycrest Centre	Noon	Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre
Sun	23	Parenting Fair	Jewish Family & Child Service	1:00 pm	Rosedale Heights Public School
Tues	25	Gala Benefit Honouring Garth Drabinsky	Ontario Men's ORT	8:00 pm	Pantages Theatre
Sun	30	Dinner Salute to Volunteers	Emunah Women of Canada	6:00 pm	Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre
Sun	30	Cabaret Night: A Tribute to the Superstars	Na'amat Toronto	6:30 pm	Le Parc Hotel, Thornhill
NOVEMBER					
Tues	1	Public Health Forum with Betty Friedan	Baycrest Centre Women's Auxiliary	8:00 pm	North York Performing Arts Centre
Wed	2	Annual Dinner	Kollel Esh Dat of Tel Aviv	6:30 pm	Beth Jacob Synagogue
Thurs-Sun	3-13	Holocaust Education Week	Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto Holocaust Remembrance Committee	various times	various locations
Thurs	3	Holocaust Education Week: Opening Night with Dr. Michael Berenbaum	Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto Holocaust Remembrance Committee	8:00 pm	Adath Israel Synagogue
Fri-Sun	4-6	Conference	Canadian Council for Conservative Judaism	9:00 am	TBA
Sat-Sun	5-13	18th Annual Jewish Book Fair	Jewish Community Centre	8:00 pm	Leah Posluns Theatre
Sat	5	22nd Annual Art Show	Beth Tikvah Synagogue Sisterhood	8:00 pm	Beth Tikvah Synagogue
Sat	5	Annual L'l Bal Masque - Monte Carlo, Silent Auction	Israel Cancer Research Fund	8:00 pm	Arcadian Court
Sun	6	Super Sunday II	United Jewish Appeal	8:00 am	Lipa Green Building
Sun	6	22nd Annual Art Show (Second Day)	Beth Tikvah Synagogue Sisterhood	4:00 pm	Beth Tikvah Synagogue
Mon-Thurs	7-10	Super Week II Telethons	United Jewish Appeal	6:00 pm	Lipa Green Building
Sun	27	66th Annual Bazaar & Auction	Na'amat Toronto	10:00 am	International Centre, Airport Road
Sun	27	46th Annual Negev Dinner	Jewish National Fund	4:00 pm	Sheraton Centre
Mon	28	Annual Fundraising Event	National Conference of Synagogue Youth	7:00 pm	TBA

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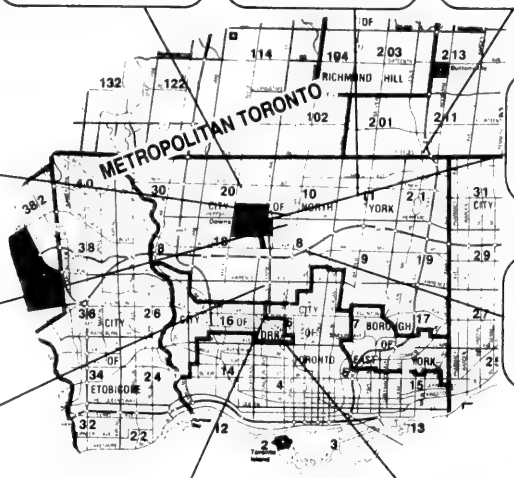

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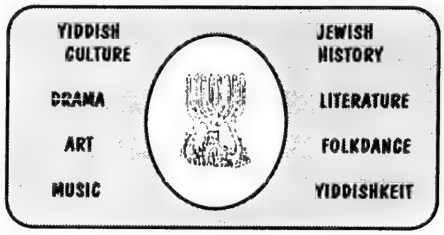

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Toronto-born author wrote his first book in Grade 7

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

Ask any kid between 9 and 16 if they've read a book by Gordon Korman, and chances are they'll say yes.

What many of them do not know, however, is that the Toronto-born author wrote his first book as a Grade 7 English project.

"I sent it into Scholastic Inc.'s Toronto office, and they wanted to meet me to make sure I really wrote it," says Korman, who now lives in New York City.

His 19 books, with such titles as *Radio Fifth Grade, Don't Care High, A Semester in the Life of a Garbage Bag*, a series of Bruno and Boots books and the *Toilet Paper Tigers*, dedicated to the 1992 Blue Jays, have been such hits that they've been translated into Cantonese, Danish, French, Norwegian and Swedish. Worldwide sales are estimated at $5 million.

Korman, who recently travelled to the Toronto home of parents Charles and Bernice, said kids like his books because "kids like humor. There are so many serious books around, and I'm not saying that kids shouldn't read them, but they want to read something fun.

"Humor is a way to make kids become readers. My books don't preach. The characters are real, the stories are believable and kids have fun with the kids in the book. The events in the books can almost, but never quite, happen."

He said some of his book ideas come from real life, but most are complete fantasy, like the one for *Toilet Paper Tigers*. "Back when the Blue Jays were playing poorly, I said that if they ever won a world series I would write a book about baseball," Korman said. An inveterate Blue Jays and Maple Leafs fan, Korman began writing *Toilet Paper Tigers* in 1992, "when it was apparent there was a chance of [the Jays'] winning."

Gordon Korman

Korman maintains a hectic schedule. He travels to Toronto one week a month, where he has collaborated on a humorous poetry book with his mother, entitled *The D-Poems of Jeremy Bloom*, and he spends a lot of time travelling to promote his books.

"People do not realize the amount of work it takes to keep books in the public's eye. I go across Canada and the United States visiting schools, libraries, bookstores and teacher's conventions." He recently completed a tour of international schools in Taiwan, Hong Kong and Japan.

He said he would like to write an adult book one day but as yet "hasn't had an adult idea. I was close to the age of my readers when I wrote my first book [at 12] and I can still think like them. I spend so much time with kids that I stay close to the way they think. Sometimes they give me ideas and I put bits and pieces together to write come up with a book."

His newest book, *Why Did the Underwear Cross the Street*, is due out in the fall and he and his mother are currently working on a sequel to *The D-Poems of Jeremy Bloom*.

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A lifelong love affair with food

By DEBBIE LIGHTSTONE
Special to The CJN

Interviewing Lillian Kaplun can definitely spoil a journalist.

There I was, in her sunny apartment near Bathurst and Eglinton, noshing on freshly-baked rogelach and sour cream coffee cake, while she explained the secret of turning out light and fluffy cakes. (Take plenty of time to cream together the butter and sugar in order to incorporate the maximun amount of air into the batter.)

Kaplun has spent four decades teaching thousands of Toronto women the arts of cooking, baking and entertaining. She recently celebrated her 85th birthday with the publication of *Lillian Kaplun's Kitchen* (Lester Publishing Ltd., 1994), a cookbook which compiles the most popular recipes from her lifelong love affair with food.

All the dishes your bubbie spoiled you with are here, from gefilte fish to blintzes, pot roast to apple strudel. Although the recipes are not necessarily kosher, many can be adapted for the observant cook.

Kaplun grew up in the small Ontario mining town of South Porcupine, not far from Timmins. Her father had brought the family over from Kiev in the Ukraine in the early 1900s and was sent to northern Ontario to build the railway.

From an early age she became fascinated with cooking — with a lot of encouragement from her mother.

"We were six children and my mother worked very hard. By supper time she was so tired, that when I came home from school she would ask me to prepare the meal. I started experimenting with casseroles. I used to buy magazines and get recipes from them."

She fell in love with baking and with the precision required to produce a perfect dessert.

"When you bake you're building something. You start with raw material and a cake comes out. But you've got to be accurate. When you make a soup or a salad you can be creative and put a little bit of yourself into it, but when it comes to baking you've got to know what you're doing," she said.

After she married and moved to Vancouver, Kaplun baked desserts for friends' parties, and then buns for local coffee shops. When demand for her rolls grew, she and her husband bought and operated a bun factory. That venture ended when they moved to Toronto in 1950.

In Toronto, the friends who enjoyed her desserts and who were always asking her for culinary advice suggested Kaplun teach other young women who were struggling in their kitchens.

She began giving classes in her apartment kitchen. Those soon expanded to six nights a week. In the '60s she started a cooking school in downtown Toronto and published, on her own, three cookbooks. Two of them were combined in 1987 into one volume called *For The Love of Cooking and Baking*.

Her mission, she says, was simple: "To see my students bake well."

In fact, some of her pupils went on to become well-known chefs.

But watching her eyes sparkle as she recalls those days, it's clear her desire was broader. She wanted to transmit to others the know-how that would enable them to cook the good food that cheers and sustains families and friends.

She tells a story from the days when her Toronto cooking school was so popular that students had to be turned away.

"One evening I was leaving and I passed a woman who was crying in the foyer. She told me her husband had kicked her out and told her to go to cooking school She was crying because the classes were full. Of course, I let her in," Kaplun said.

These days of fast food and frozen and processed meals have not compromised Kaplun's standards.

She believes in using the best quality ingredients — butter reigns supreme in her kitchen — and taking the time and care necesary to produce a delicious result.

"A few years ago a woman phoned and told me something had gone wrong with her cake. I was trying to figure it out when she mentioned it was a mix. I hung up on her!" Kaplun laughed.

She still gets calls every day, especially during Jewish holidays, from former students or people who have bought her books, who are stuck in the middle of a tricky recipe, and she cheerfully dispenses advice.

Now recovering from hip replacement surgery, she still entertains family and friends at home on a modest scale.

And after a lifetime spent in the kitchen, she still enjoys experimenting. Her eyes light up as she plans what she'll cook for her children and grandchildren the next Friday night.

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Cutbacks affect the elderly

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Today's economic climate and government funding cutbacks have created serious problems for the Jewish elderly and for the community agencies which provide services for them.

Numerous agencies faced with funding cutbacks have little room for developing new services, and their ability to provide subsidies for older adults is limited. The province's social contract has led to a reduction of services in most sectors of the community.

"There just is not enough money in the province to serve everyone to the level they would like," says Colleen O'Neill, the manager of public relations and communications at Senior Care, a community based, multi-service home support agency dedicated to promoting and enhancing the health, well-being and quality of life for older adults, persons with disabilities, and families involved in caregiving.

Senior Care provides a comprehensive range of programs and services to a growing constituency. The support services include Kosher Meals on Wheels, community respite, counselling and case management, housekeeping, personal care and volunteer visiting.

O'Neill says that the Integrated Homemakers Program (IHP) created by the government means "fewer hours of service but to more people." This, she explains, has led to wait lists of people requiring counselling programs.

"Senior Care is trying to develop more volunteer programs and the Senior Care Foundation is trying to raise more money to help provide more services," she says.

People, she explains, are living longer. A recent demographic study of the Jewish community of Canada indicates that 15.4 per cent of the Jewish community in Toronto are 65 years or older, compared to the general population with an average of 10.8 per cent over 65. There are 14,200 Jewish individuals between the ages of 65 and 74 and 10,625 over 75.

Between 1991 and 2011, Metro's Jewish elderly population is expected to increase by 52 per cent, with the most significant increase among those over age 85.

With an increase in two-income families, the traditional caregivers — the women — are unable to care for elderly family members. Senior Care and many other communal agencies are thus serving more physically and cognitively impaired people.

More than 2,000 people a day benefit from the in-home community, ambulatory and residential services of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, which is composed of The Jewish Home for the Aged, Baycrest Terrace, The Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre, Baycrest Hospital and Baycrest Day Care Services.

With government cuts in funding, Baycrest has explored ways to maintain its high level of services while looking for other sources of funding, such as charging for educational conferences where possible, using staff expertise and doing more fundraising.

Moshe Greengarten, vice-president of public and community affairs at Baycrest, explains their dilemma. "Because we have been innovative and at the leading edge, we've been able to attract more funding than comparable organizations. The government is now looking at the redistribution of funds in what they perceive as a more equitable approach. This will result in a standard of mediocrity at best, and at worst it will lead to a serious erosion of services."

Greengarten says, "We've been able to maintain services — no beds have been closed and we did not cut back on service." But he adds, "It is getting harder and harder and the result is that we must look more and more to the community."

The provincial government's Bill 173 calls for the establishment of Multi-Service Agencies (MSAs) in the delivery of services to older adults living in the community.

With support and encouragement from the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, Baycrest Centre and Senior Care have therefore agreed in principle to integrate their organizations. In the fall, they plan to submit a joint proposal for a Jewish MSA to the Metropolitan Toronto District Health Council and hope to receive approval to go forward.

The purpose of the MSA is to provide the public with easy access to a comprehensive range of long-term care services for older adults and disabled persons.

"Baycrest and Senior Care are interconnected at many levels," says Michael Scheinert, Senior Care's executive director, "but we are very separate organizations that offer a variety of different services."

Stephen W. Herbert, Baycrest president and CEO says, "Baycrest offers a continuum of care on campus but not in the community. By combining our resources with those of Senior Care, we can create a truly unique organization that provides high quality care and service in the community and on campus."

The major goal of the MSA is to reduce fragmentation of care and eliminate unnecessary bureaucratic layers between the consumer and the receipt of care. Other Jewish agencies that serve the elderly in the community will also be involved in this process.

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, created some 20 years ago for seniors living in the community who wish to maintain their independence, serves a population of more than 3,000. It offers educational, social, recreational and cultural programs, as well as as counselling and referral services.

Esta Wall, the executive director says that the Centre's funding has been affected by cutbacks from the municipal government's Metro Community Services.

She says that with this and other cutbacks, their projected deficit has increased. Committees have also been formed to ensure the effectiveness of Betel's programs and operational efficiency.

"The staff have suffered the worst," she says. "They must do much more work in the same amount of hours or less." Staff positions at Betel have been eliminated through attrition and some staff cuts have been made.

Echoing the message of other agencies, Wall says, "This hasn't affected programs yet. We are looking for more savings and looking for additional sources of income."

Although the Toronto Jewish community has reaped the rewards of visionaries and generous individuals who created the world-acclaimed services for the elderly available here, it is becoming increasingly difficult for them to maintain their high quality of care or to provide new facilities and programs for the growing frail elderly segment of the Jewish community.

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Mapping the past

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

After five seasons of mapping cemetery sections and transcribing stones, 39-year-old program analyst Howard Shidlowsky seems to know Roselawn, the large Jewish cemetery in midtown Toronto, like the proverbial palm of his hand.

On most non-rainy Sunday mornings between May and October, Shidlowsky and other volunteers from the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada meet at Roselawn to transcribe the information from its roughly 10,000 tombstones, some of which date back to the cemetery's founding in 1906.

"We just finished triple-checking the Workman's Circle section this morning," he says while strolling through a field of stones. "There are four rows of the Weber section that need to be transcribed, and we need to finish the Lubavitcher section. Then we'll be through the whole north side."

Painstakingly, Shidlowsky chalks over the face of a grave marker whose lettering has been nearly worn smooth from the elements. Then he delicately sprays water over it, and several rows of Hebrew writing magically appear, momentarily coaxed back from the verge of their own non-existence. These articulations, which he records in a notepad, will almost certainly be entirely illegible in a few more years.

About 22 organizations each administer a section of Roselawn; you can tell where the sections change, says Shidlowsky, by noticing the variations in the fence along the street. A few of these organizations have kept excellent records, but most were haphazard record-keepers at best; a few are either defunct or have lost their records in flood or fire.

The committee has had to start from scratch, taking down important information — names, dates of death, age, names of parents, places of birth and much more — from the stones.

The field work at Roselawn, which is perhaps three-quarters finished, is only the first stage of the project. A volunteer has begun keying the information into a computer data base, which may eventually be accessible to researchers seeking information on burials, via either a computer link or microfiche.

"We don't know where to put the data base," says Shidlowsky. "At the moment all our records are sitting in my hall. It would be wonderful if the Society had an office and somebody was working there all the time. Barring that, somewhere in the Jewish Federation of Toronto would be great. We don't have to be the ones looking after it."

Initially, the cemetery group wanted to transcribe every Jewish cemetery in Canada and put all the information into a central data base. Indeed, much of eastern Canada has already been done (by Raymond Whitzman of Montreal), and incomplete lists have been made for Toronto's two oldest cemeteries, on Pape and Jones Avenues in the city's east end.

Howard Shidlowsky transcribing information at Roselawn cemetery.

A monument at Roselawn to a Jewish serviceman.

Pape, a small fenced-in rectangular cemetery containing some 300 burials, predates much of the busy cityscape that now surrounds it. Established in 1849, it is Toronto's oldest Jewish cemetery and the oldest in the pre-confederate territory known as Upper Canada. The Jones Avenue cemetery, Toronto's second oldest Jewish burial ground, was established in 1883.

Several years ago, barbed wire was installed along the top of the fence at Pape to keep out intruders, and swastikas and anti-Semitic slogans had to be removed from a wall at the Jones site last winter. Vandalism, along with acid rain and natural erosion, are regarded as the enemies of the cemetery committee, and the reason its volunteers are attempting to record this historic information about Toronto's Jewish community before it is effaced from the stones.

"After we go back to Pape and Jones, then our next stop might be Lambton Cemetery," says Shidlowsky, referring to the large burial ground in west-end Toronto established about 1910 by members of the Junction synagogue. The group also intends to photograph the tombstones of one section at Roselawn — the Toronto Hebrew Benevolent Society — to test the technique.

Henry Wellisch, a Vienna-born retired draftsman and ace genealogical researcher, serves as president of the 155-member Society. He says it regularly receives requests for information on burials in Toronto Jewish cemeteries. "As long as there are people committed to doing the work, we'll continue the project," he says.

Volunteers are needed at Roselawn; knowledge of Hebrew is not essential. For further information, telephone (416) 588-2318, or write JGS of Canada, P.O. Box 446, Station A, North York, Ont. M2N 5T1.

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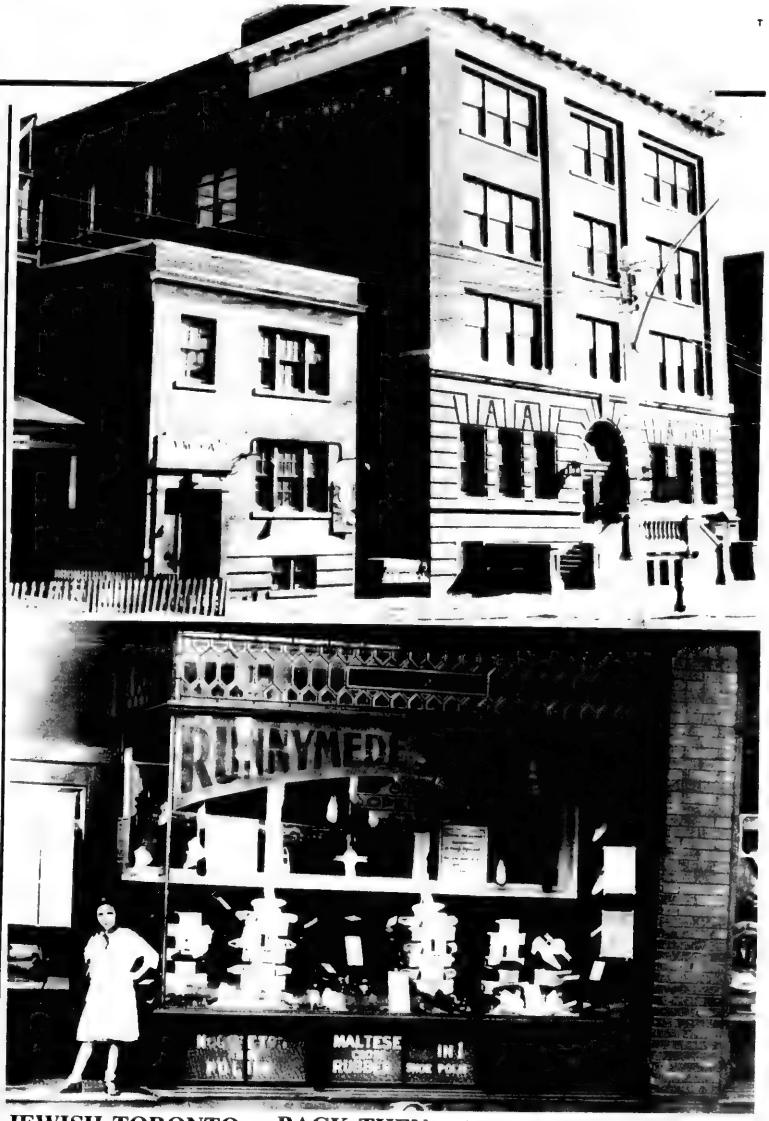

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Agencies target integrating immigrants into community

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

The challenge of integrating into the Jewish community the thousands of immigrants who settle in Toronto each year is being taken on by several agencies.

This is a challenge that requires a great deal of effort. More than six thousand Soviet Jews have arrived in Toronto since the floodgates opened in 1988, and about 25 families from Bosnia, 100 families from India, 100 families from Iran and about 20 people from Ethiopia have settled in the city.

Perry Romberg, Toronto executive director, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) says that in each of the high immigration years, 1991, 1992 and 1993, over 1,500 immigrants arrived from the former Soviet Union.

JIAS is actively involved in settling these newcomers when they first arrive, but Romberg says that integration into the Jewish community is a long-term venture. "Their involvement in Judaism is not that great, so we have to try to get them involved."

He says that the Jewish community faces a larger challenge than it did when settling Polish Jews because they came to Canada "imbued with Judaism. Soviet Jews arrive bereft of knowledge, and because they lack the Jewish experience, they do not have a way of automatically connecting with the larger community."

JIAS offers such services as English classes, holiday and Judaica programs and a free membership to the Jewish community Centre to recently arrived immigrants.

But, according to Romberg, "The problem is, that after the first year, these people are not part of the social service network. We have to find ways to keep them connected with the community. Our challenge is to create linkages with local, established Jews and the newcomers."

One program intent on creating these linkages is the Community Integration Program, co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Jewish community Centre. Co-chaired by Marsha Slavens and Susan Goldberg, it offers such things as Family to Family and the Telephone Language Companion Program.

"Family to Family had 170 Soviet families attending Canadian seders this year and the telephone program allows Soviet Jews with knowledge of English to improve their telephone skills by talking to Canadians on the phone. We think CIP is a tremendous success. It makes the lives of Soviet immigrants more meaningful because it connects them to their Jewish roots. People seem really eager to take part in the programs," says Slavens.

JIAS supervisor Mila Voihanski (second from left) together with teachers (from left) Patricia Lazar, Carolyn Robins, Susan Sever and Amy Rotenberg. All performed in a Purim program for new immigrants.

Access to schools and camps

The Jewish Russian Community Centre, under the spiritual leadership of Rabbi Yoseph Zaltsman is also involved in connecting Soviet Jews with their roots. The centre offers chaplaincy services, including weddings, funerals, brit milah, baby naming and hospital visits.

It also runs a supplementary Hebrew school in two locations, is starting a day care, helps with Jewish school and camp placement, and sponsors lunch with the Rabbi at some public schools.

"We are here because Soviet Jews have never before had a Jewish education. A lot are becoming involved in Judaism and last Yom Kippur alone, we had over 5,000 people at our services," says Rabbi Zaltman.

As for Israeli immigrants in Toronto, Jeremy Cohen, senior planner at Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, says that it is difficult to tell exactly how many are here "because they come, stand on their own feet and on average distance themselves from the organized community. It is also hard to estimate because there are varying opinions on how to count Soviet Jews who come here via Israel. We have a contract with Statistics Canada to measure who is here; so we will have some statistics in the near future."

He says he would like to see greater outreach to the Israeli community but as yet "we have not sat down with a representative in order [for them] to tell us their needs. We have to find out such things as whether Israeli children are having access to Jewish schools and camps. It is important that more numbers are reached, but in order to do so, there is a need for greater organization. Right now, there is no group to represent the majority of Israelis."

Cohen says that Federation has met with the Israeli consulate as well as representatives of the Ethiopian and Iranian communities in order to find ways of identifying Jews who would like to be involved in the community.

AWARENESS PROJECT PLAYERS

Awareness Project Players of the Betel Centre presents plays and discussions on elder abuse to community groups. Pictured here (left to right) Sheila Zane, co-ordinator with players Anne Schlifer, Margaret Phillips, Fran Halpern and Reta Duenisch-Turner.

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The Kashruth Council of Toronto, affiliated with the Vaad Harabonim of Toronto, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Canadian Jewish Congress, has several additions and changes to the 1993 Kashruth Directory. The products and services are under the COR kashruth supervision of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth.

A new format for COR's Kashruth Directory is almost complete and will be available to the community later this fall.

New units include: Brooklyn Pizza, a new pizza restaurant located at 3028 Bathurst St.; The Chocolate Moose, which produces a variety of chocolates; and Delta Foods International, which processes maple syrup.

Great Canadian Food Products has closed its retail store on Bathurst Street but Great Canadian cheeses are still being manufactured and are available at many stores. European Noodles has changed the company name to Pasta Quistini.

Bartenura Bakery, Chopstix Restaurant and Leon's Diner are no longer in business. Hakerem Restaurant is no longer under COR supervision.

The Kashruth Council notes that it is only responsible for manufactured products that bear the COR symbol with the corresponding number.

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Recipes supply holiday treats

The Kosher Information Service of the Kashruth Council of Toronto, affiliated with the Vaad Harabonim of Toronto, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Canadian Jewish Congress, publishes a COR holiday information and recipe pamphlet for each major holiday.

As a service to the community, the Kashruth Council provides kashruth and food-related information to thousands of families across Canada, the United States and as far as Israel, says Rabbi Mordechai Levin, the Council's executive director.

Esther Schwartz, the Council's kosher food consultant, prepares and tests the recipes.

The recipes for Rosh Hashanah and Sukkot 1994-5755 include squash soup, honey roasted capon with kasha/fruit stuffing, kreplach, colorful snow pea salad, broiled eggplant, and honey fruit cake.

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Haunting memories

By JUDITH RUBINSTEIN
Special to The CJN

As we rejoice in the strength of our community here in Toronto, it behooves us to pause for a minute and remember once-flourishing communities which are no more.

Judith Rubinstein survived the horrors of Hitler's Europe. She came here after the war, raised a family and became active in community life. She also speaks to groups about the Holocaust — especially children.

The CJN is proud to publish her memories of those days — and to remember what was lost.

When I was growing up in Hungary, we had no summer camps for children but we did have a wonderful institution called Grandma's Care.

As soon as school was over in late June, I was packed up and sent by train to Grandma's where I met cousins from other cities and we spent the summer together. We had a great time playing and helping Grandma with different chores around the house. When all the assigned work was finished, we were free to seek out our friends.

In the long hot summer afternoons, we would rather stay indoors in the cool rooms and play quietly so as not to disturb our grandparents' "siesta." They lived in a big house where the rooms had high ceilings, large windows with wooden shutters and double doors.

My favorite room was the so-called salon, which was used only on special occasions. It was a beautiful room; the ceiling was painted with a colorful floral design, and a shimmering black cast iron stove stood in the corner (it was used for heating the room in the winter).

Large pieces of upholstered furniture filled the room. I loved to cuddle up in one of the big armchairs, which had needle-point upholstery and mother-of-pearl buttons all around the edges. Many times I fell asleep in that cozy chair after we had finished telling stories to each other in the semi-darkness.

As I grew older and started to work, my visits to my grandparents got shorter and less frequent. But I always made sure that I sat in that magic chair of my childhood for a little while when I was there.

As World War II raged on, our lives took a turn for the worse, and I finally lost most of my family.

In 1945, when I returned from the forced labor camp, I had no home to return to. One of my mother's brothers had survived and he invited me to stay with him for the winter. His house stood just around the corner from our grandparents' home. He was alone and I kept house for him. On the way to the market, I had to pass the old house.

The first time I went by, I had the shock of my life! The house, that beautiful house of my childhood, was in ruins. It had no roof, windows or doors; even the wooden floors were missing. Completely abandoned, it started at me like a big question mark — what happened? Where is every-body?

I stood there paralyzed, rubbing my eyes, waiting to wake up from this bad dream.

As my eyes wandered through the open holes where once the windows had been, I noticed my treasured chair, mutilated, its covers cut to shreds, the buttons and one leg missing — a discarded lonely witness to our entire tragedy.

All my pent up emotions broke loose and I had a bitter cry over the memories of summers gone by and the loss of my previous life and family.

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Jared Gordon 'Sixer', leader of the Blue Six, lights Chanukah candles while Zachary Schwartz (left) and Henry Kornblum look on.

A kosher scout troop

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — What kind of activity is it for a Jewish boy to run around in short pants and camp outside with the dirt and mosquitos and no plumbing?

It's a great activity if the boy belongs to Boy Scouts of Canada — and they don't necessarily wear short pants anymore.

Camping is recognized as a healthy and fun way to interact with the environment and everyone knows Jewish boys these days are resourceful and independent enough to cope with differing styles of bathrooms.

In Robert Engel, chair of the Jewish Advisory Committee on Scouting, the movement has a compelling and enthusiastic advocate.

"Kids in general like roughing it and the outdoors," Engel says, "and we don't give them enough of that. Boys like nature, and the challenge of survival in the wilderness. Well, at least wilderness compared to their rooms in Thornhill!"

Jewish boys, he says, are no different and the scout movement recognizes that. "They don't have to deny their Jewishness. They feel that."

Scouting came to Canada from its English birthplace just after the turn of the century. A Jewish troop was one of the first chartered both in Toronto and Montreal, Engel says.

In the 1920s, the 59th Toronto troop had a non-Jewish leader, "chief" Reeson, who insisted "his" boys have kosher food. He made a camp for them himself. "He felt that Jewish scouts had the right to kosher food," Engel says.

It is now accepted that Jewish scouts — and beavers, wolf cubs, Venturers and rovers — have kosher food, their own services at jamborees and scout gatherings and Jewish content in their activities.

That same gentleman who insisted on kosher food for his boys, Engel said, established Camp Tamarack, the only Jewish scout camp in Canada. It is still operating, although it is now independent of the Scouts.

In Montreal, Shaarei Hashomayim Synagogue started a scout troop between 1908 and 1910, Engel said. The synagogue and a Westmount church rib each other over whose troop was the first in the city.

That troop still operates a beaver colony and a wolf cub pack (ages 5 to 7 and 8 to 10 respectively). The 59th Toronto is no longer around, but the 47th Toronto is active at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor branch as is the 166th at Beth Tzedec.

The 5th, 7th and 3rd Thornhill troops are mixed, but have many Jewish members and leaders.

While all scouts must learn to bake bread, Engel's Jewish scouts bake challah. They are encouraged, as are scouts of all religious groups, to work at the Religion in Life program, which requires participants to know prayers, rituals, the Hebrew calendar and Jewish philosophy.

The program affords rabbis or other clergy the opportunity to become involved with scouting as religious advisors and teachers.

At the last two jamborees (major scout gatherings) Engel was made responsible for coordinating special diets, including diabetic, Muslim, Hindu, and, of course, kosher.

The Jewish Advisory Committee, which was reorganized in 1983, advises the Boy Scouts of Canada about the needs of Jewish scouts and promotes scouting in Jewish organizations as an educational tool.

Committee members include rabbis, a lawyer, a judge and community leaders from across Canada.

Engel does not deny there are no problems at all for a Jewish scout, but a real attempt is made to accomodate them.

Arbor Day, when scouts plant trees, is held on a Saturday, as is the traditional apple-selling day. Engel has arranged for Jews to celebrate these days on Sundays instead.

Engel relates with some relish that Muslim scout troops join the Jewish Arbor Day celebration, because their religious school is on Saturday. "And they know they can eat the cookies because they have the same dietary restrictions!"

Nevertheless, Peter Somers, who has been active in scouting for some years and is a former member of the Jewish Advisory Committee, says there are problems, especially for observant scouts.

"Scouting requires overnight camping. You can't go Friday night, and Shabbat ends too late in the good weather to leave Saturday night. That just leaves holiday weekends, which lessens your options considerably."

Engel is a strong believer that "for Jewish kids, the experience of a good Jewish summer camp and a good Jewish youth program are very importatnt. They can rough it, but in a Jewish way."

A survivor of Westerbork, the main transit camp in Holland, Engel said members of the youth movements "stood tall, and not just for their resistance work.

"We could pick out kids from the youth movements, like Bnei Akiva and Young Judaea." They were the ones, he said, who encouraged the inmates, and kept up a semblance of Jewish life even in the misery of the camp, he recalls.

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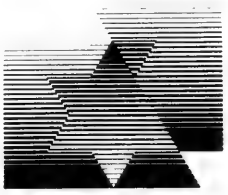

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Wednesday, September 14	Kol Nidre	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 15	Shacharit (Morning) Service	10:00 a.m.
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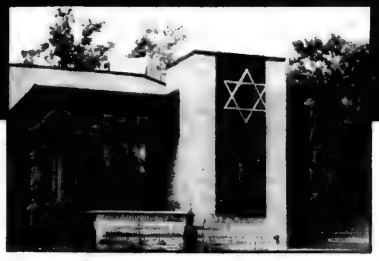

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Children at Centre Camp, operated by the Jewish Community Centre, play ball in the field behind the Lipa Green Building for Jewish Community Services. Ensuring a strong sense of Jewish identity in young people is becoming a major communal preoccupation. [Patricia Rucker photo]

Israel and the Diaspora: An evolving partnership

[Cont'd. from page B1]

When it's not involved in campaign, the Federation's focus is community planning and co-ordination among a variety of local Jewish agencies. The Jewish Vocational Service, Jewish Family and Child Service and the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living are only a few of the Federation's many affiliated agencies.

Usually, half the money raised by the UJA is allocated for use in Canada. That sum is split between local needs and national Jewish organizations. The Council of Jewish Federations of Canada is the forum where Canada's federated Jewish communities meet with national Jewish organizations like Canadian Jewish Congress, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services and groups providing campus services to determine how and to what extent the national organizations will be funded.

Toronto's contribution to national Jewish organizations last year totalled about $3 million.

That left about $13 million for local needs. Of that amount, $8 million went to support Jewish education, $3 million was allocated for local social and cultura services, $1.7 million went for Federation administration and programs and the remaining $325,000 was allocated for integration services.

As in past years, half of the money raised in the UJA campaign was allocated for overseas charitable purposes. The United Israel Appeal of Canada (UIA) disburses the funds to the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI).

The Jewish Agency, in turn, has been mandated to use the funds to help bring Jews to Israel and to aid in their settlement. It has developed a number of programs and initiatives to do so, including youth aliyah programs, Project Renewal (which twins Diaspora and Israeli communities), and the Na'aleh 16 program that brings high school-aged Russian youngsters to Israel to complete their matriculation exams.

The Jewish Agency operates on a budget of $490 million (US), which is raised by Diaspora communities worldwide. Canada's share of JAFI's budget is second only to that of the United States, another remarkable achievement considering there are twice as many Jews in France as in Canada, and an equal number in Britain, which lags far behind Canada's totals.

About 38 per cent of the Jewish Agency budget goes to aliyah and klitah (absorption). The Agency provides airline tickets to bring olim to Israel and supplies them with an absorption "basket" that includes the basic essentials for an oleh's first year in the Jewish state.

In addition, 16.2 per cent of Agency's budget goes to youth aliyah projects, 19 per cent to rural and urban development, 13 per cent to interest and debt payments, 8 per cent to Jewish education programs and 4.3 per cent ($21.1 million US) to administration.

(Got it? Good. There's going to be a quiz on it in next week's edition of *The CJN*.)

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In recent years, the work of fundraisers has been complicated by a number of factors. A report of a committee to investigate financial resource development (FRD), prepared for the Federation in July, outlined a number of points of concern: increased competition for the charitable dollar from other Jewish organizations, serving interests both locally and in Israel; donor fatigue; lack of co-ordination between the annual campaign and the community's $26.5 million Bequest and Endowment Fund; poor co-ordination between the fundraising campaigns of various organizations; and the inability to reach all potential donors.

High profile Israeli politicians like Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin have injected their sometimes provocative views into the debate over fundraising and allocations, arguing that the Jewish Agency has become obsolete and that an alternative organization called Beit Yisrael be established to replace the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization. Its mandate would include financing visits to Israel of Jewish teens from around the world.

Others have argued that with peace on the horizon and with Israel's economy booming, it can no longer be seen as a country requiring charity from abroad. Diaspora fundraisers, the argument continues, should make their priority programs that address the thorny issue of Jewish continuity in their own communities.

Adding to the mix is the indictment of former Jewish Agency chair Simcha Dinitz on fraud and corruption charges, tarnishing the organization's image.

Unlike past years, when fundraisers based the campaign on the need to rescue and settle Jews, or on an imminent danger facing Israel, this year's campaign has no specific theme, said Bernie Ghert, chair of the Federation. "The theme is that we still need the money," he said. "The community needs support more than ever."

Toronto is a growing community whose increasing numbers translate into greater demands on the Jewish institutions which provide services, he pointed out.

Addressing the issue of Jewish identity, Ghert said "continuity is not a subject all unto itself. What's the Federation, the UJA about [if not continuity]? Everything we do is connected in some way to continuity. We spend half of our local and national allocation on education."

Allan Reitzes, executive director of the Federation, said the solution to a shortage of funds for continuity programming is not to take money that is needed elsewhere. "I think we have to raise more money, since so much of what we do is continuity-related. . . The money is out there."

Pointing to a recent bail-out plan for the Jewish Community Centre (JCC), Ghert said the proposal to put the JCC on a sound financial footing is related to continuity as well. "For many, the JCC is their only contact with the community," he said.

Reitzes suggested that the FRD outlines a new approach to fundraising, one that integrates a variety of activities to maximize return. It also requires more attention being paid to wills and bequests and creation of special funds (such as one earmarked for continuity programs), he said.

The FRD report attempts to address one of the concerns of contributors, "to give them things to give to that they can relate to," Ghert said. "That's changing. People want a sense of involvement."

That attitude is even pervading the relationship between Diaspora fundraisers and the Jewish Agency. Those fundraisers, represented in Keren Hayesod and the United Jewish Appeal in the United States, have been partners in the Agency with the World Zionist Organization (WZO). The WZO's makeup has in past years mirrored the Israeli political landscape in the Knesset.

In recent years, the Diaspora fundraisers have raised concerns over the use of the Jewish Agency for Israeli patronage appointments and over a perceived lack of say in the organization's operations.

That has led to changes in the Agency and more professionalism among its staff, changes that were prompted by the Diaspora partners, Ghert and Reitzes said.

"The Jewish Agency has been streamlined," said Gerry Halbert, chair of the UIA. "It's gotten rid of executives and bureaucracy and [three-quarters] of the political appointees."

The Agency is becoming even more accountable for the money it receives, added Steve Ain, executive vice-president of the UIA.

Ghert, Reitzes, Halbert and Ain discount suggestions there is a conflict between demands for funds for local needs and for Israel. They describe the relationship as one of a mutually supportive partnership — one that is likely to grow on a number of fronts.

Jewish/Zionist education and the "Israeli experience" are aspects of that.

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Archivist treasures 'collective memories'

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

Stepping around the boxes piled waist-high on the floor, Dr. Stephen Speisman tosses the ground rules over his shoulder: no purses, no briefcases and no pens are allowed in the Ontario Jewish Archives.

These measures, explains the archives director, are to prevent damage or theft of the often fragile documents.

The archives are what Speisman describes as the "collective memory of the Jewish community in Ontario." It is where old photographs, posters and synagogue and organizational records are welcomed as precious documents and stored with care for future generations.

Speisman weaves his way through the stacks of boxes in the reading room, temporary labels fluttering in his wake. The archives have been housed in the basement of the Lipa Green Building for 11 years. The exact size of the collection is not known, but Speisman said it numbers in the millions.

Before the documents are stored in the specially-outfitted vault, they must first be cleaned and sorted. And for that Speisman and research assistant Howard Markus, the only paid staff, rely on a core of 24 volunteers.

It's dirty work. The sorters, wearing gloves and masks if they wish, check the documents for mold, insects and rodent damage. Rusty staples are replaced with brightly-colored plastic paper clips, and everything gets a gentle but thorough dusting. Siddurim are buried according to Jewish law.

Ontario Jewish Archives director Dr. Stephen Speisman with volunteers Judi Ghert and Carol Rosenthall. [Alron photo]

It can take up to a year to sort through and catalogue one lot of donated material. "You often find that people don't know the value of what they have," says volunteer Carol Rosenthall. "Like posters that are rolled up and look like nothing but turn out to be from 1922."

Rosenthall, 57, has been coming every Wednesday morning for the past eight years to catalogue. The Wednesday group does most of the initial sorting, but Rosenthall says she has never come across "anything shocking or anything disgusting. There's just a lot of dust."

Science comes into the process as well. Speisman explains that the acid used in producing paper is highly destructive. He pulls out a page from a 1940s photo album to demonstrate. The paper crumbles in his hand.

Professional restoration can cost $100 per page. Since this comes out of the archives' limited annual budget, Speisman has found other ways to prolong the life of paper. "You can mix seltzer and milk of magnesia — a good Jewish way. It's essentially an antacid." Treated documents can last between 300 and 500 years.

Speisman opens the door to the vault. Ultraviolet filtered fluorescent light bounces off the silver Torah crowns and athletic trophies that rest on top of the shelves. The large room is part library, part Aladdin's cave.

It is also part bunker. The filing cabinets that house old photographs are lined with concrete to protect against fire and weigh 600 lbs. when empty. Speisman points out the sophisticated fire system, which sprays gas instead of water from the sprinklers. "You may as well let your documents burn otherwise," he says.

The vault is off-limits to those who use the archives — students of all levels, community organizations, the media — but Speisman is happy to show off its treasures one recent morning. He pulls a leather-bound book out of its acid-free folder and opens it. It is the account book of a Jewish-owned shipping company. The feathery handwriting records that on Sept. 12, 1912, Annie Zlataroff of 124 Spadina Ave. paid $10.30 to book passage for Shoil Sorokin. The balance, $44, was paid later.

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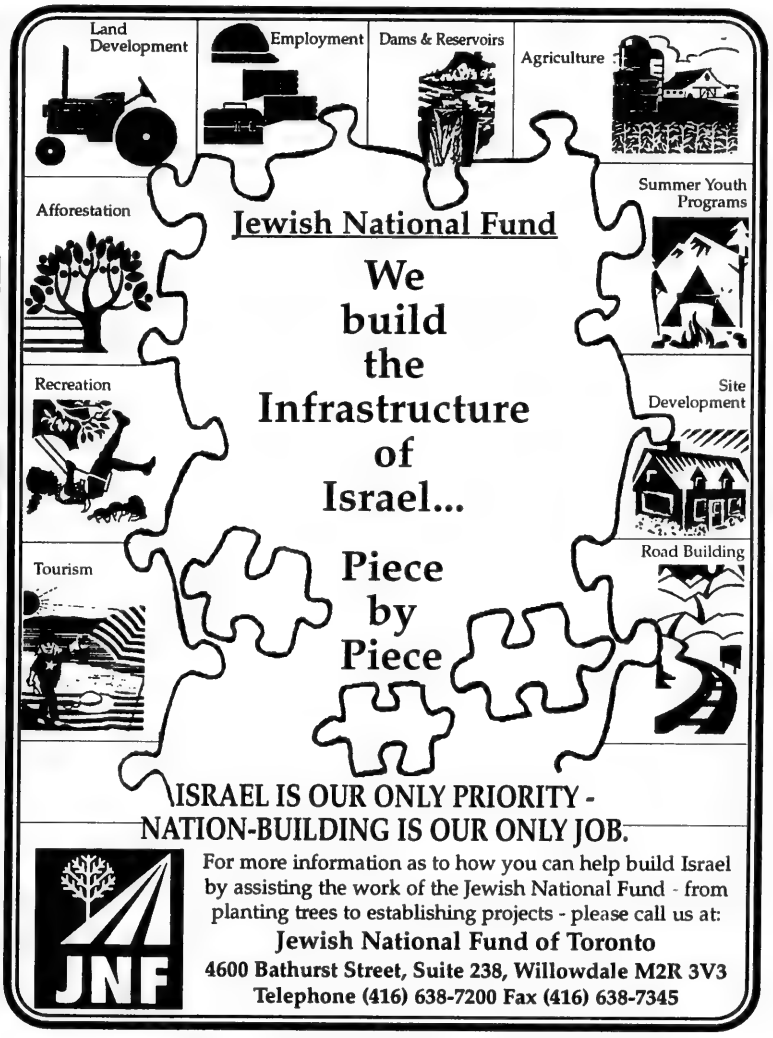

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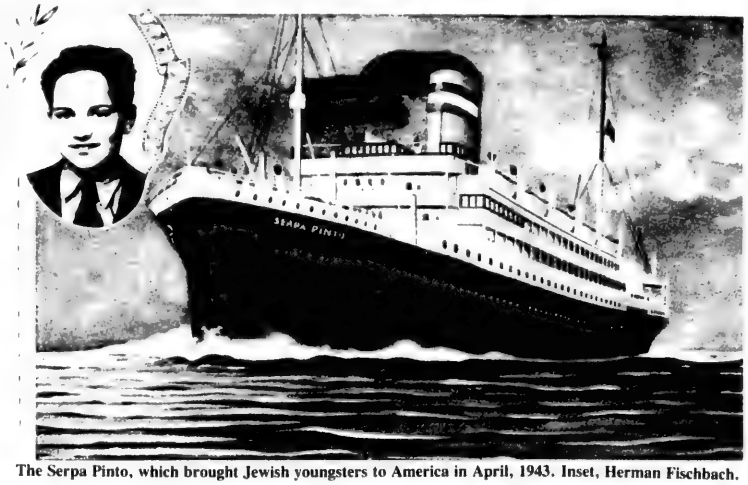

The Serpa Pinto, which brought Jewish youngsters to America in April, 1943. Inset, Herman Fischbach.

Torontonian searches for his childhood shipmates

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
Special to The CJN

Fifty years after he last saw them, Harry (Herman) Fischbach, now living in Toronto, is searching for his childhood shipmates.

Do you recognize any of these names? Herbert Ausubel; Helene Nadine Barrac; Peter Herbert Blau; Gaston Butler; Herman Fischbach; Raymonde Fride; Szimil Buroch Gaski; Helene Gorsewski; Jacques Gorsewski; Michel Gorsewski; Eveline M. Grossman; Jacqueline Grossman; Paulette Grossman; Anna Simma Kleiman; Leopold Kleiman; Eva Lazega; Fanny Lazega; Max Lazega; Fanny Lieberman; Henry Lieberman; Henry Michalowski; Yechiel Rochman; Vera Karola Ruthenburg; Georges Sahovaler; Hinko-Heinrich Strolc; Abraham Szyller; Paul Tuz; Jules Wajnryb; Francois Werber; Jacques Zamel; Nathan Zamel.

Fleeing the long arm of Hitler

In April 1943 these 35 children aged 5 to 16, all Jewish but one, were shipped out of Lisbon on a 15-day Atlantic crossing to Philadelphia aboard the neutral Portuguese liner SS Serpa Pinto. They were from Austria, Belgium, France, Germany and Eastern Europe. The majority had parents living in Spain. Desperate to save their children from Hitler's long arm, the parents sent them ahead, planning to follow at a later date.

The youngsters travelled under the aegis of European Jewish Children's Aid in cooperation with HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society), the Jewish Colonization Association and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

Fischbach explains why he has taken so long to launch the search. On arriving to the United States, the group was brought to a reception centre in Pleasantville, N.Y., for dispersal to foster homes. "We were just children and we were sent all over," he says. "We didn't keep in touch."

The youngsters began their new lives with a mix of apprehension and optimism. Fischbach, almost 12, was welcomed in Chicago by the Bomesticks who were already grandparents. There he started to play again, to revel in freedom and understand the link between baseball and America. He also had his bar mitzvah.

But it wasn't all smooth going. "We were terribly mixed-up kids," he reflects.

Two and a half years after Fischbach's arrival, his father immigrated to Toronto and he joined him and his stepmother here. However at 17 he returned to the U.S. He did the "American thing," worked at odd jobs, saw the country, studied at City College of Los Angeles, put all that experience together and became a filmmaker.

Writing and directing for movies and television has been his life's work. In 1990, he took a leave of absence to concentrate on his first novel, using his knowledge of the film industry as its basis. As the story progressed it began to assume its own direction and the central character wriggled out from the computer to become, not quite Harry Fischbach, but a boy who arrives in the U.S. with a cluster of refugee children and tries to live the American Dream.

All of the characters are fictional, Fischbach maintains, but with each paragraph, his felt his personal memories surface. That led him to begin his search for the shipmates who share his past.

Novel targets voyage

He has gone to considerable lengths to obtain their names and as his novel draws to a close — it is almost due for publication — he is reaching out through the newspapers. Most of his former shipmates will be in the U.S. but he is hoping *The CJN* readers with connections outside Canada will be able to help.

To date his efforts have only located one person, Peter Blau, in Los Angeles.

However, there has been an extraordinary coincidence. When this reporter glanced through the list, a single name leapt out, Paul Tuz. A local phone call established that the Paul Tuz who heads the Better Business Bureau in Toronto was the same young boy who sailed from Lisbon on the Serpa Pinto half a century ago.

Fischbach looks to a reunion of the 35. He can be reached at this address: Mr. Harry Fischbach, 462 Brunswick Ave., Toronto, Ont., M5R 2Z5 or call (416) 924-1213.

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Russian artist shines like glass

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Since he emigrated from Russia to Toronto in 1990, glass artist Alexandre Kapran has received accolades from some of the country's most prestigious cultural institutions.

Recently, Kapran was awarded a grant by the Ontario Art Council. He was selected as an exhibitor at the exclusive annual International Exhibition of Miniature Art and his glass sculpture won the top award at the Annual Canadian Beauty Juried Art Exhibition.

At the Ninth National Early American Glass Club's national glass seminar, held for the first time in Canada, Kapran was honored by the Royal Ontario Museum, where his glass creations are in ROM's permanent collection. The Canadian Council Art Book in Ottawa, which selects the best modern Canadian art, purchased one of Kapran's glass sculptures for its permanent collection.

He was chosen by Artisan '93 and Artisan '94 along with 40 Canadian artists to display his pieces. As a result, Kapran's work was included in an exhibition at the Japanese Cultural Centre last winter.

Today, Kapran's pieces can be found in private international collections, cultural centres, at fine art auctions and in quality stores on Queen Street and in Yorkville.

The meticulous details in Kapran's functional and non-functional glass sculptures, which include perfume bottles, paperweights, candlesticks, vases, wine glasses, lamps and jewelry, are created by his flame-working technology. Each ornate piece is an original.

The Russian emigre and his twin brother were born in Mishuckov, a remote village 1,500 km north of St. Petersburg (formerly Leningrad). His mother was a philologist who taught Spanish and German. His father was a navy officer.

Kapran recalls that as a child, his family lived an ideal life, deeply immersed in nature — fishing, berry picking, skiing and climbing rocky hills. It was so crime-free, he recalled, "that I used to believe that doors had to be locked to keep the dogs out."

Glass artist Alexandre Kapran working in his studio.

Although he had many inventions and published articles to his credit, in 1982, after much soul searching, he switched careers and went to work as a commercial artist. He apprenticed with a glassmaker and after seven months his glass sculptures were displayed at the Regional Exhibition of Applied Arts.

Married in 1986 to a musicologist, the Kaprans had a daughter, Barbara, the following year. When Alexandre and Irina Kapran left Russia in 1990, they had two suitcases and $425. He told *The CJN* that "the first few months in Toronto were the hardest." He got a job as a window cleaner, while his wife worked in a donut store and gave piano lessons.

Soon Alexandre took the leap into fulltime glassmaking after renting a small downtown studio. He described this time as "a painful period of adaptation," as he began working with unfamiliar equipment and glass different than in Russia. "It is the same as to switch from piano to violin," he said.

New technology, supplies and marketing did not stop Alexandre. "You could say I had no choice," he joked. To create extremely complex designs, he prefers to work with North Star's corosilicate glass from the United States.

Before long, his pieces were accepted in fine galleries, public craft shows and The Royal Ontario Museum's gift shop. The list grew rapidly to include the Art Gallery of Ontario, The McMichael Canadian Collection and The Guild Shop. By 1992, his glass art pieces were being sold at auctions among those of famous European glassmakers such as Rene Lalique and E. Galle.

Today, Irina is affiliated with the Royal Conservatory of Music and Alexandre proudly notes that the average mark of her students is 96, "much higher than among other students." Barbara, now 7, is in a French immersion program and is fluent in three languages.

"We are happy here in Canada," Alexandre said. "We work hard and that's the base of our optimism. We are lucky to meet good friends from all over the world and we are looking forward to know more about this beautiful country, its people and nature."

Summer is one of Alexandre Kapran's exquisite glass sculptures.

Paint flowers as a gift for his mother

During the long winter nights, his father spent his spare time painting and he taught his son the basics of fine arts and art history. Since real flowers were not available in the winter, Alexandre and his father would paint flowers as a gift for his mother.

"I always enjoyed crafts — all kinds — metal casting and wood carving — and even embroidery." At 12, and living in Murmansk, he began taking professional fine art lessons. He was accepted at a high school in Leningrad that specialized in physics, mathematics and chemistry. He graduated in engineering in 1977 at the Leningrad Polytechnic Institute and received a master's degree in metallurgy.

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The Murray House catering hall on Steeles Avenue, just west of Bathurst Street.

Trace the history of one of Toronto's first kosher halls

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

Jack and Dora Arons

When Dora Arons died just before Passover at age 94, a piece of Toronto history died with her.

Arons and her husband Jack, who died over two years ago at age 98, were the founders of the Murray House, one of the first large kosher catering halls in Toronto.

Daughter Lorraine Himmel, who worked in the family business along with her husband Aubie and sister Peggy Silver, credits her mother with being the driving force behind the Murray House.

"She insisted on high standards, reasonable prices and complete honesty. Her word was law and she never backed out of a deal," Himmel said.

The Murray House's success story began quite simply around 1937, when Dora Arons made some sandwiches for her husband's Knights of Pythias Lodge. The sandwiches made such an impression that the Arons began getting more requests to provide food for the lodge and local events. Using their Murray Street home as a base, they branched out into simple full course kosher meals, with the specialty being a 65 cent dinner featuring baked white fish in soya sauce.

Within five years, the Arons outgrew their workspace and moved to Beverley Street, where they were able to cater bigger functions and small wedding parties.

In 1962, they were bursting at the seams once more. "After much consideration we bought 6½ acres of land on Steeles Avenue West, just west of Bathurst. Everyone said we were crazy, but it was the only place we could get land big enough for the type of hall we wanted as well as space for plenty of parking," Aubie Himmel said.

The $1.25-million structure, which seated up to 1,000 people for dinner, was a simple single storey building with a magnificent, circular, azure blue rotunda which joined the gleaming, off-white main building. The dining room had draped archways, circular wells in the ceiling, and imported Italian gold-and-crystal chandeliers. Below the dining room, in the basement, was a private chapel.

The Arons continued serving quality food and customers flocked up north for their affairs. A favorite dish was standing ribs of beef, always carved in the dining room, quite often with spectacular showmanship.

The ribs of beef were placed on a stainless steel platter set over a Sterno heater set up high so flames flared around the platter's edge. Lights in the dining roon were dimmed as chefs marched slowly into the room. When the tables were set with red tablecloths accented with yellow and blue floral centrepieces, the color scheme echoed the tones of the leaping flames.

"The family was there every day, for every affair. My wife greeted everyone at the door and our customers knew we had high standards, good food and reasonable prices," Himmel said.

Himmel, who is now catering chair at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda synagagoue, praised his mother-in-law for being family oriented and always giving to charity. "Every year she would make Passover boxes for needy families and she often did dinners and gave the money to charities. She taught us to be honest and hospitable. The staff sat down for dinner with the bosses and university students studied while they checked coats."

He said the hall filled a void for people who did not belong to a synagogue. "We were the first kosher hall in which people could make a simchah without belonging to a shul and we were busy catering affairs every night. It really was a Toronto institution."

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Long-ago meetings documented

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Rosenthall says she once pulled out this book during a tour she was leading. The page fell open and she read her grandfather's name, Moishe Faltman, who was sponsoring his family's passage from Poland in 1911. "I really flipped," she says. "I was very excited. It was completely by accident that I found this out."

But there are no surprises in the vault for Speisman. He seems to know just about every piece of material in the room, pointing out a marble slab from Pontipool, Ont.; the frayed blueprints of Toronto's first Jewish architect, Benjamin Brown; a candy machine brought from Poland in the 1920s that cranks out peanut-shaped toffees. What he cannot point to, he talks about.

"I would love to have the records from a small-town feed store — where the Jewish owners got their stock, how the orders were placed, did they travel into the cities to look at stock," he says. "These are the elements of social history you can get from looking at financial records."

Equally valuable are minutes of long-ago Jewish organization meetings, programs from Yiddish theatrical productions, benevolent society membership lists, account books and flyers for meetings — "things that most people would have thrown out." Under certain conditions, major donations to the archives are tax-deductible.

Pearl Adler Saban knows how exciting it is to find new treasures. Saban, 32, has been cataloguing archival material one night a month since 1983. Last month, she came across a 1949 file from Jewish Immigrant Aid Services that detailed her father's wartime experiences, information he had never shared with her.

"It was completely by chance," she says. "All these years I had wondered if I would ever come across the name Adler, and here I did."

Saban says the work can be saddening too. The post-war JIAS files were particularly hard to go through, she says, because the applicants were almost always the only family member to survive the Holocaust. "That hits me every time."

Saban calls her cataloguing work "a privilege." Speisman says it can also be boring. "It's not the kind of work that appeals to everybody." At the same time, there are 80 people around the province always on the lookout for new material, he says. "You have to know the community to know how to find the material, most of which is in private hands."

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As the Jewish Agency becomes more responsive to Diaspora needs, it appears it is addressing Beilin's suggestion for Jewish youth.

The Agency is "trying to strategize how to bring more young people, particularly those without a formal Jewish education, to [create] some attachment to Israel and Judaism," Ain said.

"The Israel experience can open a kid's eyes."

"This has to be a greater priority for the Agency," Halbert said. "The Agency is assembling a mega fund for the Israel experience. This is not backpacking. It means you're going on an organized visit."

Israel and the Diaspora fundraisers will work in partnership on the program. The UIA's role will be to help get the youth to Israel and the Israelis will set up the local programs, Halbert said.

The program may one day involve 50,000 teens at a cost of $3,000 each for a total of $150 million, Ain suggested.

Halbert acknowledged that "most major givers are aware of the buzzword of continuity. When they look to their own families, they wonder if they're doing the right thing. They want to do the right thing and so we must spend more time with them to let them know the true story about what's needed in Israel," Halbert said.

There is room for greater Diaspora/Israel partnership on other fronts, he continued. "It used to be we funnelled and they spent. But because of peace and because Israel is strong, there's been a change of priorities. We're looking for better teachers, better able to educate the children here on Judaism and Israel.

"We feel [the partnership] between Israel and the Diaspora will save the Jewish people," he added.

Despite the perception that the situation in Israel is improving dramatically, the country still needs the help of Diaspora Jews, Ain said. "If you look at the United States, does that mean they don't have homeless, that they don't need philanthropy?"

While some Israelis may suggest Israel does not need charity from abroad, "if you talk to the people who benefit, you get a different story," Reitzes said. "People in Project Renewal towns are telling us they need the money."

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There are Israelis who resent any implication that the country is a charity case requiring assistance from abroad.

"Years ago, when people gave, Israel was a charity case. But now, after 47 years, it's clear we're not a charity case," said Alexander Bligh, a visiting professor of history at York University.

Contributions from abroad to Israel amount to only one-half of one per cent of the country's budget, Bligh said. Nevertheless, "this is the link, the way the commitment is presented."

Gerry Halbert (left), chair of UIA Canada, and executive vice-president Steve Ain. [Paul Lungen photo]

Other Israelis suggest it is time for another approach to Diaspora support for Israel. Israel, they say, should be viewed as a good place for investment.

Israel does not need Diaspora favors, said one Israeli who monitors the relationship closely. But Canadian Jews for years have seen Israel as a poor country, a society under threat of destruction which required the support of its friends, he said.

Business people with the wherewithal to invest in the Jewish state were dissuaded from doing so by reports of a "terrible bureaucracy" that made foreign investors feel unwelcome, he added. Much of that has changed and it's time that Canadian perceptions changed too, he added.

Recognizing that the Mideast reality has undergone a sea change in recent years, the Federation has established its own economic development committee, chaired by investment counsellor Geoff Pearlstein.

The committee's goal is to help create two-way trade between Canada and Israel.

The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange experienced a boom from 1992-93, attracting the attention of foreign investors, he said. Though the market cooled off in the first half of 1994, Israel is now seen by many as a lucrative place to do business.

Sophisticated investors looking for offshore content in their RRSP plans are also beginning to consider Israeli stocks, Pearlstein said.

"Right now the view of Israel as an investment opportunity is still in its embryonic stage. But that could change in two or three years."

Recognizing that the economic climate in Israel is improving, "Standard and Poor's have upped Israel's credit rating to BBB plus to A minus," said Larry Waller, executive director of Israeli Bonds for Ontario.

This has allowed Bonds to compete with other securities in the marketplace. Where once Bonds, which paid only four per cent, were seen as a "quasi-charity," now those investing over $3,000 can receive eight per cent, Waller said.

As a result, the market for Bonds is expanding. Recently, the Bank of Nova Scotia and the Bank of Montreal both added Israel Bonds to their own portfolios, Waller said.

Israel is using the Bonds to raise money for a huge infrastructure program. "Over time, we will make people aware that we're not tzedakah," Waller said.

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While the UJA campaign has become an anticipated part of Jewish life in the autumn, changing realities are leading campaign in new directions:

- dedicated giving, which links a contributor with a particular project, like Canada Centre in Metulla, could be a trend for the future.
- an "Israeli experience" in which an increasing number of youth from Canada and the rest of the Diaspora visit the Jewish state is becoming an important part of programming agenda and a selling point for fundraisers.
- increasing domestic need for funds will be addressed not by switching money that would otherwise be earmarked for overseas, but by finding new sources of income domestically.
- Israel is being increasingly seen as not simply a recipient of tzedakah but also as an attractive investment opportunity where handsome profits can be made.

Despite the changing relationship between Israel and the Diaspora, one important factor remains constant. Both still view their relationship as a partnership, each helping the other solve their problems. While the specifics of the relationship may change, that partnership will be with us for a long time to come.

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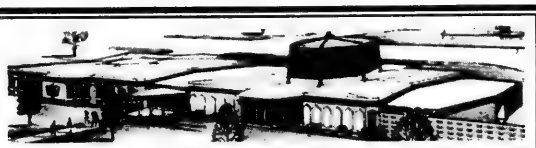

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CAN WE TALK?

Israel's Chief of Staff Ehud Barak (left) chats with his Jordanian counterpart, Mohammed Malkawi, at the recent opening of the border crossing between the two countries. [IPPA Photo]

Canadian observers may head to Gaza

Israel, PLO make request

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

OTTAWA — Israel and the PLO have approached Canada to contribute to a team of 400 temporary civilian observers in Gaza.

The monitors will be part of an international group watching for compliance with non-military aspects of the peace accord. Australia, Finland, Norway, Turkey and representatives of the European Union are also expected to take part.

Canada "will be awaiting a formal invitation from Israel and the Palestinians once they have fleshed out details of the nature and mandate of this monitoring force," Foreign Affairs Ministry spokesman Rodney Moore told *The CJN* last Friday.

Following talks last Wednesday in Alexandria, the PLO and Israel agreed to deploy the observers in Gaza, but nothing has been made official. Each country is expected to underwrite the costs of its observers.

Moore said Canada has simply been "approached" with the request for observers, and he could not say who would comprise the Canadian delegation.

Ottawa is prepared to continue its tradition of peacekeeping in the Middle East, he said.

A civilian presence in Gaza would be similar to the Temporary International Presence in Hebron (TIPH), established soon after the Feb. 25 Hebron mosque massacre, in which 30 Palestinians were killed by a Jewish settler.

A temporary presence in Gaza is called for as part of the Israel-PLO accords signed last September.

Also last week, the PLO blamed Israel for blocking its request to prolong the three-month mandate of the TIPH, a charge hotly denied by Israel's UN Mission.

A letter from the PLO's UN representative to UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali said that "despite the PLO's repeated requests to Israel to extend the TIPH mandate, Israel refused to permit the international force to continue its activity until its stated goal is accomplished."

The letter said the international force in Hebron is alleviating the suffering of local residents, and its mission is not yet completed.

The PLO asked the Security Council to consider Israel's refusal.

UN Ambassador Gad Ya'acobi responded to the PLO charge in a separate letter to Boutros-Ghali, saying the PLO never formally requested an extension of the TIPH's mandate.

The force's term was set at three months by mutual agreement between Israel and the PLO, he wrote. There was never any discussion between the parties about extending that mandate, because the PLO never formally requested such a meeting.

— With files from The Jerusalem Post Foreign Service.

High Holiday deadlines

During the upcoming Labor Day holiday and High Holiday period, *The CJN* offices will be closed. The offices will be closed Sept. 5 for Labor Day, Sept. 6-7 for Rosh Hashanah, Sept. 15 for Yom Kippur, Sept. 20-21 for Sukkot and Sept. 27-28 for Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. As a result, early deadlines will apply for the issues of Sept. 8, 14, 22, 29 and Oct. 6.

For the issue of Sept. 8, the editorial deadline is Tuesday, August 30.

The deadline for organizations and classified advertising is Tuesday, August 30 at noon. For retail display advertising, the deadline is Wednesday, August 31 at noon.

For the issue of Sept. 14, the editorial deadline is *also* August 30. Deadline for organizations is Friday, Sept. 2 at noon. For classified and display advertising, deadline is Thursday, Sept. 8 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. respectively.

For the issue of Sept. 22, editorial deadline is Monday, Sept. 12. Deadline for organization ads is Monday, Sept. 12 at noon. Tuesday, Sept. 13 is the deadline for classified and display advertising at 10 a.m. and noon respectively.

For the issue of Sept. 29, editorial deadline is Monday, Sept. 19. It is also the deadline, at noon for organizational ads. The deadline for classified advertising is Thursday, Sept. 22 at 10 a.m. For display advertising, Sept. 22 at 1 p.m. is the deadline.

For the Oct. 6 issue, editorial deadline is Monday, Sept. 26. Deadline for organization advertising is Sept. 26 at noon. For classified advertising, deadline is Sept. 29 at 10 a.m. Display deadline is Sept 29 at 1 p.m.

IRB takes a look at how Israel treats religious minorities

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Starkly divergent descriptions of Israel's treatment of religious minorities were presented to members of Canada's Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) during a day-long program held last Friday in Montreal.

Over the past two years, Israel has become a major source of refugee claimants in this country. Most of the applications have come from people from the former Soviet Union; often they are mixed-faith couples.

McGill University law professor Irwin Cotler described Israel as a model of human rights protection, while South African-born Israeli lawyer Lynda Brayer compared the distinctions made between Jew and non-Jew in Israel to the policy of apartheid practised by former South African governments.

The third panelist, Israeli lawyer Jonathan Livny, said he did not recognize the country described by Brayer and insisted she was dealing in "innuendo" and "half-truths." Both Brayer and Livny have many non-Jewish clients from the former Soviet Union.

Cotler accused Brayer of "defaming" Israel and undermining his credibility. Her counter charge was that Cotler was speaking on behalf of the Israeli Justice Ministry and not as an independent witness. The bitter antagonism between the two was frequently evident during the discussion.

Brayer, a Jew who converted to Catholicism six years ago, argued that non-Jewish immigrants do not have equal rights and are the victims of systemic discrimination and open prejudice.

Former Soviets suffer on two fronts, she said, because they are both Russian and Christian. She submitted an 18-page text in support of her conclusions.

Stating that "Israel is a Jewish country. . . It was established by Jews to recreate a Jewish homeland. I'm not embarrassed to say it," Livny maintained that there is no contradiction in a state's being both Jewish and democratic.

Cotler entered letters by two Catholic priests in Israel, Norbert Schwake and Daniel Rufeisen, as evidence contradicting Brayer's views on the treatment of Christians.

Cotler, who denied he was a spokesman for the Israeli government, said Israel should not be accepted as a refugee-producing country because "the state has the ability to protect its citizens" from human rights violations; therefore persons leaving Israel, though they may have suffered discrimination, do not fit the Geneva Convention definition of a refugee, he said.

Israel, he said, has a parliamentary democracy, anti-discrimination and anti-racism legislation, an independent judiciary (including the Supreme Court which citizens may petition directly), a free press, and non-governmental organizations that provide redress against rights violations.

Although Israel has no constitution as such, Cotler said, the 1992 "human dignity and liberty" law was amended this year to render the Declaration of Independence actionable before the courts.

Instances of discrimination against former Soviets are not surprising, given that Israel has received a half-million immigrants (10 per cent of its population) in less than five years, Cotler said. From this perspective, the number seeking refuge in Canada is relatively small.

Brayer countered that the "willingness" of the state to protect citizens is more important than its ability. The remedies outlined by Cotler are for Jews and not "the goy," she said.

Brayer claimed that the Israeli press portrays French-Canadian Catholics as "inveterate anti-Semites," because a higher number of Israeli claimants are being accepted by the IRB in Montreal than in Toronto.

The division of citizens according to Jew and non-Jew, as well as their degree of Jewishness, has "created a residual population that does not belong to the privileged religious group and cannot ever be assimilated into the existing system," she said.

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Feinberg hopeful of finding a bone marrow match

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The sound of the clock's ticking is always in the back of Jay Feinberg's young mind.

So are the astronomical odds against finding a match for the healthy bone marrow Jay needs to save or prolong his life.

The 26-year-old native of West Orange, N.J., was diagnosed with chronic myelogenous/myeloid leukemia (CML), a particularly virulent strain of blood cancer, just over three years ago. He was given roughly three years to live.

With the help of oral chemotherapy and other drugs, Jay is not only managing, but even has a sunny disposition. He has already passed the critical 36-month median survival rate, albeit with some joint and back pain and headaches — none of which has deterred him, his family and friends from their dogged determination to find a compatible bone marrow match.

Sitting on a couch, occasionally touching his mother Arlene's arm, Jay recounts how, over the past three years, over 50,000 people worldwide in 125 clinics have had blood tests to determine their marrow's compatibility.

The search is confined to mainly Jews of Eastern European descent. Because the type of marrow in our bones is inherited, tissue types are ethnogeographically determined, meaning Jay's best chances for a match are among those who can trace their roots close to his family's, namely, to modern-day Belarus (Grodno area), Slovakia, northeastern Hungary and western Ukraine.

Nurse Janet Weselowski draws blood from Aaron Mandelbaum at last week's clinic at B'nai Brith, as Jay Feinberg and his mother Arlene look on. [Alron Photo]

The most recent Canadian clinic for Jay, held last week at the B'nai Brith building, drew 370 people. Nearly 500 people came out to a July 4 clinic at the JCC. Kitchener, London and Windsor have also hosted tests. In Israel, over 3,000 people have been tested.

Arlene Feinberg says she can hardly keep up with demand for more clinics in Canada. The big problem is that each blood sample costs about $50 (US) to analyze, and the family is in desperate need of donations.

"We're going to have the September clinics but we may have to cancel the ones in October," sighs Arlene, speculating that the time may come when donors may be asked to pay what they can toward the tests.

So far, the Friends of Jay, a non-profit foundation set up by his family and friends, has raised over $2 million towards testing and equipment.

Even in all this darkness, Jay has encountered a bright spot. Last week, he went to a hospital to visit a Toronto teenaged boy, also suffering from leukemia, who received a perfect marrow match from a Windsor man. The marrow was found after clinics for Jay. "It made me feel great," he smiles. "It was an incredible day."

Jay's disease can accelerate at any time. Meanwhile, the Feinbergs have hired a genealogist to trace the family tree, and they have encountered fourth and fifth cousins they never knew existed, in a frantic but fruitless search for a match.

Jay says the chance of a perfect match "is like winning a lottery. You have to match all six antigens — the marker on the surface of the white blood cell." Jay has two brothers who are a perfect match for each other but not for Jay.

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Israeli, Jordanian welcome new change in relations

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — From the warmth and goodwill with which they greeted each other, you'd never know their two communities had been in a state of war for almost 50 years.

Yet for Israeli consul general Dror Zeigerman and Jordanian-born editor Ziad Malawi, it was like two old friends meeting and renewing acquaintances.

Malawi, chief editor of *Al-Mersal (The Messenger)*, was in Zeigerman's Toronto office recently to exchange gifts in commemoration of the peace accord signed last month in Washington between Jordan's King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Malawi described the tabloid newspaper as "Arabic, with a Jordanian character." Published by the Canadian Arab Network, *Al-Mersal's* circulation stands at 20,000 and is available monthly. Its readership is situated primarily in Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal.

In a brief ceremony at the consulate, Malawi presented Zeigerman with an olive wood carving representing the map of Jordan while receiving in return a miniature replica of an ancient Israeli vase.

But more important than the tokens exchanged was the fact that the Israeli-Jordanian rapprochement is having resonance elsewhere around the world.

Like King Hussein and Rabin, who met secretly several times prior to the publicized Washington signing ceremony, Malawi and Zeigerman had also met before, if not so secretly, at a meeting organized by B'nai Brith in the wake of the Israel-PLO agreement.

Zeigerman said Malawi telephoned him within hours of the Washington signing, asking if he could visit the consulate and greet him. "We met together and for me, it was a very exciting meeting. I told him that for me [the Declaration] fulfills a dream.

"As a fifth-generation Israeli, it was a dream of mine to cross the Jordan. It's a very narrow river but the most historic river. It was always a dream to see the other side" and to visit Petra, Amman and Jerash, the consul general said.

"The dream was stronger than reality and now we have fulfilled it. I hope that in a few months we will exchange visits."

Malawi, general secretary of the Canadian Arab Federation (CAF), recalled the first meeting with Zeigerman. "I really saw [the consul general] as a man of peace and vision," he said. "I explained I was not a Palestinian but an observer for the CAF and that I hoped we have peace and celebrate it. . . The first thing I thought about [during the Hussein/Rabin meeting] was of Dror's trip to Petra."

Malawi said he believes his native country and Israel can live in harmony. "We don't believe in war and radicalism," he said. "We believe in peace and reconciliation."

Pointing to peace overtures that go back to the creation of Israel, Malawi noted that Hussein's grandfather Abdullah "had wanted peace years before and if he'd succeeded, it could have saved many lives and flourished the economy for the Middle East."

Hussein "waited for the right moment [so that Jordan] could live together with Israel in harmony."

Malawi hoped that Jews and Jordanians in Canada would start dealing with each other in the open, pointing out that he has many Jewish associates but was made to feel guilty about that by others in the local Arab community.

"Now, it's a big weight off my shoulders."

The response in the Canadian Arab community to the Washington Declaration has been "mostly positive," he said. Many see it as an "obvious choice after the Palestinian agreement. It was a matter of time."

There are some dissenting voices who believe it is "premature," but Malawi said he has consistently urged a rapprochement, condemned terrorism and called on local Jordanians to be more demonstrative in support of recent peace developments.

The Canadian Arab community consists of immigrants from 20 countries, but most are Lebanese, Palestinians, Iraqis and Egyptians, Malawi said. The Jordanians revere King Hussein for a lineage that goes back to the prophet Mohammed and refer to him as "my master."

Malawi said he expects that joint Jewish-Jordanian community meetings may eventually be held, as well as a joint junket to Israel and Jordan.

"We could go on El Al and come back on Royal Jordanian," he said with a smile.

Like two old friends, Israeli consul general Dror Zeigerman (right) and Jordanian-born editor Ziad Malawi embrace in the wake of the historic agreement between Jordan and Israel. [Paul Lungen photo]

Na'amat Israel helps teens living on the street

TORONTO — Each year Na'amat Israel is responsible for rehabilitating more than a thousand teenage street kids and sheltering hundreds of abused young children.

"The members of our Na'amat Canada mission to Israel were shocked to discover that 200,000 Israeli children live below the poverty line," Esther Rodzynek, Na'amat's Toronto president, told *The CJN* after her recent return.

"Eighty thousand children each year suffer physical abuse. And it's tragic to see how many are developmentally hampered by neglect or early-environment deprivation. These children are Israel's citizens of tomorrow and it is important that they be given the opportunity to reach their full potential — particularly now, when there are so many tough challenges ahead.

"Israel has achieved amazing accommodations with Jordan and the PLO but it will be this upcoming generation that will have to make the really tough decisions and face the new realities," says Rodzynek.

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From left, Judy Feld Carr, Sara Swed, Selim Swed and Eli Swed in New York recently.

Swed brothers flee Syria after years of prison brutality

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Brothers Eli and Selim Swed, who served the longest prison terms of any Syrian Jews, have fled Syria, *The CJN* has learned.

The Sweds arrived in New York City earlier this year, along with Selim's wife Sara and their six children, according to Judy Feld Carr, chair of Canadian Jewish Congress's National Task Force for Syrian Jews.

The brothers, who endured years of medieval conditions, torture and beatings, are in terrible condition, "but at least they're out," says Carr, who has been in contact with the family ever since the brothers were arrested in late 1987. She met them recently.

Eli, a 38-year-old bachelor, was taken into custody in November 1987 after returning from a clandestine trip to Israel, where he visited two sisters. He never made it out of the Damascus airport and was taken to a secret police interrogation centre. His family were waiting for him at the airport, and assumed he was not returning from the trip.

Carr says Eli was blindfolded for two weeks and had the fillings in his teeth removed because police thought he had a transmitter in his mouth.

In the basement of the interrogation centre, he was handcuffed for two months and subjected to beatings, torture with electric shock and sleep deprivation. He was not allowed to wash for eight months. After 18 months, he "confessed" to spying for Israel.

Selim, now 55, was abducted by the feared Mukhabarat (secret police) in December 1987 and also tortured.

In May 1989, the brothers were placed in the same cell. It measured one by 1.5 metres, and there they stayed for the next four months before being transferred to the notorious Adra prison in Damascus, known to human rights groups for its maze of underground torture chambers.

In early 1990, the brothers were finally brought to trial and sentenced to five years hard labor for spying for Israel, endangering Syria's security and entering a country (Israel) for which no visa is provided.

At an in camera hearing in May 1991, the sentence was boosted to 6½ years. Neither the defendants nor their lawyer were allowed to speak, and the brothers went on a highly-publicized hunger strike, despite their desperate physical conditions.

Following their sentencing, Syrian president Hafez al-Assad offered a 15-day period during which pleas for clemency were heard.

Canada's then external affairs minister Barbara McDougall asked for a reconsideration of the sentence on humanitarian grounds.

The Sweds were released in April 1992 for no stated reason.

It was also in April 1992 when Assad relaxed travel rules for Syrian Jews. Over 2,500 Jews left for the United States before the doors were abruptly closed again six months later.

A steady trickle continue to come out, despite a new Syrian policy of splitting families.

The Sweds arrived in Brooklyn's large Syrian Jewish emigre community in April. Carr says Eli is in especially bad shape.

The problem with Syrian Jewish emigration, Carr notes, is that those who leave must do so as visitors. Thus, they cannot claim refugee status in the United States, and the entitlements that status confers.

As well, Jews leaving Syria cannot sell possessions or businesses. They can leave with the equivalent of $2,000 (US) and two suitcases each.

For decades, Syria's Jews were subjected to state-sanctioned harassment, constant monitoring by police and arbitrary detention.

The community has dwindled to about 300 in Damascus, 100 in Qamishli and just five in Aleppo, says Carr. She believes most of those will leave but that a handful, mainly elderly or those set in their ways, will stay.

Decision on day schools status imminent: Johnson

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Premier Daniel Johnson said a decision "one way or the other" should be made within the next two weeks on the issue of "associate status" for the Jewish day schools.

In a brief interview with *The CJN* late last week, Johnson said of the discussions that have been taking place between the education ministry and the Montreal Catholic School Commission (MCSC): "The matter is moving forward. I'm hopeful."

The MCSC has agreed in principle to forming an association with the Jewish schools, said Johnson. He also indicated that he will meet with Education Minister Jacques Chagnon this week on the matter.

On another question, Johnson upheld the Liberal party's "star" candidate in Bourassa, former union leader Yvon Charbonneau. The premier seemed somewhat surprised that some Jews viewed this as insensitive because at one time, Charbonneau had been very vocally anti-Zionist.

"People mellow," Johnson said. For some years, Charbonneau has been more concerned with environmental and economic issues than international politics.

Johnson also suggested Charbonneau's entry into mainstream politics has to be viewed in the light of the changes that have taken place in the world. "The Berlin Wall has come down ... Arafat and Rabin are having lunch together," he said.

In the days when Charbonneau was a union leader, it was not uncommon for people to take "radical" positions on issues related to the Middle East, he said.

"I never gathered that anti-Semitism or the Jewish community were the targets of [Charbonneau's] comments."

Johnson spoke to *The CJN* after meeting the Jewish community representatives and D'Arcy McGee Liberals at Adath Israel-Poale Zedek Congregation.

He expressed confidence the Liberals, with candidate Lawrence Bergman, will win back the riding. "My wife and I often shop in Cavendish Mall and we get a tremendous reception. People say, 'We are going to vote for you.' They didn't say that in 1989.

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Conference for Jewish deaf draws people from near, far

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Over 300 people gathered at the Sheraton Centre Hotel recently for the 20th Biennial Convention of the National Congress of Jewish Deaf (NCJD), a festive event highlighted by Sabbath services complete with a choir of signers.

Workshops dealt with topics such as Adopting Deaf Children, Homosexuality in the Deaf Jewish Community, and Reconciling Deaf and Jewish Identities. The latter issue was a recurring theme. Keynote speaker Rabbi Gunther Plaut spoke about aging.

The convention, held for the first time in Canada, brought together participants from as far away as Australia, France, Belgium, England and Israel, but the majority were North American.

The Toronto Jewish Association for the Deaf (TJAD), the only Canadian NCJD affiliate, hosted the convention. The group has a mailing list of 200 in and near the Toronto area. There are thought to be fewer than 50 deaf Jews living outside Toronto in Canada.

Israel has about 20,000 deaf Jews, 1,000 of whom are Russian olim, according to recent estimates.

The NCJD, established in New York in 1956 to foster Jewish identity and knowledge among the Jewish deaf, has a comparatively small membership of 600, although there are thought to be 50,000 deaf Jews in the United States.

"Our task now would be to reach out to those 50,000 and let them know about NCJD," said Barbara Boyd, the organization's outgoing president, speaking in sign language through an interpreter. "We've already seen an increase in membership because of this conference, and we're very proud of it."

The convention was an impressive undertaking. A typical session had both a hearing interpreter to "voice" what was being signed (or to sign, if the speaker was talking), as well as a note-taker to summarize key points on an overhead projector. French interpreters were also available.

Communication barriers were, overcome with commendable efficiency, given that sign languages have a complexity all their own. American Sign Language (ASL), for example, the common language of deaf North Americans, has a unique grammatical structure, making it difficult for users to speak and sign at the same time. ASL is now recognized as a proper language, although it was not always seen that way by the hearing community.

Signed English is not a language, but rather a manual code often used to teach English or translate word-for-word. Finger-spelling refers to the spelling of words in which each letter is signified by a different hand configuration.

Sign languages used in other countries are as different from each other as English and Hebrew. Although one interpreter was stymied momentarily when a participant used an unfamiliar British sign, the mix of hearing, deaf and hard-of-hearing people using voice, sign, lip-reading and written notes worked.

There were few hearing participants other than the interpreters and some of the workshop leaders. Karen Bain of Cleveland, the mother of 10-year-old Lauren, who is deaf, thought she was the only hearing person in the room at one workshop. "It gave me an idea of what our daughter has to live with every day," she said.

Bain and her husband Ken were happy to have the opportunity to meet Jewish deaf people, they said. In Cleveland, there is no organization for deaf Jews. "Everyone's been very, very nice," she said.

Sharon Soudakoff of Los Angeles was elected NCJD president for a two-year term, replacing Boyd who is now vice-president, administration.

Upcoming conferences for the Jewish deaf include an international conference to be held next year in London, England, from July 23 to 27. The World Organisation of Jewish Deaf (WOJD) has held conferences every four years since 1976. The theme of the conference will be Towards a Freer World, and it is expected that participants will include deaf Jews from former Communist countries. For further information about the conference, contact Steven Bloomfield, Bloomfield Ceramic Restorations Ltd., Flat 18, Centre Heigthts, Swiss Cottage, London NW3 6JG England (fax 71-722-8740).

The next NCJD conference will be held in 1996 in Chicago. For further information contact Martyn Wayne of TJAD at 905-669-2525 (TTY access number is 1-800-855-0511) or by fax at 416-392-3821.

Confusion over war crimes cases

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — There finally appears to be some movement on the war crimes portfolio, but in which direction remains unclear.

Justice Department spokesmen have confirmed that eight cases have been forwarded to the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration with the recommendation that denaturalization hearings be implemented to strip the suspects of citizenship or that deportation proceedings be launched against those who are landed immigrants.

But Immigration spokesman Roger White said the ministry has written back to Justice officials requesting final recommendations on the cases.

"The reports they've sent raise complex issues," he said. "The department will make decisions as soon as possible, but we have written back to ask for formal recommendations on at least this first number of cases."

Jim Mathieson, a lawyer for the Justice Department's war crimes unit, said the unit has not received any requests for further information.

"We have provided our final report and Immigration has all the information it needs. . . Our position is that there isn't anything left for us to do regarding recommendations.

"We've done all there is to do and it's the responsibility of the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration to determine whether to revoke citizenship or deport [non-citizens]," Mathieson told *The CJN*.

Speaking earlier this week, White said "I was told by two of our immigration department lawyers that we have written to the Justice Department for final recommendatons in how to deal with these eight cases."

While the ministries tried to sort out the cases, Jewish groups reacted positively to the war crimes unit's move.

"We're encouraged by these reports," said Jack Silverstone, national executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress. "There are still steps to go but it's an encouraging development. We must now see that the recommendations are expeditiously transferred to the Immigration Department to carry them out."

Jonathan Richler, national chair of B'nai Brith's war crimes committee, agreed. "We urge the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration to review expeditiously the Justice Department's reports on war crimes suspects," he said.

"Time is of the essence and, where appropriate, deportation cases should be launched immediately."

Sol Littman, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, said he was concerned that the cases not "fall between the ministries."

Peter Kremer, head of the war crimes unit, said the eight files were part of a batch of 18 "priority one" cases under investigation for some time. "The priority one cases we were working on are finished or nearing completion," he said.

He discounted suggestions that the unit is now focusing on denaturalization and deportation instead of criminal prosecutions. The unit investigates all legal remedies, he said.

For the past few years, Jewish groups have been urging the unit to shift focus to the denaturalization remedy, arguing that it is easier to make a civil case than a criminal one. The unit's only success in its seven-year history involved former Dutch collaborator Jacob Luitjens, who was stripped of his citizenship and deported to his native Holland about two years ago.

Kremer said the Luitjens decision set a precedent for proving cases based on circumstantial evidence.

Although immigration records were destroyed in the course of time, the judge in the case inferred that Luitjens must have lied about his wartime activities or he would not have been permitted into Canada and obtained citizenship.

Mathieson said he expected about 20 cases "and possibly more" will eventually be forwarded to the Immigration Department for action.

Correction

Due to an editing error, the story in the August 11 *CJN* concerning the naming of the Jewish cemetery in Quebec City as a national historic site, misidentified the rabbi of the Beth Israel Ohav Shalom synagogue. His name is Rabbi Samuel Prager. *The CJN* regrets the error.

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IRB takes a look at Israel

[Cont'd. from page 1]

Christianity is such "anathema" to Jews that schoolchildren in Israel are taught an inverted T as a plus sign in arithmetic because the traditional cross is too reminiscent of the Christian symbol, she claimed. [A number of Israelis in Canada told *The CJN* that they had never heard of this practice.]

There is no constitution guaranteeing equal rights for all and thus no recourse to the courts, Breyer said.

Contradicting Cotler's statement, Brayer said that the Declaration of Independence affirming Israel as a state for the Jewish people is still legally valid. She claimed that the 1992 "human dignity" law does not override this.

Identity cards highlight this stratification of citizens, she said. Non-Jews married to Jews from the former Soviet Union have their nationality marked as Russian or Ukrainian, for example, while the Jewish partner's nationality is listed as Jewish. (There is no "Israeli" nationality.)

In cases where Jewish ancestry cannot be proven or one is a "messianic Jew," nationality is not registered. "By rabbinic law, he is a 'questionable Jew,' not really a goy, but not fully a Jew," she said.

In the case of one who has immigrated under provisions of the Law of Return but who is not Jewish by religious law, no card is issued and one is "a stateless person," she claimed.

Those without cards do not receive the normal benefits for immigrants from the government and "socially, [they] are outcasts," she said. Similarly, non-Jews who divorce a Jew "lose all rights by virtue of not being Jewish."

Non-Jews she said cannot own land and have no protection against losing their jobs for not being Jewish.

They also face unfair treatment from the police and have difficulty being heard by a court. In the schools, children are subject to harassment from their peers and teachers, she charged. Religious officials constantly pressure them to convert.

She compared the status of the non-Jewish former Soviets' status to that of the Marranos in medieval Spain.

Breyer's allegations regarding Israeli law and its application were flatly contradicted by the other panellists.

Livny, who was an activist for Soviet Jewish aliyah in the '70s, operates a legal clinic with the Zionist Forum for Soviet Jewry, an organization founded by Natan Scharansky.

Israelis are in an uproar over the IRB's acceptance of some refugee claimants from Israel because the state was created as a haven for Jewish refugees and any suggestion that "it mistreats people touches a raw nerve and sends chills down the spine," Livny said.

"In what country is there not prejudice, especially when newcomers receive so many rights those born there do not get?" he asked.

He claimed Brayer's portrayal was "very one-sided and unfair."

He said almost 40 per cent of his clients are non-Jews "and they have the same problems as Jews."

He stated he is not aware of one case where a non-Jewish former-Soviet did not receive normal immigrant benefits, such as housing subsidies, even after a divorce; or an ID card, once they had immigrant status.

In employment, non-Jews are often favored because they are considered to have a better work ethic, he claimed.

Where there are problems is in matters of personal status, such as marriage, divorce and even burial because these are under the authority of the Orthodox rabbinate, Livny said. But non-Jews and interfaith couples, in some respects, are better off in this regard than Reform Jews like himself, he said.

As for land ownership, he noted that the Mormon Church was given "the best property in Israel" to build a university in Jerusalem.

"The issue is not Jew versus non-Jew . . . The true spirit of Judaism is to treat the stranger amongst you as yourself. We have not yet fully achieved a Jewish democratic state in this spirit but we are on the right way," Livny said.

About 140 people attended the program. IRB spokesman Suzanne Mayhew said 60 were IRB members from Montreal (of 210 members), eight were from Ottawa and one from Toronto. The rest were mostly lawyers and representatives of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), including several Jewish groups.

IRB assistant vice-president Pierre Duquette, who chaired the program, said it was scheduled several months ago and was not held in response to recent media coverage of the issue.

The three speakers were invited by the IRB to provide information in addition to what the IRB already has on Israel, he said. The program is to be transcribed and made available to all IRB offices, as are the materials submitted by the three speakers.

A follow-up session in the afternoon was devoted to answering written questions from the audience. They sought more details on religious freedom, the power of the Orthodox rabbinate, allegations of police negligence, the function of ID cards, circumcision, public schooling, and the image of Russian women.

CSIS denies spying allegations against CBC

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Canadian Security and Intelligence Service (CSIS) has denied allegations it spied on the CBC.

"The suggestion that CSIS has spied on the CBC is without substance or foundation," stated a CSIS news release last week.

According to an article in the *Toronto Star* last week, CSIS used a mole in the white supremacist Heritage Front to obtain information about a CBC investigation into racism in the Armed Forces.

Citing from a "highly classified" document it obtained, the *Star* reported that a CSIS source inside the Heritage Front informed the spy agency that the CBC's *Fifth Estate* was researching a story about racist infiltration of the Armed Forces.

An earlier report in the *Toronto Sun* indicated that Grant Bristow, one of the Heritage Front's founders, was on the CSIS payroll. The document obtained by the *Star* would seem to corroborate the earlier story.

The most recent allegations concerning CSIS will be part of a review of the spy agency that is being conducted by the Security Intelligence Review Committee, said Blaine Harvey, a spokesman for Solicitor General Herb Gray.

RCMP seeking witnesses

OTTAWA — The war crimes and special investigations section of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) is seeking witnesses to the mass murder of civilians in two locations in Lithuania during World War II.

One series of executions took place in the Obliai and Baijoria Forests in Roskiskis, Lithuania during 1941.

A second mass murder of civilians took place in 1944 in the town of Vievis, Trakia District of Lithuania by members of the 253rd Schutzmannschaft Battalion.

Those who have direct knowledge of these events or who can assist in locating persons who could provide such information are asked to contact the RCMP directly by telephoning collect to (613) 990-8481 and asking for investigating constable R. Barry.

Those with information could also write to: The Commanding Officer, 'A' Division, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, 155 McArthur Ave., Vanier, Ont., K1A 0R4, Attention: war crimes and special investigations section. All information will be treated as confidential.

Alternatively, those with information may contact Bernie Farber of Canadian Jewish Congress at (416) 635-2883, who will serve as a liaison with the RCMP.

Toronto Federation steps in to take over JCC's finances

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It's official. The Jewish Community Centre (JCC) last week asked the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto to take over the task of implementing the rescue and reorganization of the cash-strapped centre.

The move effectively gives the Federation overall control over the JCC's finances and management, said Howard English, a spokesman for the Federation.

A new seven-person board of directors will be appointed as part of the reorganization scheme. The three-person committee of Sharon Bacal, Helen Finder-Guttman and Alex Grossman, which has been overseeing JCC operations since the centre's board and officers resigned conditionally, will be part of the new board, he added.

Bank demanding payment

In other developments, the Bank of Montreal, the JCC's largest creditor, sent a letter to the JCC demanding payment of the money owing to it, English said. The bank calculates that sum at about $9.7 million.

Subsequent to the letter, representatives of the JCC and the Federation met with bank officials who requested a formal, written proposal outlining the rescue plan. The Federation and JCC agreed to the request, English said.

Later in the week, representatives of the Bloor Street branch and the Northeast Valley branch submitted presentations for bank officers describing their plans to raise funds to pay their portions of the debt.

Under terms of the JCC/Federation plan, the downtown branch is to raise $3 million (with Federation assistance), and the Valley $1 million to go towards payment of the debt. They will then become independent centres.

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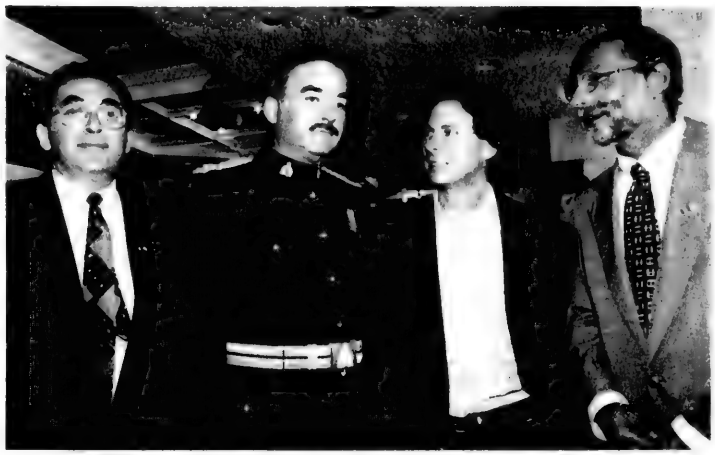

A TASTE OF CANADA

The Sheraton Tel Aviv recently hosted a Taste of Canada reception, where some 250 guests enjoyed fresh salmon flown in from Canada, and prepared by renowned chef Marcel Kretz, formerly of La Sapeniere in Val David, Que. The event was sponsored by Air Canada and El Al, and held to honor the National Ballet of Canada, which was touring Israel at the time. From left were Yossi Wircer of the Sheraton Tel Aviv; "Mountie" Gene McLean; Leon Koffler of Superpharm Inc. and Canada's ambassador to Israel, Norman Spector.

Arafat defends the PLO charter

Jewish Telegraphic Agency and Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

TEL AVIV — Yasser Arafat is blaming Israel for the PLO's delay in revoking chapters in the organization's charter calling for the destruction of Israel.

Speaking at a joint news conference with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in Gaza City last Friday, Arafat said the anti-Israel clauses of the PLO charter could not be changed because Israel is not allowing all 480 members of the Palestine National Council to enter the Gaza Strip to attend a meeting at which a vote to amend the charter would be taken.

The sentiment was reinforced Sunday, when Fatah's Central Committee in Tunis decided that the Palestinian Covenant calling for Israel's destruction won't be changed until Israel recognizes a Palestinian state.

Abu Nizar, a member of Fatah's Central Committee, said the decision was taken on Saturday night at a meeting chaired by Arafat.

"If Israel does not recognize the establishment of a Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as [its] capital, there would not be any decision to cancel the clauses of the charter calling for the liberation of Palestine," Nizar said.

If Nizar is correct, the demand would be a violation of the Oslo accords, since Palestinian statehood is an issue that is not to be discussed until final talks, while the PLO is committed to change its covenant as soon as possible.

In an earlier display of disharmony, Peres, appearing disturbed, interrupting Arafat to tell reporters, "I told the chairman we shall not object to have the PNC meet in Gaza, and (we) invite all its members to come and participate in the meeting."

Arafat then appeared to throw the whole issue into question, saying he could not guarantee that the PNC would change the anti-Israel clauses.

Declaration of Principles

"I haven't the right to [guarantee] it. You have to respect our democracy. This is the business of the members of the PNC," he said.

In the past, Arafat has repeatedly maintained that he would call for the repeal of those sections of the PLO charter which call for the destruction of Israel.

His promise served in part as the basis for the mutual recognition pact between Israel and the PLO, which enabled the parties to sign the Declaration of Principles on Palestinian self-rule last September in Washington.

Peres, the highest-ranking Israeli official to visit Gaza since autonomy began there and in Jericho in May, met with Arafat and Norwegian Foreign Minister Bjorn Tore Godal.

The meeting marked the first anniversary of the agreement reached in Oslo — an agreement that set the stage for the Israeli-PLO peace accord.

During the news conference, Peres highlighted the issue of security, saying the Palestinian leadership must stop attacks on Israelis by radical Palestinian groups if the peace accord is to succeed.

"It is in the Palestinian interest to fight terror," Peres said. "You can't develop Gaza and other areas if the terrorists prevent the development of tourism, industry and the like."

Detention ordered

Last week, Arafat ordered the detention of at least 30 members of the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas movement, which has claimed responsibility for recent attacks on Israelis. Most of the detained, however, were later released.

"We will not accept any challenge to discipline in the Palestinian territories," Arafat said.

He also used the occasion to renew his pleas for foreign assistance, which donor countries have pledged but withheld, demanding strict accounting procedures on the part of the PLO.

"Not to forget, we are starting from zero and we need help from all our friends everywhere," Arafat said.

The Norwegian foreign minister said his country would help pay the salaries of the Palestinian police until the pledges of foreign assistance, estimated at $600 million for this year alone, begin to arrive.

Meanwhile, Peres used the occasion to announce that starting this week, Israel would transfer responsibility for education to Palestinians throughout the West Bank.

"For the first time in history, the Palestinian people will be responsible for their own children, for their own education," Peres said.

The move represented the first phase in the so-called "early empowerment," the transfer to Palestinian control of such areas as education, health, tourism and taxation throughout the West Bank.

In a related development, Israeli officials announced last Friday the release of some 250 Palestinian prisoners on condition they remain in the Jericho autonomous region until the end of their prison sentences.

Among those released were Palestinians convicted of killing fellow Arabs suspected of collaborating with Israel.

Israeli authorities said those released were the last of 5,000 Palestinian prisoners Israel had promised to set free under the terms of the May 4 Cairo agreement for implementing self-rule in Gaza and Jericho.

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Israel Says No to Iraq

JERUSALEM — Israel reportedly has assured the United States that it will not respond to any diplomatic overtures from Iraq.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin conveyed the message to Warren Christopher during the U.S. Secretary of State's recent shuttle trip to the region, according to media reports here.

It followed an overture several weeks ago by the Iraqis at the United Nations, to which Israel was rumored to have responded coolly.

Rabin told Christopher that Jerusalem endorses the Clinton administration's "dual containment" policy, which seeks to isolate and contain both Iran and Iraq.

That is the same policy Israeli diplomats abroad reportedly have been instructed to follow.

An Iraqi official reportedly expressed interest in ongoing peace moves in the region six weeks ago to Gad Ya'acobi, the Israeli ambassador to the UN, who cabled home for instructions.

Ya'acobi reportedly was told, in effect, to rebuff his colleague from Baghdad.

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Europeans Step Up Contacts

TEL AVIV — Greece and Holland have announced plans to follow the lead of Germany, which has established diplomatic representation in the Palestinian autonomous area of Jericho.

A German liaison office was opened recently in Jericho, with the task of monitoring the Palestinian authority's use of Germany's financial grant to the autonomous Gaza Strip and Jericho regions.

The Greek and Dutch foreign ministries announced that their countries would also soon be setting up liaison offices in Jericho for the same purpose.

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No Change in Yemen

NEW YORK — Reports of a shift in Yemen's policy toward its Jews are exaggerated, Western officials say.

The Associated Press recently quoted a Yemeni government official as saying Yemen has begun allowing members of its Jewish community to emigrate.

In fact, Yemen has been allowing Jewish emigration for well over a year, reflecting a general opening toward the West.

About 500 Yemeni Jews have left the country since unification of the north and south in 1990, most moving to Israel. About 500 Jews remain in Yemen.

The recent civil war, however, severed all air links out of the country.

Sources familiar with the Jewish community in Yemen say that departures have yet to resume, despite the press report to the contrary.

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Move Over, Guys

TEL AVIV — Citing sexual discrimination, a recent immigrant from South Africa has petitioned Israel's High Court of Justice to force the Israeli Air Force to allow her to join a pilot training course.

Alice Miller, 22, brought the petition with the support of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel after the Air Force rejected her application to take the training course.

She claimed sexual discrimination was behind the rejection, since she had obtained a civilian pilot license before immigrating to Israel, and has since earned a degree in aeronautical engineering from the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa.

The Air Force, which was given 45 days to prepare its response, said its refusal was based on the Israel Defence Force's opposition to allowing women to serve in combat areas.

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Golan Settlers 'Appreciated'

HAIFA — Tourism Minister Uzi Baram last week said his ministry would not support investment in any new tourist projects on the Golan.

However, he stressed that the ministry would continue to assist existing tourist sites and help ensure that projects already under way would be completed.

Baram, who was touring the north, including the Golan, said he could not ignore the political changes in the region.

The minister said he "deeply appreciated" the presence of Jewish settlers on the Golan, but warned that sacrifices might have to be made in return for peace with Syria.

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HU Hosts Indonesian Scholar

JERUSALEM — The Hebrew University of Jerusalem recently hosted its first visiting scholar from Indonesia, which has the world's largest Muslim population (171 million).

Halim Mahfudz, a journalist and academic, spent three weeks at the university's Harry S Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, where he attended a conference on the PLO and Israel and interviewed Palestinians and Israelis for articles to appear in the Indonesian press.

Mahfudz was invited by Moshe Maoz, head of the institute, whom he had met when Maoz visited his home city, Surabaya.

Although contacts between Indonesia and Israel are limited (there are some organized tours by Israelis to Indonesia) and Mahfudz said that there was not much interest in the Middle East among Indonesians, he believes that more mutual tourism could develop, along with business activity and possibly official diplomatic relations.

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TV Station Cancels Film

SYDNEY — Responding to protests by the leadership of Australia's Jewish community, a television station in Adelaide has canceled the showing of a film produced by what a station spokesman described as "neo-Nazi apologists."

Adelaide's Community and Educational Television station had originally defended its decision to schedule the film, *A Search for Truth in History*, saying the station, a public-access outlet, had "a charter to reflect the view of the total community, including extreme views."

The film features English writer and Holocaust denier David Irving arguing that the facts of the Holocaust are myths created by the Diaspora and the State of Israel for propaganda purposes.

The station called the film "a denigration of the Holocaust" and said it would not allow the channel to "incite racial acrimony."

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Los Angeles Tensions

LOS ANGELES — A suspicious-looking metal box was exploded by police last week at the Simon Wiesenthal Centre here, while at the same time, a bomb threat forced evacuation of the University of Judaism.

Private security guards discovered the metal box, which was near the entrance to the Wiesenthal Centre. At about the same time, police received an anonymous phone call that a bomb would explode at the centre.

The metal box was detonated by remote control but police would not say whether it contained any explosive material, pending laboratory tests.

At the University of Judaism, two suspicious objects were sighted in the library and another part of the main building. After the objects were identified, the alarm was called off.

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Static from Aircraft Carrier

HAIFA — The U.S.S. George Washington, the world's largest aircraft carrier, anchored here last week for a five-day shore leave for the crew.

The arrival of the giant floating city, with its 5,500 officers and men, was welcomed by Haifa's merchants.

But the arrival proved to be a major problem for Israeli users of cellular telephones. The massive amount of electronic equipment aboard the 1,300-foot vessel caused major interference with the portable phones until Bezek, Israel's state-owned telephone company, managed to change the frequencies used by the phones.

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5,000 Visit Yad Vashem Daily

JERUSALEM — Some 5,000 people visit the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem daily, according to the first survey by the institution.

The museum and memorial is visited by about 1.3 million people annually, making it the most visited site in the country after the Western Wall, according to the survey.

Yad Vashem chairman Avner Shalev noted that the museum was originally built to accommodate only about 300,000 visitors per year.

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German Beth Din Established

BONN — For the first time since the end of World War II, German Jewry has established a rabbinical court (beth din) to issue Halachic rulings.

The beth din, comprised of three rabbis, was set up recently in Munich to deal with conversions, divorces and other issues of general concern to the religious community.

Prior to the establishment of the court, individual rabbis issued rulings which were not always recognized by rabbinical authorities elsewhere, particularly in Israel.

In some cases, the local Jewish community sought rulings from rabbis in other countries, sometimes from as far away as Israel or the United States.

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Israel's chief Ashkenazi rabbi makes official visit to Canada

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — While six million Jews died in the Holocaust, millions more perished spiritually, Israel's chief Ashkenazi rabbi has said.

Rabbi Israel Meir Lau said of those who survived, "their spirit is gone. They died inside. Many lost their traditions and their heritage. They made a terrible spiritual sacrifice."

Rabbi Lau was addressing 600 people crowded into the sweltering Chabad House earlier this month.

He said their children and grandchildren need to understand the message of the Holocaust, that they can remain Jewish despite all odds. He cited a message found in a bottle from a Warsaw ghetto fighter which said "you can take everything from me but you can't destroy my faith."

The rabbi, who was elected chief rabbi last year, was on his first official visit to Canada. The guest of Schara Tzedeck congregation, he spent a hectic weekend here. He arrived on a Friday with his wife, held a hurried press conference, attended the Shabbat services that evening at the shul, delivered a Shabbat sermon, then participated in a congregational kiddush. He delivered a d'var Torah at shalosh seudos.

Sunday morning he officiated and spoke at the dedication of the Earl and Jennie Lohn chapel at Schara Tzedeck cemetery, in nearby New Westminster. This was followed by a congregational lunch at the shul where the rabbi enjoyed blintzes, lokshen kugel, bagels, lox, salad and pastry.

Then it was off to private meetings

Rabbi Israel Meir Lau

and in the public evening meeting at Chabad House.

The Chief Rabbi was under heavy security and declined to give interviews. When approached by *The CJN*, the exhausted Rabbi Lau asked for rachmonos (pity) and begged off a promised interview.

During his public address he denied published reports that he had met the future John Paul II as a child left with Polish Catholic neighbors for safekeeping. In the story, which Rabbi Lau said was "just a misunderstanding," the Jewish child is brought for baptism but the priest — the future Pope — declines knowing the parents wanted their son raised as a Jew. Rabbi Lau met the Pope only last September.

The chief rabbi was non-political during his visit here. He told the press conference that Israel is divided between a desire for peace and its mistrust of the PLO. "Don't forget," he said, "we sacrificed more than 20,000 young lives, soldiers and victims of terror, in the past 46 years. We can't forget it in one shaking of the hands — it takes time."

Rabbi Lau said it is easier to accept the recent peace deal with King Hussein because Jordan has more of a government. "With the PLO we have to pray to the Almighty."

Rabbi Lau's acceptance of the arrangement with Jordan was indicated to some extent by a recent front page photo in the *Globe and Mail*, which showed him and Chief Sephardi Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron applauding from the Knesset balcony after Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's speech seeking support for the Israel-Jordan pact.

Rabbi Lau was liberated from Buchenwald by the Americans, the youngest captive there, at the age of 8. He was homeless and orphaned but managed to get to the fledgling Israel with a group of other youngsters.

He studied at the Fonovetz Yeshiva and in 1979 began his career as district rabbi of North Tel Aviv, followed by chief rabbi of Netanya and chief rabbi of Tel Aviv. He is the descendant of 36 generations of rabbis.

He was introduced at the public meeting by an old friend and fellow Buchenwald survivor, Robert Weisman of the Vancouver Holocaust Society. Dr. Robert Krell, president of the society, chaired the meeting. Others who spoke were Prof. William Nicholls, founding member of the Vancouver Holocaust Education Committee and Marie Doduck, a survivor.

Israeli court rejects petition saying peace pact is illegal

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — Israel's High Court of Justice has rejected a petition by a Canadian lawyer charging that the Declaration of Principles signed between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization is illegal.

Howard Grief, a Montreal-born lawyer who immigrated to Israel in 1989 and became a member of the Israel bar, drafted the petition on behalf of 26 Israeli professors and writers. The petition argues that the DoP was signed illegally and should therefore be considered null and void.

However at an August 11 hearing, a three-judge panel of the High Court of Justice refused to rule on the petition, arguing that the matter was "clearly political" and therefore not subject to court jurisdiction.

"I am disappointed by the verdict, which was simply an evasion of the issue," said Grief.

"Any case involving the actions of the government is automatically political. But our case challenges a government policy on the basis of alleged legal violations. This is different than challenging the wisdom of a government policy. The Court failed to make that important distinction," charged Grief.

The petition, which was drafted by Grief and presented to the High Court by Israeli lawyer David Heimowitz, argues that the DoP was illegal on several grounds.

First, it violates Israel's Basic Law (the closest thing Israel has to a constitution) because it was signed without the approval or even knowledge of the cabinet. The fact that it was later ratified by the cabinet does not change the fact that it

Howard Grief

was signed illegally, argues the petition.

Second as a terrorist organization, the PLO has no authority to sign contracts under international law, and therefore cannot be a party to an international agreement. Even if the Knesset passed a law making the PLO legal, it would continue to fit the definition of a terrorist organization according to Israel's Penal Law, says the petition.

Moreover, the failure of the Palestinian National Council to ratify the DoP and amend the Palestinian covenant — as promised by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat — renders the agreement null and void under international law.

And finally Israeli law does not authorize anyone other than the government of Israel to apply the law of the state. Therefore, the Palestinian Authority has no right to govern in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, asserts the petition.

"I think we had strong grounds," said Grief. "The petition can be used to challenge any future agreement stemming from the Declaration of Principles. We hope to bring it to court again in the future when there is a different government in power, and perhaps, a different panel of judges.

"I think this court was afraid of intervening in the political process. The judges simply didn't want to rile the government," he charged. "They acted in a self-serving way."

State attorney Malchiel Blass argued the petition was "of an overwhelmingly political nature" — an argument that was ultimately accepted by the court. Judges Aharon Barak, Dalia Dorner and Dov Levin pointed out that several similar petitions had been rejected in recent months for the same reason.

Grief, who spent 10 months preparing the petition, would not reveal who sponsored it, but said there were no organizations involved. Most of the contributions came from individuals who read an article he wrote on the subject in *Nativ*, the cultural magazine of the settlement movement. Among the 26 writers and professors he represented are several leading figures in the settlement movement, including writer Israel Eldad and author Moshe Shamir.

Grief used to be the representative of the rightwing Tehiya party in the Canadian Zionist Federation during the '80s. After moving to Israel, he worked as a legal advisor to then-Science and Energy Minister Yuval Ne'eman, a leader of the now defunct Tehiya party.

Grief left the government following the election that brought Yitzhak Rabin to power. Before immigrating to Israel in 1989, he ran a general law practice in Montreal for 23 years.

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Rabbinical Reflections

By
RABBI MORDECHAI E. ZEITZ

It is just about Neilah time for the year 5754. Is it possible that a year has already gone by?

I barely remember the sounding of the shofar to mark the beginning of the year and its haunting sound to mark the end of Yom Kippur. And now, we have been sounding the shofar this entire month, reminding ourselves that this year is coming to an abrupt end.

What a momentous year this has been. Rosh Hashanah heralded a peace accord with that moving but frightening scene on the White House lawn. "Moving" because finally we were witnessing a breakthrough towards the elusive peace everyone has been seeking in the Middle East. "Frightening" because Israel's designated partner for peace was the individual responsible for so much of the death and destruction of innocents for these many years.

Gaza and Jericho became self-administered and King Hussein of Jordan inaugurated borders with Israel.

Although terrorism still spills innocent Israeli blood, many rationalize this to be the price for peace. The debate continues to rage as to how steep a price one must pay now and in the future.

But the peace process seemed to have a life of its own, making more headway this past year than in the previous 50 years combined.

As the Middle East was grappling with change, so too was South Africa undergoing radical change. A new country was born and the impossible was achieved. And while South Africa was successfully bringing races and people together, right here within our own borders we are once again preoccupied with the debate about separation of language and people.

This past year saw the continuing brutality in Bosnia and new human tragedy in Rwanda. In a time of great change some things do not change at all.

If that was not enough, we watched with shocked disbelief when a car bomb leveled the main headquarters of the Jewish community in Buenos Aires in Argentina. It was the second time that terrorists had struck this Jewish community. The first time around we rationalized and we said it was only the Israeli Embassy. That's Middle East politics.

But this time it was not only aimed at the Jewish community of Argentina, but at the non-Jewish community as well. The tactics of the terrorists of today have absolutely no regard for life or limb, nor for nationality. Innocent individuals who happened to be there, and those working on behalf of the community were struck down within a few seconds.

Terrorists struck twice in London after a plane was blown up in Panama. How ironic that many stayed away from Israel this year because they were concerned about security and decided to vacation elsewhere. But their sought-after sense of security was shattered by these dastardly acts.

As tragic and heart-wrenching as these incidents were, there was something else even more devastating — the lack of public reaction by both the Jewish and general community throughout the world. There were the normal and expected condemnations of terrorism, but by and large we failed to see the ordinary citizen on the street getting out to demonstrate and protest against terrorism which threatened everyone.

When faced with the reality that terrorism is not restricted to a particular area but can be unleashed anywhere, it is as if we have reconciled ourselves to this new fact of life.

Rather than insist that our various governments establish a policy of zero tolerance for terrorism and terrorists, we have placed great emphasis on locking our doors and putting up our own walls in an attempt to protect ourselves. The truth is, regardless of how high the walls and how many locks we have on the door, a terrorist bent on destruction and havoc against innocents will find a way.

It is far better to isolate the terrorist and terrorism than to retreat behind closed doors. It was if we were prepared to play victim and believe we are guilty of something; yet even a hint in that direction is to hand terrorism a victory.

The door of the year 5755 awaits our entry. How will the coming year be different from the year that is coming to a close?

The potential difference can be summarized by the story of an artist who was commissioned to paint a masterpiece for the king.

The artist was renowned for his skill and everyone awaited with great anticipation the unveiling of his great work of art. The day finally arrived when the canvas was to be unveiled. All gathered in the king's chambers to witness this epic event. The cover was finally lifted to reveal a beautiful painting of a huge door. It was magnificent in all of its detail and color.

As they examined the painting, they noticed that something was missing. The door was there, but the artist had neglected to paint in the handle. Finally someone drew up enough courage to ask the artist about the obvious omission of this crucial part of the door.

Said the artist: "I can present you with the door, but each individual must find their own handle so as to enter."

And so it is with the coming year. The door stands ready. How far we open it and what we do after we enter depends upon each and every one of us — not only upon the State of Israel or the community leader. Each and every one of us can make the coming year in our own communities and in our own homes and personal lives a little better, a little brighter a bit more fulfilling.

This we do by finding the handle and opening the door for ourselves, as opposed to waiting for others to open it for us. This in essence is the challenge of Rosh Hashanah.

Besides the public outing to the synagogue, there is also a time for private and personal commitments so as to make a difference. May these personal deeds help open the door to not only a Shanah Tovah but a Shnat Tikvah V'Shalom.

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Jewish constable complains of abuse

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LONDON — A London constable who converted to Judaism has brought a complaint against the Metropolitan Police, alleging he was the victim of abuse by fellow officers.

The case will serve as a test case to determined whether a convert to Judaism is protected by laws against racial discrimination.

Paul Thomas alleges that he has been the victim of abuse by fellow police, and that anti-Semitism has blocked his promotion.

But according to legal advisers for the constable, the Metropolitan Police is arguing that as a convert, Thomas is not Jewish by ethnic origin and therefore not covered by existing legislation.

A preliminary hearing scheduled for Aug. 30 will consider whether Thomas is legally entitled to lodge a claim of racial discrimination.

Thomas, 38, converted to Judaism in Israel in 1978 after working on a kibbutz. He returned to England with his Israeli wife, Dina, in 1980 and joined the Metropolitan Police.

Front Line

IRB decision ignores Israel's democratic nature

By DAVID MATAS

Recent decisions by Canada's Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) allowing Israelis to claim refugee status here undermine the credibility of our generous refugee policy and fail to take into account the democratic nature of Israel.

In 1993 the Board recognized 157 persons from Israel as refugees. In the first three months of 1994 the Board recognized 90 Israelis as refugees.

Most of the Boards granting Israeli claimants refugee status are located in the Montreal area. In 1993, 108 of the 157 claims accepted came from the Quebec region. Two hundred and three claims were rejected. In Ontario, by contrast, only 44 such Israeli claims were accepted and 508 rejected. In all the other provinces five claims were accepted and 18 rejected. The acceptance rate was about one in three in Quebec compared to one in 12 for the rest of Canada; an Israeli refugee claimant has four times as great a likelihood of being accepted in Quebec as in the rest of the country.

The acceptance of hundreds of refugees is linked to the arrival of thousands. In 1992 there were 2,050 Israeli cliamants. In 1993 there were 886, and in the first three months of 1994 there were 336.

The typical claiment is a recent immigrant from the former Soviet Union to Israel. On leaving the Soviet Union he or she may have claimed to be Jewish to take advantage of Israel's Law of Return; may have been an ethnic Jew who had converted to Christianity; or may have been part of a mixed-marriage couple. The typical grounds for claiming refugee status from Israel are that the immigrant was a victim of a crime such as a beating or rape, and that the police showed indifference to the crime.

Yet Israel is a democratic country with an independent judiciary. None of the international human rights organizations report violations of the human rights of the recent Soviet immigrants to Israel. The disproportionately high rate of success of these claims in Montreal discredits Canada's refugee system. Both the government of Canada and the immigration system need to revise their procedures. And although both the government and the administration of the IRB are limited in their powers since IRB members arrive at their decisions independently, there is nonetheless much that can be done.

Specifically the IRB can produce documentation to inform its members about the situation in Israel. To a certain extent this has already been done in a report produced in February 1993 entitled *Israel: Jews from the Former Soviet Union* published by the IRB's Documentation, Information and Research Bureau. However this report does not cover the specific population of Israeli immigrants now succeeding in winning refugee status in Canada, e.g., Soviet emigres with a Christian connection. More information on this group is needed.

As well the IRB needs to organize training sessions for its Montreal members about Israel; one such session was planned for this month.

Once the emigres arrive in Canada our government is far from helpless. It has the power by law to intervene in the IRB's cases; the question is, what should be the basis of this intervention?

Perhaps the best way to respond to this question is by asking another. Why does the IRB not recoginze claims from the United States? The typical U.S. claim resembles a standard Israel claim; that is, assertion that police cannot protect the immigrant from criminals. In 1993 there were 20 U.S. claims. All were rejected.

According to Canadian refugee law the IRB must distinguish between democratic and non-democratic countries. It must presume that the government of any country is able and willing to protect its citizens. If the claimant is from a non-democratic country this presumption is easily rebutted. However if the claimant comes from a country with a democratic government and an independent judiciary, evidence to counter this presumption would only be forthcoming in exeptional circumstances.

Canadian courts have also accepted the principle that no democratic country can guarantee the protection of its citizen at all times. When a democratic government is in effective control of its territory and makes serious efforts to protect its citizens, then the mere fact that it is not always successful in doing so will not justify a claim to refugee status.

It is this presumption of democracy that is applied to deny refugee claims from the United States. It is the failure to apply this democratic presumption to Israel that explains the unusually high acceptance rate to Soviet emigres from Israel arriving in the Montreal area.

But this failure points to a solution. Refugee hearing officers, IRB employees who participate in hearings on behalf of the Board, and Government representatives as well if necessary, should be intervening in these cases, not necessarily to delve into the facts of individual cases but to remind the Board of the law of democratic presumption and the facts about democracy in Israel.

The Israeli government has protested to Canada about recognition of Israeli claims by the Immigration and Refugee Board. Immigration Minister Sargio Marchi has said that foreign governments should not tell Canada who qualifies as a refugee. Marchi's earlier comparison of Israel to Iraq was indeed outlandish and later retracted. However the Government of Canada must be concerned when our refugee system goes off the rails, no matter what a foreign government may state. While Canadians have a right to be proud of our humane refugee policies, if the process is producing a large number of suspect decisions in the case of Israeli refugees, then public confidence in the system is eroded and all refugees suffer.

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Autonomy for Israeli Arab citizens?

By CARL ALPERT

There is no doubt how the Arabs of Gaza and Jericho feel about their autonomy status, which to them is the state of Palestine, with Yasser Arafat as its president. There is no doubt that the Arab residents of Judea and Samaria consider that they are merely awaiting their turn to join the state. But what are the feelings of Israeli Arabs?

The recent Jerusalem Film Festival included the showing of a documentary film, in Arabic and made by an Israeli Arab, which sought to answer that question.

The setting of the picture, which is entitled *Independence*, is a small Arab village near Nazareth, on Israel Independence Day. What do the residents of the village feel as they fly Israel's blue and white flag on the national holiday?

The camera pans into a school room, as the teacher asks the children what the Israel flag means to them. "I'd like to burn it," one child replies. Another says she feels joy when she sees the Palestine flag, but sorrow at sight of the blue and white.

The head of the local council, who orders the flag displayed throughout the village, is dismissed as a traitor and quisling because he hobnobs with Israeli officials.

The author/director of the film, Nazar Hassan, elaborated his feelings and his intentions in a talk with Avner Bernheimer, of the daily *Maariv*. First of all, he rejected identification as an "Israeli Arab." Instead, he said, "We are Palestinians, citizens of Israel, and as Palestinians we cannot fly the Israeli flag." To him, Israel Independence Day marks the day when the Palestinians lost their national identity.

The hour-long film clearly reflects its maker's view as a rebel against Israeli domination over its Arab citizens. "I'm sick and tired of reading what Israelis write about us, though it is important to know what the enemy thinks about you."

He is critical of Israeli liberals who "try to make up to me." He detests what he calls their hypocrisy, their patronizing attitude, as if they are doing the Palestinians a favor. Stop being so arrogant, he tells them. Unfortunately, there are some Palestinians who love to toady up to these liberals.

It should be of more than passing interest to note that the picture, which won a prize at the Jerusalem Film Festival, was financed with Jewish money, produced by a Jewish company, and edited by a Jewish professional. All liberals, no doubt.

Hassan seeks to avoid speaking Hebrew wherever possible, and converses with Israelis in English. Asked if he envies the Palestinians in the territories "who know who they are," he replied: "We, too, know who we are, but the Palestinians here are not yet ready to say so."

A concerned observer might find that a foreboding observation, but there are already numerous indications of what is yet to come — indications that most Israelis choose to ignore.

It was not lost upon the Arabs of Israel that, in his Gaza speech, Arafat made it clear that when speaking of the ultimate liberation of all of Palestine he was referring not only to Hebron, Nablus, Bethlehem, Jenin and other towns in the West Bank, but also to Jerusalem, and most significantly, to the Negev and the Galilee as well.

There are other voices joining in the same chorus. The paper *Maariv* warns that an Israeli like Ahmed Tibi, who until recently was recognized by the government as a go-between with Arafat, is sowing the seeds of autonomy among Israeli Arabs when he proclaims that Ezer Weizmann is the president of his country and Arafat is the president of his people.

Arab Knesset member Tawfik Zayyad, recently killed in a car crash, stressed the importance of unity between Israeli Arabs and the Palestinians. He said: "Our unity is important to secure our liberty and peace." Choice of the word "liberty" was no accident.

A recent issue of the English-language *New Middle East* boldly carries an article by Prof. Said Zaydani in which he outspokenly looks forward to autonomy for the Palestinians living in Israel. He pictures the ideal situation in the area with three political entities existing side by side west of the Jordan. The state of Israel, the state of Palestine, and an autonomous area for the Arabs of Israel.

Ominous winds are blowing through the country.

PLO angered by Jordan's future role in Jerusalem

By DAVID LANDAU
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

"Let them argue for a hundred years." This was the spirited though off-the record comment offered recently by a senior Israel policy-maker and — pronounced political dove — in response to reports of ongoing tension between Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization in the wake of the Israeli-Jordanian summit in Washington last month.

This official, like other well-placed Israelis, does not deny that the thought of "driving a wedge" between Jordan and the PLO did indeed cross the minds of Israeli decision-makers during the recent, hectic weeks in which the Washington Declaration with Jordan took shape.

But the belief that Israeli policymakers both anticipated and are pleased by this inter-Arab friction is a far cry from the theory, aired by some commentators in the region and abroad, that Israel may be seeking to displace the PLO with Jordan in the ongoing peace process.

To a certain degree, a wedge has indeed been driven: The Palestinians have been angered by a paragraph in the declaration in which Israel recognized Jordan's special role as guardian of Muslim holy places in Jerusalem.

In the Washington Declaration, which officially ended 46 years of conflict between Israel and Jordan, Israel agreed to give "high priority to the Jordanian historic role" at these Muslim holy shrines during the final-status negotiations on the territories that are scheduled to begin in two years.

But PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat continues to insist that his organization, which he regards as the harbinger of an eventual Palestinian state, should have primacy over both the Muslim and Christian holy places in Jerusalem.

Clearly disturbed by the developments, Arafat has called for immediate negotiations with Israel on the status of Jerusalem.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, citing the Declaration of Principles signed last September in Washington, stated in turn that the Jerusalem issue was not to be the subject of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations until two years after the implementation of self-rule in the Gaza Strip and West Bank district of Jericho.

But chief Palestinian negotiator Nabil Sha'ath responded that the declaration of principles explicitly stated that the final-status negotiations, which include the issue of Jerusalem, should begin "as soon as possible and not later than the beginning of the third year" from the start of Palestinian self-rule.

As Israeli and Palestinian officials traded their disagreements about the timing for Jerusalem negotiations, the Palestinians and Jordanians were engaged in delicate diplomacy designed to defuse growing tensions over this potentially explosive issue.

At the same time, it is apparent that Israeli leaders recognize the importance of dealing with Arafat and the Palestinians.

"Arafat is the partner," Rabin stated repeatedly during his triumphant trip to Washington to sign the Washington Declaration.

He may not have stated this with relish, and he indeed was, as everyone who witnessed the summit ceremonies thought, more comfortable with Hussein than he had been with Arafat last September.

But personal comfort is not the realistic criterion.

Neither Rabin nor any other major player on the Israeli side is seriously contemplating any prospect of dislodging the PLO in favor of Jordan as Israel's negotiating partner in the future stages of Palestinian self-government.

Rabin, despite his lack of relish, does daily diplomatic business with Arafat, and meets with the PLO chief from time to time when the need arises.

He has not changed his core belief, voiced countless times since September, that the success of the peace process between Israel and the Palestinians will depend ultimately on the PLO's success in gradually taking hold of the reins of government in the territories.

Jordan's place in that scheme is, at most, peripheral during the five-year transitional period. But it could become more central when the final status of the territories — and their relationship with Jordan — is negotiated.

Just as Rabin has not encouraged any myopia regarding the realities on the ground, so, too, the Israeli public harbors no illusions.

While it is true — as the polls show — that the agreement with Jordan enjoys much wider popularity than the agreement with the PLO, it is equally true that no one seriously denies the interdependency of the two agreements.

Israelis, of whatever political stripe, understand that Hussein would not — and perhaps could not — have moved toward the Washington Declaration until the Palestinian problem had been addressed in the Declaration of Principles and in the subsequent agreements for implementing Palestinian autonomy.

This is not to say that the breakthrough with Jordan has not occasioned a great deal of historical soul-searching.

Both in the Labor Party and in Likud there is much quiet thinking about what might have been had Israel reacted differently to various diplomatic opportunities that were presented in the past.

These include former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's proposal for a separation of forces agreement with Jordan in 1974 (which was rejected by Rabin, who was prime minister at the time) and the Hussein-Peres "London Agreement" of April 1987 on terms for an international peace conference (which was foiled by then-prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir of Likud).

Following the 1974 rejection by Rabin, the Arab world resolved at a summit conference to recognize the PLO as sole representative of the Palestinians. And not long after the 1987 episode, the Palestinian uprising broke out.

In retrospect, political leaders believe, there may well have been missed opportunities.

But historical hindsight, like personal comfort, is not the stuff of practical, here-and-now policy-making, they say.

The "Jordanian option," long advocated by senior Israeli leaders from both major parties as an alternative to dealing with the PLO, is dead. The current negotiations with Jordan, which deal with everything but the Palestinians and the territories, are the most cogent proof of that.

The Jordanian-PLO strains over Jerusalem are useful and convenient for Israel — particularly because of the seemingly intractable deadlock between Israel and the PLO over the future of the city.

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A poor start

The recent closing of the Gaza newspaper *Al-Nahar* and the expulsion of Jerusalem journalist Daoud Kuttab from the daily *Al-Quds* — both ordered by Yasser Arafat — have been greeted in various Palestinian circles with shock, disappointment and fear. The latter commodity seems to be prevailing as Arab journalists in Gaza, Jerusalem and the territories choose a discreet silence as their expression of valor.

The closure of *Al-Nahar* is merely the latest in a series of police state tactics which Arafat has instituted in Gaza.

One of the most egregious examples of the PLO's despotic rule is the setting up of four different layers of secret security police to ensure Arafat's absolute control over Palestinians. A Gazan lawyer, Youssef Haddad, told Reuters, the international news agency, that Palestinian police have spread a climate of fear over Gazans through their use of abuse and torture.

It is interesting to note that apologists for Arafat explain away his closing down of *Al-Nahar* as an example of "misplaced pride" by a man who has onerous political burdens to bear.

Sheer sophistry: a free press, as Alexander Solzhenitzsyn once said, "is a kind of second government." Dictators and tyrants brook no opposition from alternate political visions. The way of Arafat is the way of thuggery and intimidation. The habits of the terrorist die hard.

These development do not bode well for the future of Gaza and Jericho. Arafat and his representatives constantly decry the lack of financial and business support for his Palestinian enterprises; yet what investor in his right mind would want to plow money into a government that shows every sign of transforming itself into another Mideast oligarchy?

Carlos the terrorist

He is a burned-out case — a mythical figure who forged his credentials as a terrorist in a skein of cold-blooded murders, a blundered assassination attempt, a celebrated hostage-taking incident, and a series of cowardly bombings. Now, following his sudden arrest in Sudan, he sits gloomily in a French prison, having been abandoned and betrayed by his former sponsors.

Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, otherwise known as Carlos the Jackal, was at once an icon of Marxist revolution and an emblem of Palestinian rejectionism of Israel. Today, awaiting a much-anticipated trial, he is revealed as a middle-aged anachronism whose time has passed.

Carlos was in his heyday in the 1970s and early 1980s, when the Soviet Union existed, when Moscow and Washington were locked in an increasingly bitter super power rivalry, and when peace in the Middle East seemed like a remote possibility. He exploited these factors brilliantly, and when danger loomed, he slipped through the cracks adeptly and found a safe haven in Moscow, Budapest, Sofia, Baghdad, Saana, Damascus or wherever else.

Carlos, who has been linked to the deaths of 83 people, including 15 in France, lost his legendary allure — as well as his protectors — with the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe, the demise of the Soviet Union, the end of the Cold War, the defeat of Iraq in the 1991 Gulf War, the rapprochement between Israel and the PLO and the decision by Syria to commit itself seriously to the Madrid peace process.

With these events, Carlos became a liability, an embarrassment to regimes which had once hailed and embraced him. It is instructive that his cover was blown by Sudan, an Islamic fundamentalist nation which is still on a U.S. State Department list of countries sponsoring terrorism. And it is revealing that Syria, where he had apparently resided undisturbed for the past eight years, rolled up the welcome mat. In short, Carlos had outlived his usefulness, having been reduced to a freelance terrorist whose clients had deserted him one by one.

Carlos, of course, revelled in his media-driven image as a glamorous figure. In reality, he was something of a bungler. He botched a perfect opportunity to murder Joseph Edward Sieff, the Jewish merchant/philanthropist. And, like the gang that couldn't shoot straight, he fired a rocket-propelled grenade at a Yugoslav aircraft, missing his intended target, an El Al plane, by a wide margin.

All the while, Western intelligence agencies and journalists gave Carlos far too much credit than he actually deserved, thereby quixotically embellishing his dubious reputation. Contrary to the facts, he did not plan, or take part in, the Munich massacre of 11 Israeli Olympic athletes. Nor was he a participant in the Entebbe hijacking. Carlos was implicated in other events, mainly callous bombings claiming innocent lives. Yet when his record is examined carefully, the mystique he generated falls away.

He appeared to be larger than life, but he was an adventurer with feet of clay.

Letters to the Editor

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POLISH JEWS IN ARMY

Most readers may have been surprised to read the article in your July 28 edition, "Polish Jews fought alongside gentile comrades in World War II." As a result, a recently published book may be of interest.

Entitled *Jewish Military Casualties in the Polish Armies in World War II*, subtitled *Jewish Soldiers and Officers of the Polish People's Army Killed and Missing in Action*, it lists the name, place and date of birth, rank, date of death, and the military operation. For anyone with relatives in Poland during those horrible years, this may be of general interest and, perhaps, has information about a relative that was heretofore unknown.

This 100-page book is Volume I of a series of three and was published by the Association of Jewish War Veterans of the Polish Armies in Israel, 158 Dizengoff, 63461 Tel Aviv. Volume II, *Jewish Military Casualties in Polish Armies, West* is schedule to be published in January 1995. This will be followed in 1996 by Volume III, *Jewish Officers Murdered in Katyn*. The books are in English.

Stanley M. Diamond
Montreal

P.S. To preclude any misunderstanding, please note that the subject book came to my attention as a result of my activity in Jewish Genealogy. I am not soliciting for the book!

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APPROVES DARING SCENARIO

Re: your August 11 editorial, "A daring scenario," I would like to congratulate *The CJN* for keeping alive some ideas which existing Jewish organizations are loathe even to consider. Israeli deputy foreign minister Yossi Beilin has touched some very raw nerves by daring to ask basic questions about Jewish continuity, modern Zionism, the nature of the relationship between Diaspora Jews and Israel, and (perhaps the most delicate) what should happen to the hundreds of millions of dollars raised annually by the Jewish communities around the world.

Should Israeli leaders listen to "Zionists" from other countries, when these "Zionists" fail to make aliyah themselves? Should Diaspora Jews have to follow the lead of Israel in political or religious matters, or can they make decisions themselves? (Don't forget — even including biblical times — Jews have a longer history of existence outside Israel than within it.) Should large sums of money raised by Jewish communities worldwide continue to go to development projects in Israel, or is it more important now to use the funds for local needs?

For example, although I agree that the issues of anti-Semitism, hate propaganda, Arab terrorism, and prosecuting former Nazis are important, I believe that the issue which is far and away the most critical for the future of world Jewry is continuity. To most young people growing up today, religion is immaterial to their lives. If we truly believe that Judaism has something to offer, then we must find ways to let them know what they are missing. With all respect to the maturity level of today's pre-teens, I do not believe that a few months of bar or bat mitzvah lessons provide the opportunity to understand their heritage and Jewish values.

Mr. Beilin has suggested a combination of improved Jewish education (carrying on into the critical teen years), as well as a trip to Israel, as methods to make Judaism more meaningful on a personal level.

There are many other aspects of his comments worth pursuing. I don't know whether Mr. Beilin has the right answers, but his comments are certainly worthy of debate (instead of being ridiculed and swept under the rug).

Mark Michaels
Toronto

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TRANSNISTRIA AND HOLY DAYS

The group of Transnistria survivors formed this summer in Toronto sees as one of its goals raising community awareness about Transnistria (see *The CJN* June 23, "Transnistria — the forgotten cemetery").

We are respectfully asking that all rabbis of all congregations help us in this goal and include Transnistria during yizkor and commemoration services along with the names of the other extermination camps. Omitting the name Transnistria on such occasions is painful to us, the survivors, and we feel that the memory of our loved ones who perished is not being suitably acknowldeged.

We thank you for your cooperation. Shanah tovah, chatimah tovah to all.

Felicia Carmelly, Coordinator
Transnistria Survivors
Mordechai Alnerton, Member,
Transnistria Survivors

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ILL-ADVISED JUNKET

I was interested to read in your August 4 edition, that the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC) sponsored a week in Israel for seven Bloc Quebecois MPs and that they sponsor one or two trips a year for parliamentarians to Israel. One would think the CIC could find better use for their money rather than paying for such junkets of members of a party that wants to break up Canada.

It was also disturbing to read on the same page that Thomas Hecht, the chair of the CIC, stated publicly that he considers an independent Quebec a "legitimate option." This runs contrary to the general feeling of the Quebec Jewish community, as was expressed by the Canadian Jewish Congress Quebec region. Mr. Hecht's statement was given prominence in the French press. One has to wonder if Mr. Hecht was speaking for himself or on behalf of the CIC?

Stanley Baker
Montreal

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THE WRONG TARGET

One of the oldest tricks used by the sly politician when the public vehemently disagrees with him, is the use of diversionary tactics. When over a quarter of a million Jews protested in Jerusalem against Rabin's warm welcome of the terrorist Arafat, this present prime minister had to mollify the negative intense feeling against his persona by the cheap-shot of deflecting the public's attention toward a bogeyman, Rabbi Hirsh. For three days government sources fed the international news agencies with the "important" news of Hirsh's friendship, hand-shake, huggings . . . with the terrorist. Let us remember the truths:

Fact — the first who reached out to shake the bloody hand, was Rabin.

Fact — by doing so months ago, he made the animal "kosher." Hirsh only followed his footsteps.

It is a pity that some of your intelligent readers vent anger through their letters to you, at the fly, Rabbi Hirsh, rather than at the real culprit, Rabin.

Edward Hakkohen
Toronto

Dry Bones

AFTER THE LATEST MOVES IN THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS...
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Opinion

There are Jews who don't want their boys circumcised

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

A generation ago the majority of Canadian and American doctors and hospitals suggested to the family of a newborn boy — even if he was not Jewish — to have him circumcised. The procedure was considered medically advisable for the boy and was also said to reduce the incidence of vaginal cancer in the future female partner.

Jews were not surprised; they had always thought that circumcision was not only obligatory for Jews but good for anyone who wanted to follow our ways.

Unfortunately, this sentiment also strengthened the belief of many Jews that circumcision was primarily a medical operation and they began to pay less attention to its religious implications. That kind of sentiment was parallel to the kind of feeling that abstaining from pork was good not because it was forbidden in the Torah, but because it diminished the incidence of trichinosis.

Rabbi Plaut

From the traditional point of view, this is of course putting things upside down. The rite of circumcision is the sign of the Covenant and not primarily a health measure. The Jewish adherence to the obligation of brit milah has not been, and is not dependent on, its presumed medical benefits.

Therefore, when about 10 years ago certain objections were raised in medical circles about the advisability of circumcision, it did not affect the vast majority of Jews. But there have been some who have let themselves be persuaded that this latest medical opinion is the real truth. Some time ago *Moment* magazine published articles on this issue and gave space to the anti-circumcision movement. This caused Rabbi Gilbert Kollin to write a letter entitled: Is picketing the mohel next? *Moment* even published the letter of one anti-circumcision advocate who said that he would not mourn the assassination of certain pro-circumcision authors. (I suppose he also approved of the Iranian death sentence for Salman Rushdie.) A recent talk show, I am told, had someone equate male circumcision with female circumcision as "genital mutilation."

In the United States, embroiled as the nation is in a discussion of reforming the national health program, the president's wife is receiving lots of mail not only about abortion but also about circumcision. Opponents of both demand that tax payers should not be asked to support such "criminal" procedures. Headquarters for the anti-circumcision movement are located, to no one's surprise, in California.

So far, the anti-circumcision movement has had no impact upon the Jewish observance of brit milah. In order to keep it that way it is essential to repeat time and again that brit milah and circumcision are not identical. The latter is a purely surgical matter, the former is a sacred ritual that has been with us since the days of Abraham. It is a prayerful act which draws God, tradition and hope into one large unbreakable circle.

Doubts about Zhirinovsky's influence surface

By LISA GLASER
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Whether he's throwing a punch in the Russian Parliament, spitting at Jewish demonstrators in France or relaxing half-naked in a Slovenian sauna, Vladimir Zhirinovsky has generated a lifetime's worth of attention since his victory in the legislative elections in Moscow seven months ago.

But besides the splashy headlines and outlandish antics, how much of a threat does the ultranationalist pose to Russia's fledgling democracy — and to Russia's Jewish community?

Not much, say a surprising number of community leaders and others.

"Today, not many people consider him a serious figure," said Michael Chlenov, the president of the Va'ad, the federation of Jewish institutions in Russia. "I never considered him a threat."

"He is losing his glamor, we know all his gimmicks already," added Tankred Golenpolsky, the editor of the *Jewish Gazette* newspaper. "In perspective, I don't think Zhirinovsky is an important figure."

Alla Gerber, a Jewish deputy in the Duma, the lower house of the Russian Parliament, had this observation of her combative colleague: "People voted for him as a prophet, but now he is too close, you can touch him.

"The popularity of Zhirinovsky in the Duma and among the population in general is falling now," she said.

Still, even if Zhirinovsky is starting to suffer from overexposure, some of his ideas are taking hold.

As an ultranationalist, Zhirinovsky believes that the former republics of the Soviet Union should return to the welcoming arms of "Mother Russia," and he defends the honor of his beleaguered homeland by attacking ethnic minorities inside Russia as well as Westerners, Americans and CIA agents.

'Not many people consider him a serious threat'

These views are well-known and extreme, but watered-down versions are now becoming commonplace in a country reeling from economic hardship and longing for the stability and glory of Greater Russia.

In recent elections, Belarus and Ukraine voted for presidential candidates calling for closer relations with Russia. In addition, President Boris Yeltsin's rhetoric has taken a decidedly pronationalist slant in the last few months.

"Zhirinovsky is an ice breaker," explained Yevgeni Proshechkin, the head of the Moscow Anti-Fascist Centre. "It's not that he is harmful by himself, but he brings harmful ideas into the national consciousness."

Yet Zhirinovsky's ideas about Jews do not seem to have entered mainstream politics. Anti-Semitism has not increased enormously, and emigration to Israel is even dropping slightly.

Regarding Jews, Zhirinovsky is on record with a litany of bizarre statements.

At a news conference after the December elections, where his party won a quarter of the seats in the Duma, he blurted out that anti-Semitism is provoked by "those who consider themselves a part of the Jewish nation. We don't need provocations like this."

During a visit to France in April, he spoke of the "Jewification" of Paris. In addition, he has called Israel "the richest country in the world."

Yet experts here say far-right extremists such as Alexander Barkoshov, a neo-Nazi who helped lead the violence during the uprising at the Parliament last fall, are a much greater threat.

"Maybe Zhirinovsky makes occasional anti-Semitic statements, but it's not a part of his doctrine," said Vladimir Schapiro, a sociologist at the Russian Academy of Sciences. "Zhirinovsky's anti-Semitism is not a phobia; it's a game he plays consciously to get popularity among some part of the electorate."

Complicating the issue now is the question of Zhirinovsky's own lineage.

In April, an Associated Press reporter trekked out to Almaty, then the capital of Kazakhstan, where Zhirinovsky was born. There he discovered that Zhirinovsky's mother had been married to a Jewish man, Volf Eidelshtein, and that the ultranationalist had been known as Eidelshtein until he was 18 years old.

Zhirinovsky dismissed the reports as a "fabrication" and a "forgery," but the allegations have stuck, especially since Israeli officials have since stated that he once requested an invitation to emigrate to Israel. Moreover, Russian Jewish leaders say he was briefly involved in a Jewish cultural organization called Shalom.

Golenpolsky of the Jewish Gazette said Zhirinovsky recently wrote a letter to him and spoke to him personally in an attempt to deflect attention from the alleged Jewish connections.

But the damage control effort was pointless, Golenpolsky observed, noting that Zhirinovsky's attempts to appeal to Russia's latent anti-Semitism have backfired.

"Even if the time comes for the nation to put up a pro-Nazi leader, they would always remember that Zhirinovsky's father is Jewish," he said. "This they will not forget."

In fact, this ironic twist to the Zhirinovsky story has become legend here, popping up in discussions and winding its way into television comedy shows and the state Duma.

After an especially rabid speech by Zhirinovsky, Yuly Gusman, a Jewish deputy from the reformist Russia's Choice party, attempted to defuse the tension with a joke: "Vladimir Volfovich," he said, "I'm talking to you as one Orthodox Christian to another."

Yet this sort of banter is rare in the new Duma, which, in its first seven months, has distinguished itself as an excellent forum for fist fights and shouting matches and a very poor place to pass laws.

The institution is still potentially important, but only within limits because under the new Russian constitution, power is heavily weighted toward Yeltsin.

Whether Zhirinovsky and his party cohorts will exert real influence there remains to be seen. In the meantime, he continues to barnstorm the country in a never-ending campaign for the presidential election of 1996.

The headquarters of his Liberal Democratic party are a dilapidated four-story building in central Moscow, one floor above a store selling heavy-metal cassettes, leather jackets, scarves — decorated with pictures of marijuana leaves — and stacks of the newspaper, *Zhirinovsky's Truth*.

Outside the party office, elderly Russians sell photos of their leader, T-shirts, badges and a book on the Afghanistan war. The furniture in a waiting room looks like a thrift store bordello: a sagging red velvet settee, cracked linoleum on the floor, peeling paint on the walls, curtains from another era.

Requests for a formal interview are met with the response that it costs $5,000 for a 30-minute chat with Zhirinovsky, and that anyway, he is busy with a banquet at the Iraqi embassy. But the ultranationalist can still be nabbed at the Duma, where his strange behavior is on display free of charge.

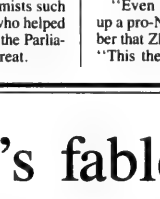
A New Year's fable for bi-peds

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

Two years ago, during the 10 days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Jerusalem resident Tuvia Chaim Arielwent to ask a shilah, a question, of a rabbi he deeply respects.

Ariel lost his right leg in an accident on a kibbutz some 27 years ago, a pivotal event in a life that had already included making aliyah (he used to be Terry Noble of the Bronx). In the years after he lost his leg, he became an observant Jew and studied at Yeshiva Aish Ha'Torah; married a wonderful woman from Yorkshire, England, with whom he now has five children; worked 15 years as Israel's only one-legged tour guide; opened a book store in Jerusalem; and started an important endeavor: the Jerusalem Institute for Rehabilitation (JIR), not a bad track record for a big, burly, dyslexic with a bushy beard, a roguish sense of humor, and a habit of referring to himself as a uni-ped and most of the rest of us as bi-peds.

The Jerusalem Institute for Rehabilitation is bringing the most modern American limb replacement techniques to Israel and has helped bring several Israelis to America for prosthetic limbs. Because Ariel and his wife support their five children and this charity out of the proceeds of their small bookshop plus whatever donations they can get, the JIR hasn't got much money. So far, it has recruited a young American-trained prosthetic technician who plans to make aliyah and help Ariel open a JIR prosthetic technology school in Jerusalem, as soon as there is enough money to get started.



Erica Meyer Rauzin

Two years ago Ariel decided that he needed to come to America to raise funds and to learn prosthetic technology himself. He is intimately acquainted with his own series of artificial legs, ranging from pretty good to terrible. He has been helped along the way by U.S. prosthetic experts who have donated their time, skills and materials, but he wanted to know how legs should and could be made, not only for Israel but for all the Middle East. "Why can't Israel be for legs what Switzerland is for watches?" he asks. "The need is there, the ability is there. Israel's genius lies in finding the best, learning it, and teaching it." So he set out to make it happen.

The question he asked his rabbi was, "Is it okay to leave Israel for this purpose in the New Year? Can I take my wife and my children to America for this, to stay a while, learn, fundraise and come back?"

"If you go with the commitment to come back, you can go," the rabbi told him. But it got harder than that. As Ariel drove home from the rabbi's house, his car skidded on a four-lane highway and crashed into a mountain side.

He nearly died. Today he has scars on both arms and metal screws in both hips. He still faces one more round of hip surgery to remove the metal. He is only free of pain when he floats in a swimming pool: any moment of weight-bearing hurts. "After 25 years as a healthy amputee immitating a cripple, now I am really a cripple," Ariel, now age 57, says today. "I spent the last two years in bed with a computer, learning to write with it, and learning how to use the worldwide information highway — which is right now a two-lane blacktop with a lot of potholes."

His purpose in writing and communicating was to continue the work of the JIR. When his strength flagged, he thought of two people: prisoner Jonathan Pollard, whose confinement helped Ariel contain his own impatience to be up and around again, and Udi, the small Israeli boy who had never walked until Ariel brought him to America and — with the help of a couple of pivotal donations — got him a leg. Now Udi runs and plays ball with his brothers. But little boys grow, and limbs made of plastic and steel do not. In a year or so, Udi will need another prosthesis from JIR. His mother, whom Ariel describes as "heroic," is a divorced shopkeeper with three children. She will never be able to afford the kind of high tech prosthetis that is best for Udi.

For today, he's doing great. On a recent videotape made to show his progress, Udi speaks only of wanting to stop filming and go get ice cream, not of running, because running has — at last — become as routine for him as it should be for every little boy.

It isn't always easy to face the holidays with optimism, so here is a new, hopeful, grateful, image for your Rosh Hashanah. Here is a story to remember as you cherish the daily miracles, such as standing up. Here is something to think about.

Think about Tuvia Chaim Ariel. Think about Udi, running, chasing a ball down a green hill in Jerusalem because a one-legged man wouldn't let anything keep him down.

Soviet Jews head for Germany

Reporting from Berlin, Bonn and Frankfurt, Sheldon Kirshner investigates how Jewish immigrants from the former Soviet Union have adapted to Germany.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Is history repeating itself?

It would seem so with respect to Soviet Jews settling in Germany.

On the heels of the pogroms in the Russian empire in the late 19th century, tens of thousands of harassed and persecuted Jews fled to Germany and re-established themselves there.

And now, in an intriguing historic process which bears a striking similarity to that exodus, Jews from the now-defunct Soviet Union are streaming into Germany once again.

Soviet Jews began arriving in the then-divided Germany in the 1970s, but the pace has picked up considerably since 1990, with the result that almost half of Germany's 43,000 registered Jews are of Soviet origin.

Nobody can really pinpoint the exact number of Soviet Jews here, nor do they know with any certainty how many of the new arrivals are halachically Jewish.

Ignatz Bubis, chair of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, cites a figure of 14,000 Soviet Jews, while Anita Kugler, a Berlin journalist whose specialty is Jewish affairs, speaks of 15,000 to 20,000. But who's to say that these statistics are accurate? Herbert Schnoor — the interior minister of the province of North-Rhine Westphalia — said last year that 43,000 Soviet Jews had entered Germany.

And the flow continues, even if one quibbles about the real numbers.

Yehiel Leket, the acting chair of the Jewish Agency of Israel, said recently that 4,000 to 5,000 Soviet Jews are expected to enter Germany annually for the next few years.

Robin Ostow, a Canadian-based sociologist who studies German-Jewish affairs, claims that immigration documents had been issued to 47,015 Soviet emigrants as of Dec. 31, 1992.

Bubis estimates that 68,000 Soviet Jews have applied for permission to live in Germany.

What seems clear is that the Jewish community in Germany — which was nearly decimated by the Nazis — will be strengthened and, community leaders hope, ultimately invigorated by the Soviet influx.

The Soviet presence is keenly felt in many Jewish communities, but nowhere more than in Berlin. Tatyana Korol, a Ukrainian-born social worker employed by the Central Welfare Organization of Jews in Germany, says that 7,000 out of some 10,000 registered Jews in the German capital are of Soviet descent. Jerzy Kanal, the lay leader of Berlin's Jewish community and originally a Polish Jew, claims that Soviet Jews comprise at least half of its Jewish population.

By sheer numbers alone, the new immigrants appear to have rejuvenated communities in such cities as Frankfurt, Hamburg, Magdeburg, Schwerin and Dusseldorf, while in Dortmund, Dresden and Braunschweig they have doubled the size of the existing communities. In several instances, notably in Reutlingen and Potsdam, they have been instrumental in starting new communities.

Korol, who arrived in Berlin five years ago, explains that the first substantial wave of Soviet immigrants reached Germany before unification in 1990.

Thousands of Soviets were absorbed by West Germany in the 1970s and 1980s. But as the Soviet Union and its ally East Germany disintegrated, many more Soviet Jews headed for East Berlin.

"Soviet Jews left on tourist visas or on the basis of invitations, and when they got to East Berlin, they were allowed to stay for humanitarian reasons," says Korol.

The first batch, who arrived in early 1990, were temporarily accommodated in barracks near East Berlin that had been used by the state security service. The Ministry of Interior paid for room and board.

When housing in East Berlin and environs was exhausted, the newcomers were sent to other localities in East Germany. "They were given a residential permit for five years, social welfare assistance and the right to free medical care," notes Korol.

Following German unification, new regulations for Soviet Jewish refugees came into force. Soviet Jews now have to apply to the German embassy in Moscow for an immigration permit, according to Susanne Spulbeck, a cultural anthropologist in Berlin who has done field work on Soviet Jewry.

In terms of legal status, there are three groups of Soviet Jews in Germany today. Quota refugees who were accepted because of their Jewish background. Immigrants who were reunited with family members. Jews from the Baltic states who claimed they were of German origin. As of last year, the largest group consisted of quota refugees.

Not many Soviet Jews reach Germany via Israel, says Korol. Several hundred, though, were admitted during the 1991 Gulf War.

The Soviets, she adds, are eligible for German citizenship after seven years, provided they have a work history of five years and are proficient in German. Personally, she is stateless, but will apply for citizenship in January 1995.

Soviet Jews in Germany receive a whole range of benefits: welfare assistance and medical care, rent subsidies, language instruction and university and vocational training education.

The Central Welfare Organization of Jews in Germany also provides aid, ranging from allowances to cover the cost of higher-priced kosher food to tuition stipends.

"They are also given help in finding flats and jobs and in threading their way through the German bureaucracy," says Korol. "And a nurse pays regular visits to old and sick people."

As well, Korol's organization tries to bring the Soviets closer to their Jewish roots. "Most are ignorant of Jewish tradition and culture," she points out. "But they're hungry for Jewish knowledge, and the community tries to draw them in."

Kugler, the reporter who writes about Jewish affairs for a Berlin daily, claims that less than 50 percent of the Soviets are halachically Jewish.

It is impossible to verify this claim, but Korol is certain that some of the Soviets who've passed themselves off as Jews are not actually Jews.

In any event, a significant number of Jews from the former Soviet Union here are not particularly interested in identifying with their Jewishness. For her part, Spulbeck believes that only one-third of the Soviets in Berlin have officially joined the Jewish community.

A high proportion of the Soviets are well educated and are white-collar professionals, at least by training. In a report released last year, the Moses Mendelssohn Centre in Potsdam disclosed that 24 percent of the immigrants were engineers and natural scientists; 12 percent were artists and cultural workers; 9 percent were doctors; 9 percent were teachers; 7 percent were economic researchers; 16 percent were administrators, and 18 percent were tradespeople.

With only an estimated 16 percent practising their professions, unemployment is by far the major obstacle to integration facing the immigrants.

Stefan Szajak, director of Frankfurt's Jewish community, is not sanguine that many adult immigrants will find jobs in their chosen fields. "Their professional credentials are not recognized, and they lack language skills."

And besides, says Korol, an employer is legally bound to offer employment to a German citizen first.

Apart from unemployment and language deficiencies, a scarcity of housing is the most daunting challenge facing the Soviets. "Just in Berlin, we have a shortage of 120,000 flats," observes Korol.

Few of the immigrants are preoccupied with the upsurge of neo-Nazi violence that has shaken Germany in the past few years. As victims of state-sanctioned anti-Semitism in the old Soviet Union, they are accustomed to patterns of prejudice — which the German government officially condemns and combats.

Korol, 48, left the former Soviet Union largely because, as a Jew, she felt like a second-class citizen.

"I had a nice flat, a car, a job. But I wasn't free. I could not travel abroad. I could not live a full life. And that was because I was a Jew."

She and her husband, a dentist, were also tempted by emigration because they feared that their son would be drafted into the Red Army and sent to fight in the war in Afghanistan.

The Korols applied for exit visas in 1979, when Cold War tensions were running high, but they were refused. Finally, they were given permission to go to Israel.

She visited Israel, and while she basically liked it, was put off by its Middle Eastern flavor. "I'm a European, and I wanted to remain in Europe," explains Korol, whose mother tongue is German.

With their visas for Israel in hand, the Korols left the former Soviet Union in March 1988. Finding themselves in Vienna, they opted for Germany after concluding that the gates to Canada and the United States were closed.

"I had no problem in adjusting to Germany," says Korol, a sprightly woman who served as Heinz Galinski's Russian interpreter. Until his death in 1992, Galinski was chair of the Central Council of Jews in Germany.

Like Korol, virtually every Soviet Jew who has settled here has no intention of leaving. "Germany is not merely a stop-over point," says Kugler. "Most are here to stay."

Last April, the Jewish Agency launched a program to encourage emigration from Germany, focusing primarily on Soviet Jews. "There is a rise of racial incidents, including acts of anti-Semitism," said the chair of the Jewish Agency. "The present reality demands increased activity... to encourage aliyah from Germany."

The campaign is likely to fail. Despite all their problems, Soviet Jews basically want to remain in Germany. And while the Central Council of Jews in Germany does not encourage emigration to Germany, neither does that umbrella body discourage it.

As Bubis once said: "We're not soliciting people to come, but those who do come will be supported."

Tatyana Korol [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Isaac Sidney Caesar, otherwise known as Sid Caesar to his legion of fans, was by all accounts the most brilliant comedian on television.

With his gift for mimicry, learned at his father Max's working-class luncheonette, Caesar was one of the dazzling bright lights of TV in its infancy.

Along with the likes of Milton Berle, Jack Benny, George Burns and Jack Carter, America's quintessential Jewish comics, Caesar entertained millions of viewers with his scintillatingly funny monologues.

Caesar, the subject of a recent A&E TV profile, *Sid Caesar: Television's Comedy Genius*, made his TV debut in 1949 with *The Admiral Broadway Revue*. That was followed by *Your Show of Shows* (1950-54), *Caesar's Hour* (1954-57), *Sid Caesar Invites You* (1958) and *The Sid Caesar Show* (1963-64). Later in his career, he appeared on stage and in nightclubs and movies. For the benefit of a younger generation unfamiliar with his work, Caesar reprised his routines in a series of videocassettes in the 1970s.

He was born on Sept. 8, 1922 in Yonkers, New York, an unlikely locale for a budding star. But it was there, in his father's lowly diner, that Caesar absorbed the Russian, German, Italian, French, Hungarian and Spanish accents and language rhythms that he would incorporate into his uproarious sketches.

There he was also introduced to the saxophone, which a customer had left behind. Caesar took to the instrument like a duck to water and, thanks to lessons paid for by his father, became an accomplished musician. While still in high school, he played at dances and weddings.

Continuing his musical education at the Julliard School of Music, Caesar meanwhile honed his talents as a saxophonist in hotels and casinos in the borscht belt of the Catskill Mountains.

Brilliant comedian

There, we're told, he discovered his lifelong calling — comedy. With his impromptu burlesque sketches, he found that he could make people laugh.

In 1942, he joined the U.S. Coast Guard, performing in stage reviews for service personnel. His most memorable show was *Tars and Spa:s*, in which he played several characters. *Tars and Spars* was so popular that it was transformed into a Hollywood movie in 1946.

Never looking back, Caesar starred in another film, *The Guilt of Janet Ames*, in which he played a nightclub comic. He then appeared in a Broadway revue, *Make Mine Manhattan*.

Sylvester (Pat) Weaver, the vice-president of NBC TV, liked what he saw and signed Caesar up as host of *The Admiral Broadway Revue*. The ratings were good, and Caesar was handed another plum, *Your Show of Shows*, which teamed him up with writers Neil Simon, Woody Allen, Carl Reiner, Larry Gelbart and Mel Brooks.

Success followed success, but there was a price to be paid. The pressure of churning out a live weekly show had its effect. As Brooks observes, "We had a lot of fun, but we also had nervous breakdowns."

Caesar began drinking and popping pills, and these addictions eventually derailed him and nearly ruined his family life. As he descended into alcoholism and drug abuse, he relied on his "residual" capabilities to make it through his comic routines. "I worked and I was there, but I really wasn't there," he wrote in his 1982 autobiography, *Where Have I Been?*

Before he hit rock bottom in 1978, Caesar went through the motions of making more movies, including *It's A Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World*, and TV specials and appearing in nightclub acts.

He reached his nadir one night on the dinner theatre circuit, to which he had been banished, when he couldn't remember his lines. The indignity of that spectacle was a catalyst for self-improvement. Caesar decided to reform himself, and by the early 1980s, he had recovered.

Since then, Caesar has been seen on cable TV and in several films. Today, nine years after his induction into the Television Hall of Fame, he is basically retired, but he remains an icon of show business.

AIDS cases anger Ethiopian Jews

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Recent publicity over the number of AIDS cases among new Ethiopian immigrants apparently has fueled discrimination and angered the Ethiopian community, as well as public officials.

Israel Television recently aired a program focusing on the incidence of AIDS among the Ethiopians.

Of the country's 1,123 known AIDS carriers, 393 are Ethiopians, according to the Health Ministry.

But Ethiopian leaders, their advocates and government officials say the numbers are misleading and irresponsible.

First, all the Ethiopians have been tested for AIDS while the general Israeli public has not, said Ra'anan Har-Zahav, an attorney representing the Ethiopians. This makes it impossible to draw a meaningful comparison between the incidence of the disease among Ethiopians and among the rest of the population, he said.

Second, the number of actual AIDS carriers among the general public is estimated to be at least twice the number of known carriers, said Har-Zahav. The Health Ministry said it employs no such estimate.

But the Ethiopian immigrants are the only group in Israel that is universally tested, a spokeswoman at the Health Ministry confirmed. The policy was adopted by the government in 1991 because "we knew they came from an area which has a very large risk of carrying this illness," said Yifat Ben-Hay, the ministry's spokeswoman.

At the same time, fewer than 0.7 per cent of the Ethiopians are AIDS carriers, she noted.

Absorption Minister Yair Tsaban lashed out at what he called the irresponsibility of the media for reporting the story. He said it was wrong to publish the report about a single ethnic group because it automatically stigmatizes its members and could generate racism, said a spokeswoman.

Tsaban said that while the public has a right to certain information, that right must be weighed against the damage it may cause, and in this case the harm outweighed the benefit.

"The Ethiopian absorption is a test of honor for Israeli society and because of media competition, the absorption could be ruined," he said.

Two Ethiopian advocacy groups filed a petition with the High Court seeking an interim injunction against the Israel Television broadcast. They charged it would cause irreparable damage to the community's image.

Har-Zahav, who filed the petition on their behalf, argued that even the previews for the program had resulted in instances of discrimination. Native Israelis had removed their children from a camp with Ethiopian children at their caravan site near Haifa while Ethiopian children were barred from a nearby beach, he said.

The court ruled that it would not stop the broadcast but that the community must be given the chance to respond on television. An Ethiopian representative appeared and spoke at length on the program, which aired August 12.

Community to go on the air

The community also won the right to go on the air again shortly after schools reopen next month.

The Ethiopians want the opportunity to counter the damage they believe was done by the reports — damage they fear will show up in the classroom, said Har-Zahav.

Meanwhile, Jewish Agency Acting Chairman Yechiel Leket issued a statement last week saying that Israel had absorbed tens of thousands of Ethiopian immigrants and "no massive occurrences of serious diseases" were ever found among them.

He pointed to the more than 5,000 Ethiopian teens who study and live in Youth Aliyah villages and said, "Special health problems of public consequence were never encountered there."

Uri Gordon, head of immigration and absorption for the Agency, said the publicity does the Ethiopians an injustice because it is based on partial and faulty information.

The comprehensive medical examinations prove the number of people carrying the disease is "small and inconsequential," he said.

Egypt seeking better relations

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak informed Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in Alexandria last Wednesday that he wants to enhance ties with Israel.

With talks on Israeli-Jordanian cooperation taking shape, observers say Cairo wants to transform its 15-year chilly peace with Israel into a closer relationship.

According to officials traveling with Peres, Mubarak said he wanted to send two more Egyptian ministers to Israel before the end of the month. Egypt's oil minister visited here last week and was joined by working-level aides.

Mubarak told Peres during their two-hour meeting that the Egyptian science minister would arrive in Israel within the next few weeks to discuss academic exchanges between the two countries, thereby engaging one of the sectors most resistant to cooperation with Israel.

After the meeting, Peres went on to talks with a PLO delegation led by Nabil Shaath.

The Egyptian president also said he would encourage Egyptian editors to accompany Foreign Minister Amr Moussa on a two-day visit here before the end of the month, Israeli officials indicated.

Mubarak expressed interest in setting up a four-member development fund involving Egypt, Israel, Jordan, and Palestinians, should the Palestinians agree. Egyptian officials have privately complained that Cairo might be bypassed, as international money pouring into the Middle East may only go to Israel, Jordan, and the Palestinians.

In another development last week, Peres said Syria had given the go-ahead for a group of American Jewish leaders to visit Damascus.

According to Peres, Assad's reported assent to the visit by Jewish leaders was just one sign of the "positive atmosphere" between Israel and Syria, but he added there was still no breakthrough in efforts to bring the two sides to the negotiating table.

It is known that two dovish American Jewish groups, American Friends of Peace Now and Project Nishma, visited Syria this year.

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Organizations and People

O'Driscoll put on short leash

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Robert O'Driscoll, the University of Toronto professor accused of publishing anti-Semitic material and barred from the campus, will be allowed back into the classroom if he meets a number of conditions imposed by the university.

"The conditions he has to meet to be permitted to return in September are medical in nature to assure us he is fit mentally and physically," said Adel Sedra, vice-president and provost of the university.

Sedra said the university recently completed two separate reviews of O'Driscoll in the wake of complaints about the professor. One review centred on concerns raised last spring "where a number of staff members [and students] felt unsafe in his presence and intimidated by him."

The second focused on his academic qualifications in light of his published work, including *The New World Order and the Throne of the Antichrist*. That book has been condemned by many, including Canadian Jewish Congress, for repeating numerous anti-Jewish canards.

The reviews led the university to reprimand O'Driscoll and impose the conditions on him, Sedra said. If he refuses to comply, further discipline could be imposed, including suspension and perhaps even a recommendation to the university president that he be removed from the school.

Sedra said the professor's behavior has prompted "some concerns. We had a long series of incidents over five years, some of a bizarre nature," but no direct threats or assaults, he said.

The probe that looked into O'Driscoll's academic performance found that his two most recent books "have no bona fide scholarship. But we do not fire people because their writing is not good scholarship."

As a result of that investigation, "the university will not provide any support for him in the writing of such material" and it will not accept the books as fulfilling the requirements that he do research and publish works of scholarship, Sedra said.

Louis Lenkinski, chair of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, said, "We are satisfied that the University of Toronto continues to deal with this matter seriously. We are obviously concerned any time a professor teaching at a university with the reputation of the University of Toronto has openly published anti-Semitic work."

Congress "remains concerned that the University of Toronto would have in its employ someone who publishes anti-Semitic falsehoods," Lenkinski added.

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"This is one of the most crucial periods in all of Israel's short history," Rodzynek concluded. "The members of Na'amat and our supporters have a rare opportunity to give Israel's children the strength that they will need to deal with the challenges of Middle East coexistence."

This edition of *The CJN* includes a brochure outlining the projects that Na'amat provides for children.

Only in ... Israel — pity

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — Queen Elizabeth II may have been surprised, even a little amused, if she noticed the hat a woman was wearing at a royal walkabout on the lawn of the Parliament Buildings, prior to the opening of the Commonwealth Games here.

The woman, standing in the front row of the crowds (about 10,000 were on hand), wore a sun hat similar to the type that used to be worn in the early days of the State of Israel on a kibbutz.

Printed in bold, black type on the white hat were the words: "Welcome to Israel."

A CBC cameraman closed up on her after the Queen had left, and reporter Ian Hanamansingh asked her if she had had a good look at the Queen. The woman said definitely yes . . . and that it was the second time she had seen Her Majesty.

Hanamansingh did not ask her to identify herself and went on to others in the crowd to get their opinions of the Royal visit and the Games.

But for about a minute, there it was: Welcome to Israel, which thousands may have seen on the network.

The woman may have been a tourist or perhaps a local — there was no way to find out. But the Israel Tourist Office should be happy about it!

CORRECTION

The Canadian Jewish News regrets the error that appeared in the ad of Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation on page B9 of the Community Focus Supplement of Thursday, August 18, 1994.

The dates of the High Holy Days should have read:

Rosh Hashanah:	September 5, 6 and 7
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Hamilton UJWF to get underway with Israeli choir

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Hamilton's 1995 United Jewish Welfare Fund (UJWF) will get off to a rousing start on Oct. 1 with a concert by the renowned Israel Kibbutz Choir.

This will be the choir's only Canadian appearance during its forthcoming North American tour. The performance takes place at the Hamilton Convention Centre, at 8:30 p.m., and tickets at $10 per person can be obtained by calling the Jewish Federation of Hamilton-Wentworth & Area office at (905) 648-0605.

Composed of 50 members from kibbutzim throughout Israel and conducted by music director Avner Itai, the choir brings a repertoire of traditional Jewish, Israeli folk and classical pieces.

Meanwhile, campaign plans are getting underway.

Campaign co-chairs Dr. Cheryl Greenbaum and Dr. Rick Black have already been announced.

Also, Sandra Fuss and Cele Steinberg will serve as women's division co-chairs, with Lynne Czutrin as vice-chair; Jay State heads the lawyers' division; and CeCe Schreiber is in charge of new gifts.

Patricia Tolkin Eppel, Federation executive director, says that Hamilton United Jewish Appeal (UJA) is working on setting up a "telephone affinity" group.

Picking up on the enormous success of these groups, she points out, would mean that besides the benefit to subscribers of getting up to 40 per cent off on long distance calls and up to 25 per cent off on overseas calls, the UJA would benefit by 5 per cent.

"Whichever way you look at it," declares Tolkin Eppel, "it's a win-win situation."

New this year is the recent decision by the federation board to allocate half of all funds raised over and above last year's total to Jewish education.

The decision is sure to be welcomed. Jewish education has long been under funded and after all, observes Tolkin Eppel, education "touches virtually every family in the community."

The other half of any increase over last year's campaign total, she adds, will be designated to Israel.

Also new this year, is the challenge by an anonymous benefactor to match all first time gifts up to $50.

Another new incentive is a chance to win a specially commissioned painting by local artist Rhoda Katz by those who increase their donation by $50 or more.

The first item on the campaign calendar is a meeting on August 25 at the home of Dr. Franklyn and Rita Shapiro to introduce young doctors new to the community to long-time UJA supporters in the medical profession.

At Shabbat services on August 26 and August 27, there will be a special UJA presentation and kiddush at each of the three congregations, and Super Sunday, under chair Lynne Czurtin, is scheduled for Sept. 11, with further telethons to be held throughout the month.

And finally, Hamilton hopes to be the leading community in a UJA mission to Israel of smaller Ontario Jewish communities, Oct. 3 to 12.

Winnipeg CJA set to launch campaign

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The Combined Jewish Appeal (CJA) is kicking off its 1994-95 campaign on Sept. 1, at the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue with an evening for the community.

Featured will be Maynard Wishner, president of the North American Council of Jewish Federations; internationally known entertainer Judith Lander; and a special mystery guest from Israel.

This is the third year in a row that the CJA has started its campaign with an evening for Winnipeg's Jewish community.

"We don't charge admission or solicit any money for the evening," says Jerry Koffman, the new CJA director. "Our aim is to raise not dollars this night but rather Jewish consciousness and awareness of what the CJA stands for. We want to show the community that the CJA is more than just an organization to which people write cheques."

The theme of the evening is Celebration and Simchah. It will begin with a dinner for top donors with Wishner, a Chicago lawyer and philanthropist. Wishner's major speech will be open to the entire community.

"He is a witty and engaging speaker filled with Yiddishkeit," Koffman says.

Following Wishner, several young Winnipeggers who have been on The March of the Living will talk about the journey and their experiences. They are an example of how CJA dollars and resources are spent, Koffman notes.

Former Winnipegger Lander has performed on Broadway and played Carnegie Hall. She was in the original Jacques Brel company and has staged several one-woman shows. She has also written an award winning song dedicated to the memory of Winnipegger Sara Udow, who founded the famed Chai Folk Ensemble.

Koffman reports the CJA will be screening a powerful new video from Israel that evening.

As for the identity of the guest from Israel, that will only be unveiled on the evening of Sept. 1.

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Organizations and People

Education seminar

TORONTO — Educator Selma Sage returned recently from a special seminar at the Melton Centre for Jewish Education in the Diaspora at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

She was one of 10 North American educators and rabbis to participate in the seminar which studied Peace and Conflict in the Bible, the Talmud and in Jewish philosophy.

Another participant was Florence Melton, a longtime American communal activist, philanthropist and supporter of Jewish education .

The Florence Melton adult mini-schools for Jewish education have been established in 22 centres, including one at the Toronto Institute for Jewish Studies housed at the Jewish Community Centre.

Reena Fun Day to feature activities and entertainment

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — This year's Reena Fun Day offers a wide array of activities and entertainment.

Funds raised at the eighth annual all-day event, to be held at the Promenade Shopping Centre in Thornhill August 29, will support a room in the Reena Foundation's soon-to-be-built Toby and Henry Battle Centre.

The Reena Foundation is a non-profit agency dedicated to integrating developmentally handicapped adults into mainstream society.

Ground-breaking for the new building on Clark Avenue is scheduled for this fall.

City TV's *Breakfast Television* is scheduled to be on hand at Reena Fun Day from 7 a.m. until 8:55 a.m., but kick off is officially at 10 a.m., when free stage entertainment begins in the mall's Centre Court.

The stage lineup includes children's entertainer Jack Grunsky, Ronald McDonald, cast members of *Crazy for You*, the Beverly Segal Dancers, Singing Chef Pasquale, mentalist Mike Mandel, Three on Three celebrity basketball, and the capella singing group, The Simple Tones.

Cornilla Luna, star of *Miss Saigon*, will round out the stage show at 7 p.m., after which a gala auction will be held at 7:30.

The mayors of Vaughan, North York and Richmond Hill will be on hand for a noon-hour ceremony, as will council members and corporate sponsors like Cott Beverages.

Activities, including a Velcro wall, will be set up throughout the mall from 10 a.m. until late afternoon. Caricaturists, face painting, mini-circuit bike riding and carnival games are old favorites, while Virtual Reality: The Hockey Goalie is a new attraction.

At the Busy World of Richard Scarry, presented by Crayola and the Family Channel, youngsters can try new Crayola products and see animated videos by popular children's book author Richard Scarry.

Items donated for both the gala auction and a silent auction will be on display during the day. Sign-up for the 7:30 p.m. gala auction takes place one hour before the auction begins.

Last year's Reena Fun Day raised $150,000, said event chair Elaine Ross. Because outside funding has decreased, she explained, events such as the Fun Day — Reena's biggest public awareness event — are increasingly important.

Promenade merchants will donate a percentage of the day's sales to the Reena Foundation.

Ross and her volunteer committee of 40 have devoted an entire year to making the day a success. "It's a major undertaking, but it's fun. It's a very exciting day," she said.

Anyone wishing to make a donation or volunteer for Reena Fun Day should call the Reena office at (416) 787-0131.

Toronto's young athletes attend JCC Maccabi Games in Cleveland

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Sixty-nine young athletes from Toronto last week joined 2,500 of their fellow Jewish sportsmen to compete in the 1994 Jewish Community Centre North American Maccabi Youth Games in Cleveland.

The Toronto contingent fielded teams in track and field, swimming, basketball, tennis and in softball, where the boys will attempt to defend their gold medal.

Athletes from 68 cities in the United States as well as from Israel, Mexico, Britain and Australia will provide the competition for the Canadian sportsmen.

In addition to Toronto, JCCs from Edmonton, Vancouver, Hamilton, Ottawa, Windsor and Montreal are sending delegations to the games. While Toronto's is the largest, Montreal boasts a sizable delegation of 46 athletes, Ottawa, 28, Windsor, 14, Hamilton, 12. Edmonton and Vancouver will send two each.

The host city of Cleveland sports the largest group of athletes, 300, while Detroit, 144, Los Angeles, 129, Chicago, 128, and Greater Philadelphia, 79, also have sizable contingents.

At the other end of the spectrum are the one-athlete delegations from Albany and Las Vegas, though there is no truth to the rumor the Vegas entry is 10-to-one against winning a medal.

Since their 1982 inception in Memphis, the JCC North American Youth Maccabi Games have become a biennial tradition. The Games have been held in Detroit twice, and in Toronto and Chicago. Baltimore last hosted the Games in 1992.

The Games are a co-operative venture of North American JCCs. They also serve as a springboard for young athletes hoping to participate in the senior Maccabiah Games, held every four years in Israel. Former U.S. Olympic swimming gold medalist Mark Spitz and gold-medal gymnast Mitch Gaylord are both Maccabiah Games alumni.

This year, Toronto has boys and girls teams in basketball and boys and girls teams in softball, said Rhea Wolfowich, fitness assistant at the north branch of the Toronto JCC. The swim team is mixed while the tennis and track teams consist entirely of boys. Athletes between 13-16 are eligible to participate.

Jim Emery and Harold Cipin head up the Toronto delegation.

The CJN will have a full report on the results in upcoming editions.

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Religious and spiritual needs of Jewish deaf examined

Visual images seen important

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — How to meet the religious and spiritual needs of the Jewish deaf community was the focus of a workshop given at the recent 20th Biennial Convention of the National Congress of the Jewish Deaf.

The workshop, lead by Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, attracted an equal number of hearing and deaf participants.

Rabbi Goldstein, the director of Kolel, the Reform adult education centre in Toronto, once served as rabbi at Temple Beth Or, a New York City synagogue for deaf and hard of hearing people.

She said at first she thought translating the prayers into sign language would be sufficient for services, but it didn't work. She had underestimated the spiritual value of the sound of Hebrew words for a hearing person, she said. "The words carry a lot of spiritual feelings."

Instead Rabbi Goldstein used Jewish objects, like the shofar on Rosh Hashanah, to enhance a visual image for the congregation. "To hear the shofar — that moves my soul, but it's not going to move somebody who doesn't hear."

Rabbi Goldstein would also carry the Torah around, stopping at each row for people to touch and see it.

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein

"See, feel, touch is more meaningful [for the deaf]."

Rabbi Douglas Goldhamer of the Chicago-area Congregation Bene Shalom of the Deaf concurred with Rabbi Goldstein. "There are many ways to take Jewish symbols and adapt them," he said. He substitutes drums for the shofar because the sound vibrations can be felt more strongly. "The shofar is really heard [by deaf people] when it is felt," he said.

He added that some deaf rituals are not performed according to tradition.

Many young deaf Jewish women, he said, put on tefillin because it helps them feel and see their Judaism. As well, the Torah is held up in the air during readings for Rabbi Goldhamer's congregation to see, and the Torah portion is signed in Hebrew.

Tovah Wax, a deaf psychologist from Fairport, N.Y., stressed the importance of story telling to explain the Torah portions since story telling is a integral part of deaf culture.

Celebrations can also be adapted for the deaf. Two of Rabbi Goldhamer's congregants, Al Spanjer, a hearing child of deaf parents, and his wife Carolyn Stern-Spanjer, a deaf physician, said they designed a marriage ceremony which incorporated visual symbols like candles and holograms. All their immediate family members stood under the chupah.

Karen Bain, a hearing mother from Cleveland, attended the workshop to get ideas for a bat mitzvah she will be making for her 10-year-old deaf daughter. "I don't want her to have a bat mitzvah like everybody else, because she's not like everybody else," she said.

Workshop participants suggested Bain's daughter could tell the story of her Torah portion in sign, with the use of props as visual aids, or she could teach the congregation how to sign a short prayer.

Bain was pleased with the suggestions. "This workshop was the reason I came to the conference. It answered the questions I brought. The ideas were wonderful and creative."

Plaut outlines parallels between elderly and deaf

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — There are many parallels between the elderly and the deaf, according to one rabbi who pointed out that both groups are treated differently by society at large.

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut was keynote speaker at the recent 20th biennial convention of the National Congress of the Jewish Deaf in Toronto.

"We [the elderly] are not treated like everybody else. You all know about that. You are not treated for who you are, but according to the disability you have," said Rabbi Plaut, 82.

He praised the congress members for taking pride in their identity. "You have your dignity. . .The fact that you are having a convention means you do not accept stereotyping by anyone else," he said.

Rabbi Plaut focused on the obstacles faced by the elderly, whom he said society sees as "useless. . .sexless. . .a drag on the public purse."

He said a lack of respect for the elderly in ancient Israel inspired laws to ensure they received better treatment. There are also several references in the Torah to honor and respect your parents, he said, "because a lot of people didn't then and don't today."

Rabbi Plaut said there are four things every elderly person should know: they have more time to learn; they have better values because they lose the urge to acquire things; they have more patience even though they have less time to live; and they learn to live one day at a time. "We can't assume we'll be here tomorrow, he said, "We don't know when the angel of death will knock on our door."

Struck by irony

Dave Wiesblatt, 21, a landscaper from Rockwood, Ont., said later he was particularly struck by the irony that old people have more patience despite the paucity of time left in their lives, while young people who have their whole lives ahead of them are always in a hurry. "It made me think that I don't need to rush," he said.

Warren Miller, 40, a computer programmer from Thornhill, said Rabbi Plaut's speech was relevant to his situation, because there are many parallels between the deaf and the aged. "We struggled for years to be recognized. We wear the same shoes (as the elderly), but we travel on different paths."

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Ben-Gurion's son backs peace process

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It's inevitable that a public lecture by Amos Ben-Gurion would invite comparisons with his legendary father, David, the fiery first prime minister of Israel who was a driving force behind the creation of the state.

Although he is well known in Israeli circles, Amos Ben-Gurion is not familiar to Toronto audiences.

Now in his mid-70s, he was born in London, England, and went to what was then Palestine as a small child. He is a former head of the Israel Police Force and was chief executive officer of Israel's largest textile company, Ata Ltd., from 1963 until 1980.

Ben-Gurion spoke to a capacity crowd of over 500 people at Temple Sinai last week on What Is The Unique Mission of Israel? His address was co-sponsored by Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University (BGU) of the Negev, Toronto chapter, and Temple Sinai's adult education committee.

Ben-Gurion is a member of the BGU board of governors. He made four stops in the Canadian BGU tour, including Montreal, Ottawa and Vancouver.

Several audience members commented privately that Ben-Gurion lacked the dynamism of his late father, but spontaneous applause followed the reasoned and articulate answers he gave to two particularly difficult questions.

Ben-Gurion had already stated his support for the Israeli government's involvement in the peace process before he was asked why the government is spending $78 million to assist the Palestinians in establishing self rule when they "should be" using the money to develop the desert.

"It is a fallacy that we will achieve cooperation on a practical level unless the Palestinians succeed in establishing their own institutions. If we take a negative attitude, I think it will be much more expensive not only in terms of money, but in blood too," answered Ben-Gurion, noting that he was expressing a personal opinion only.

"Why would Israel feel financially responsible for helping Palestinians when you have flourishing Arab countries that can help them?" asked a woman, her voice rising with emotion.

Amos Ben-Gurion

She was applauded by a number of listeners, one of whom called out, "Right on!"

Ben-Gurion, apparently unperturbed, explained, "We should do what is good for us. We cannot force other countries to support the Palestinians. I wish they would, but it doesn't mean that because they don't do it, we shouldn't do our share. It's in our interest to support them. It's [a question] of interest, not responsibility."

And what would David Ben-Gurion think of recent developments in Israel if he were still alive? It's a familiar question to his son, and one he raised himself.

Quoted letter from father

He quoted from a letter his father had written him in 1937, following a royal commission recommendation that Palestine be partitioned into separate Jewish and Arab states.

"There is only one consideration — what is needed and helpful to us," the statesman wrote. "My emotions are not hurt at all by having a Jewish state but a small one. What we do not want is a large Palestine which will not be Jewish. I prefer part of Palestine, but that part will be Jewish."

Ben-Gurion was an advocate of developing the Negev, as is his son. "The Negev constitutes 60 per cent of the land of Israel," Amos Ben-Gurion said.

He recalled travelling to the southern part of Israel in 1935 with his father, who envisioned a flourishing area including the port of Eilat — as it is now — rather than the "empty, dry and neglected" desert that he saw.

Ben-Gurion noted that the Negev is one of the few deserts that is shrinking, thanks to BGU research. That work is also helping Third World countries in the struggle against famine, he said.

The university's endeavors constitute "a wonderful dream and adventure...in rebuilding the frame of our nation," Ben-Gurion said.

Ben-Gurion was introduced by Paul Jacobs, president of the Toronto chapter of the Canadian Associates of BGU. He was thanked by Marsha Zinberg, chair of Temple Sinai's adult education committee.

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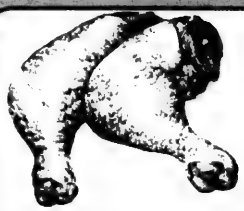

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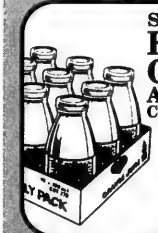

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Disabled Israeli basketball fan visits Toronto for hoops series

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When it comes to loving basketball, Erez Ziv has all the credentials. He comes from a basketball-playing family and he lives in a country where basketball is one of the top sports.

He's coached youngsters and he's even travelled to Barcelona to watch Dream Team I in the Olympic Games.

A hoops fan and player since he was 10, Ziv, 25, had his own aspiring career as a coach cut short by a traffic accident in Israel that left him wheelchair bound. But that hasn't stopped him, accompanied by his father Eli and mother Ita, from travelling the world to view top tournaments, visit relatives and see the sights.

An aficionado of the game, Ziv was in Toronto to watch the recently concluded World Championship of Basketball. And watch it he did, attending four games a day in the tournament's early going. He cut that down to a more modest two-games-a-day schedule, seeing 26 matches in all including the championship game in SkyDome.

"We knew the Americans would win, and they did," Ziv said. "There was no competition for the United States. They do it too easily. That's the problem."

Ziv, who hails from Kibbutz Gan Shmuel near Hadera, played competitive basketball in Israel until he was 18 when he was inducted into the army. He intended to pursue a career as a coach when he was discharged.

His life changed dramatically about three years ago on what should have been a routine drive home for the weekend.

Usually, his father Eli recalled, Erez got the use of a car, but on that particular weekend, it wasn't available so he "tremped" (hitch-hiked) home. Tragically the driver who picked him up, an army officer, was involved in a road accident in which he himself was killed, and which left Erez in a coma for three months.

Ziv had suffered a major head injury and when he came to, he was sent to a rehabilitation hospital in Ra'anana. He hated his experience there, making slow progress mostly because the facility was swamped with patients and the staff were unable to give the personalized care required, he said.

Eventually he was transferred to Beit Halochem, a rehabilitation and social centre for disabled army personnel and their families.

Ziv attends a Beit Halochem facility four times a week, receiving physiotherapy and participating in activities that include swimming, ceramics, shooting and even horseback riding.

"When I came there at first, I couldn't do anything," he said. "When I saw water, I sank. Now, I can swim very good. It's an example of my improvement. I almost couldn't do anything to move my body. Things that a normal man can do easily were very hard for me. Beit Halochem gave me the right treatment so I improved very much.

"At Beit Halochem I find friends all the time; we can work, we can smile, we can do everything. It changed my life completely."

Among his buddies, he's known for his passion for basketball. "For me; basketball is part of life. For others, no."

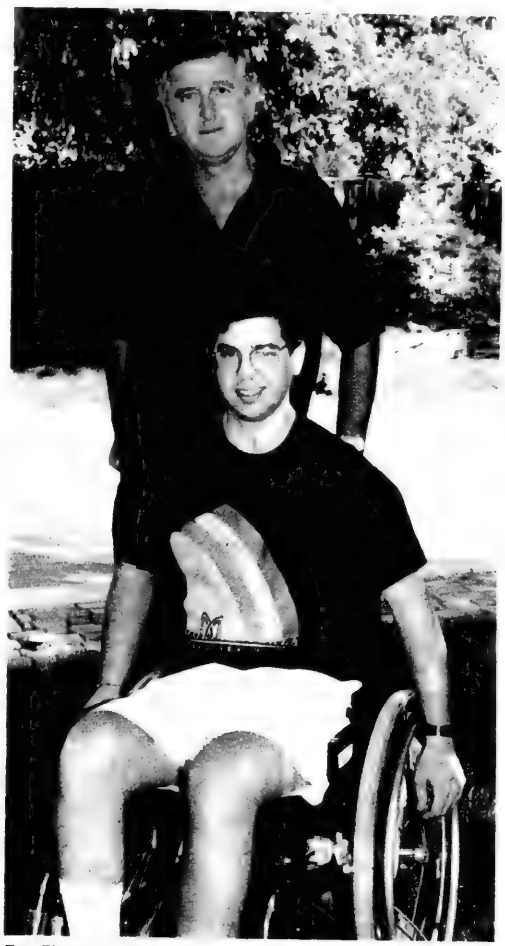
He comes by his love of the game honestly. In 1964, his father played for Kibbutz Givat Brenner in the first division of Israel's national basketball league and he was later three-time coach of the national junior team.

Basketball is the number two sport in Israel behind soccer. Israel hit the high water mark for the sport in 1986 when it finished sixth at the world championships, defeating Canada en route.

Ziv still draws an IDF paycheque, working on computers three days a week for the intelligence and information department. Last Independence Day, the army recognized his efforts in a special ceremony attended by Chief of Staff Ehud Barak.

But basketball is never very far from his thoughts. As he prepared to leave Toronto for the long trip home, he was already contemplating his next long distance adventure.

"I bet we're already planning to see Dream Team III in the Olympics in Atlanta," he said.



Erez Ziv and his father Eli were in Toronto recently to view the World Championship of Basketball. [Paul Lungen photo]

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Congregation launches fund in Tamara Goldman's memory

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Tamara Goldman was a star student at the Claude Watson School for The Arts, majoring in jazz dance and excelling in music.

She helped raise funds to send underprivileged children to summer camp, and assisted students at Alexander Muir Gladstone Public School choreograph a dance for a school production.

She had just begun to explore the Holocaust with her survivor grandparents.

This year she would have started at Earl Haig Secondary School. But in the middle of July, Tamara, 14, was killed when a rented Bombardier Sea Doo she and a friend were driving crashed into the shore of Six Mile Lake near Gravenhurst.

Through their synagogue, Congregation Habonim, Tamara's parents, Issie and Nanci Goldman, have established the Tamara Goldman Memorial Fund.

Monies raised through this fund will be directed to either Beth Habonim, to provide scholarships for

Tamara Goldman

needy youngsters wishing to participate in the March of the Living; the Tamara Goldman Camp Fund, which will send needy children from Alexander Muir Gladstone Public School to Camp Pinecrest; or to the Tamara Goldman-Claude Watson Memorial Fund, designed to assist needy students participating in the school's dance program.

Cheques should be made out to the Tamara Goldman Memorial Fund, and sent to to Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave., Toronto, M6B 4J2.

Eli Rubenstein, who delivered the eulogy at her funeral, called her a "remarkable young person," who "felt a bond with the past," and had "quiet grace, charm and dignity."

She was "a precious gift to all that knew her," Rubenstein said.

A group of close friends got together and prepared a eulogy for Tamara. They called Tamara "a beautiful person inside and out, who always made the best of a bad situation," and whose friends could confide in her.

They spoke of Tamara's sense of humour, and her "lovesome nature." Poignantly, the eulogy quoted Tamara's friend Kate as saying "we had decided to be best friends forever in Grade 7, and never expected that forever would end so soon."

Relatives said Tamara played the piano, saxophone and flute, and was a straight A student.

An inquest has been called into her death.

Gordon devoted life to Jewish education

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Wilferd Gordon, a prominent lawyer who devoted his life to Jewish education and community service, died August 1 at his Toronto home. He was 85.

He was the son of Rabbi Jacaob Gordon, who arrived in Toronto in 1904 as spiritual leader of the Goel Tzedec Congregation (University Avenue Synagogue), the Beth Hamidrash Hagodol Synagogue (McCaul Street Synagogue), and later several Russian synagogues.

Rabbi Gordon greatly influenced the creation of a community educational system and served as the first chairman of the Board of Education at the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto from 1917 to 1919.

Wilferd Gordon studied at a yeshivah in Chicago, received a bachelor's degree at McMaster University and a law degree at Osgoode Hall. He received smicha (rabbinic ordination) and took over his father's duties as a pulpit rabbi for two years after his death. He also served as a chaplain with the RCAF and was responsible for all the bases in Western Canada.

Like his father, Gordon was deeply committed to Jewish education. He was president of Associated Hebrew Schools from 1955 to 1961, founding president of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, and was active on the Toronto Board of Jewish Education. He was a driving force in the founding and operation of the Ner Israel Yeshiva and maintained close ties with the Ner Israel Yeshiva in Baltimore.

Gordon was a practicing lawyer for more than 50 years and the founder of the law firm Gordon, Keyfetz and Hall. In 1976 Wilferd, his son Daniel (Danny), Walter Traub and Barry Rotenberg created the law firm now known as Gordon Traub.

Gordon is survived by his wife, Balfoura Gordon, a tireless community worker who suffered a stroke during the shivah period and is now in critical condition.

He is also survived by sister Fane Cohen of Kingston, Ont.; son Jared, a teacher living in Jerusalem with his wife Adina and their six children; son Danny and daughter-in-law Cooky, their four children and two grandchildren. His daughter, Phyllis Solomon, died of cancer in 1979.

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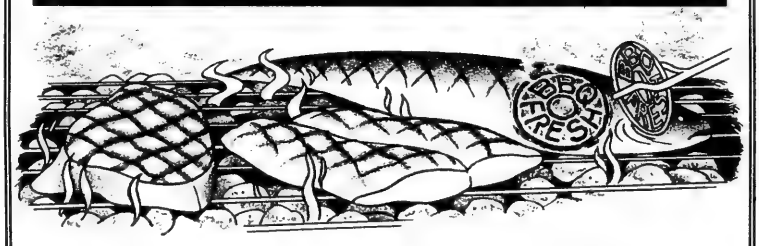

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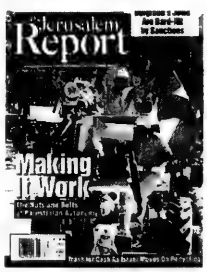

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What's New

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

HOLIDAY DEADLINES

Please note these holiday deadline changes for What's New and About People:

Thursday, August 25 is deadline for Sept. 8 issue.

Monday, August 29, is deadline for Sept. 14 issue.

Thursday, Sept. 8, is deadline for Sept. 22 issue.

Monday, Sept. 12, is deadline for Sept. 29 issue.

I will be at my desk on these deadline days to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Thursday, August 25

IS GUILT A JEWISH INVENTION?

Is Guilt a Jewish Invention? is the topic of the sixth RSVP (Relationships Seen Through Varied Perspectives) round table discussion program for singles, ages 30-45, presented by Jewish Community Centre New Leadership Division in association with Aish HaTorah. Speaker is **Mitch Mandel**. It takes place in Room 206, JCC North Y branch. Doors open 7:30 p.m., Program begins 8 sharp. COR refreshments served. $10 per person. RSVP **Rosanne**, 636-1880, ext. 358. First 50 people to RSVP receive a JCC Health Club pass.

ABOUT HEALTH CARE

Charles Harnick, MPP, is holding a town hall meeting concerning health care, drug benefits, power of attorney, under the auspices of Earl Bales Seniors' Club, 7 p.m. in the clubhouse. You are invited to attend and express your concerns. Refreshments served.

Saturday, August 27

SELICHOT NIGHT

Selichot at Beth Tzedec Congregation begins with coffee at 9:15 p.m. followed by the screening of the movie *The Quarrel* at 9:30 p.m., discussions moderated by **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** at 11 p.m., coffee at 11:30 and midnight services led by **Cantor Paul Kowarsky** with the Beth Tzedec Choir under the direction of **Gordon Kushner**.

Adath Israel Congregation and Adath Israel adult education present the annual Sidney and Tillie Colt Memorial Lecture at 9:30 p.m. featuring **Prof. Janice Stein** of the Department of Political Science, University of Toronto, speaking on The Middle East: Reaching for the Future. A question period with refreshments follows at 10:30 p.m. Selichot services begin at 11 p.m. with **Rabbi Steven Saltzman, Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum** and the professional choir and close with the dedication of memorial plaques. You are invited to attend. No charge. For information, 635-5340.

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Selichot Night begins with the annual High Holy Day Institute at 9:30 p.m. featuring four young members of the congregation, recent participants in the March of the Living, who will speak of their experiences, titled From Darkness to Light: Poland to Israel. Participants are **Jessica Bortnick, Aviva Goldberg, Judith Peranson** and **Sam Spagat**. Selichot services are at 11:15 p.m., led by **Rabbi Philip Scheim** and **Cantor Yehudah Rottner** and the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am choir led by **Brahm Goldhamer**.

Sunday, August 28

MUSIC AT THE KOFFLER

Sunday Afternoons at the Koffler with Music is a new program funded by du Maurier Arts Ltd., taking place 2-4 p.m. the fourth Sunday of each month in the Koffler Loggia Gallery. The concert series starts off with Some Like it Hot...Some Like it Cool, a pot pourri of vocal and instrumental jazz featuring the piano and vocal styling of **Fern Lidzon** with **Laura Cesar** on bass. Admission is free but donations are really welcome!

OSTROVTZER MEMORIAL SERVICE

The annual gathering in memory of the victims murdered by the Nazis in Ostrowiec and vicinity will be held 11 a.m. at Lambton Cemetery, Royal York Rd. All people from Ostrowiec and surrounding towns are invited to attend. **Rabbi Irwin Witty**, executive director, Board of Jewish Education, will conduct the service. **Israel Garfinkel** will also speak. Cars leave 14 Viewmount Ave. at 10 a.m. In the event of rain, service will be held at 14 Viewmount. For information, **Al Speisman**, 785-5688.

OHR SOMAYACH LECTURE

A public lecture by **Rabbi Mordechai Becher** on the topic Standing Beside the King: Preparation for High Holidays takes place 8:30-9:30 p.m. at Ohr Somayach, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill.

GARAGE SALE

Leah Kidron chapter, Emunah Women, is holding a pre-bazaar garage sale with new clothing, comforters, costume jewelry, household items and more, all at bargain prices, at 77 Clanton Park Ave. (Bathurst-York Downs). Proceeds to charity.

SUNDAY SERENADES

Sunday Serenades, 7:30-9 p.m. at Mel Lastman Square, features the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band. Free admission.

Monday, August 29

WHY THE JEWS?

Why the Jews?: The Shocking Explanation for the World's Longest Hatred (Anti-Semitism) is the topic **Rabbi Yossi Michalowicz** will be discussing 8 p.m., Aish HaTorah Centre, Uptown Shul, 269A Wilson Ave. Fee $5. To register and for information, 636-7530.

Tuesday, August 30

PREPARING FOR ROSH HASHANAH

A public lecture, Preparing for Rosh Hashanah: Begin Again Now, geared for Jews of all backgrounds, takes place 8 p.m. at two locations — Aish HaTorah Thornhill, the Promenade, Suite 303, with **Rabbi Mitch Mandel**, and at the Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W., with **Rabbi Yossi Michalowicz**. Call 636-7530 for information.

Wednesday, August 31

ABOUT HEART DISEASE

At the New Fraternal Jewish Association meeting, guest speaker **Dr. Eric Cohen**, cardiologist, Sunnybrook Health Centre, and assistant professor, University of Toronto Department of Medicine, will give an illustrated lecture on Modern Treatment of Heart Disease — What You Should Know. Time is 8 p.m. at 12 Heaton St. (Lodzer Centre). No admission charge and public is invited.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Together again after the summer, the Pomegranate Guild will focus on the Baycrest Project. Come and discover new stitches and techniques you never dreamed of, and bring sewing kits, 8 p.m., Baycrest Centre/Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. No September meeting due to holidays.

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Photographed at the B'nai Brith Women of Toronto 50th anniversary celebration are (from left, foreground) Ethy Lebow, president, B'nai Brith Women of Toronto; Bea Wolfe, past president B'nai Brith Women of Canada; and Anne Weinstein, founding president of Toronto chapter, the first chapter of B'nai Brith Women of Toronto.

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Thursday, Sept. 1

YOM KIPPUR SEMINAR

A Yom Kippur seminar will be held 8:30 p.m., Kabbalah Learning Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W. Fee $15. For information, 631-9395.

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CHILD SURVIVORS CONFERENCE

The Child Survivors/Hidden Children Montreal conference, Let Memory Speak — The Legacy, takes place Oct. 7-10. There will be more than 60 workshops including some for spouses and a large number for second generation, in English and French. For information and registration forms, call Holocaust Remembrance Committee, 635-2883, ext. 153.

KADIMA CENTRE UPDATE

Kadima Centre, a social-recreational centre for developmentally disabled adults, 18 years and up, meets Tuesdays and Sundays at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. If you enjoy dances, arts and crafts, Supper Club, Glee Club, sports, trips and more, join in the open house welcome back dance, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2 p.m. For information, **Suzanne Agasee**, 636-4426.

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CONGREGATION SHAAREI TZEDEC

Learning non-service for beginners with **Rabbi Michael Skobac**, Yom Kippur, Wednesday, Sept. 14, 7-9 p.m., and Thursday, Sept. 15, 10 a.m. to noon at Congregation Shaarei Tzedec, 397 Markham St. (Bathurst-Harbord). Bring your questions. This is co-sponsored by Jewish Students' Union, University of Toronto. For information, 923-9861.

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Leah Posluns Theatre School is taking registration for introductory to advanced classes for children, teens and adults. Fall 1994 classes include Creative Drama for children, Novice Acting and Acting for Film and Television for young adults, Acting Techniques, Scene Study and Backstage Workshops for adults, and a six-subject Performance Certificate Program accredited by Seneca College. Classes begin mid-September to October. 636-1880, ext. 287/298.

STUDENTS ATTENDING UWO

Students at the University of Western Ontario are welcome to attend High Holy Day services at Congregation Or Shalom, 534 Huron St. in London (corner Adelaide and Huron). For information or a program of upcoming classes and events, call the synagogue, 438-3081.

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SHALOM RADIO PROGRAM

Zelda Young's *Shalom* program has moved to a new time on Sunday mornings, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. on CHIN 1540 AM. The daily *Shalom* program airs at the new time, 10-11 a.m., Monday through Friday on CHIN FM 100.7. Be sure to tune in to an interesting hour of *Talk Radio* every Thursday morning 10-11 a.m. on CHIN FM 100.7. If you happen to be in the New York area, there's the Zelda Young report on 1300 AM, WLIR at 11:50 a.m. Tuesdays. For information, **Zelda Young**, 633-9903 (telephone/fax) or **Johnny Lombardi** 531-5274 (fax).

CANDY TREES

Have a sweet New Year! Jordana-Yamit chapter of Hadassah-WIZO is selling kosher candy trees at a cost of $12 which includes delivery. Call **Carol**, 499-9534 (leave message).

JEWISH BODY, JEWISH SOUL

Jewish Body, Jewish Soul, a Kavannah Neshama project held at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, presents song learning with **Rabbi Daniel Komito-Gottlieb**, director, Canadian Council of Reform Judaism, Sunday, August 28, and a special Kavannah Rosh Hashanah meditative and healing service with **Rabbi Jerry Steinberg** on Wednesday, Sept. 7. For fall Jewish Body, Jewish Soul brochures and High Holy Day schedules, **Shelly Duke** at Bloor JCC, 924-6211 or at Kavannah, 485-5975.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering Bereavement Group: Young Adults — Living Through Loss. This is for young adults ages 18-26 who have experienced the loss of a parent or sibling. It begins Oct. 13 for six weeks. Call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215, for details.

STAMP DESIGN CONTEST

The Maple Post Office is sponsoring a Canada Post stamp design contest for children aged 12 and under. The contest is being held in recognition of 1994 being the International Year of the Family and youngsters are invited to create a stamp based on what makes their family special. Every entry has a chance of winning a Casio Piano Keyboard. Winning entries are not to be used for an actual Canada Post stamp design. Entries may be dropped off at the Maple Post Office or mailed to CPC Retail, International Year of the Family Contest, Suite 700, 1 Dundas St. W., Toronto, M5G 2L5. For information, 204-4195.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Become part of an innovative volunteer project that will enhance the quality of life of a person with Alzheimer's. As a Stepping In volunteer you will help someone with Alzheimer's in their home; receive training and education by skilled professionals in the field; receive direction and support; provide such activities as reminiscing, walking, reading; provide a valuable service that will maximize the person's potential and help them remain at home as long as possible. If you can give a few hours a month for a period of six months, call **Arnold Foss** at Senior Care (Community Services to Jewish Elderly), 635-2860.

The Jewish Community Centre North Y branch urgently needs young volunteers, ages 16-30, to assist in the Program department. Volunteers will plan and develop creative ideas for innovative programs together with the program director. Reference letter and Centre benefits will be provided. Contact **Rosanne**, 636-1880, ext. 358.

If you enjoy the challenge of learning a new skill and can volunteer three hours per week, The Concerned Kids needs you! The Concerned Kids will train you in puppetry skills so that you can help to educate young people throughout Greater Metro Toronto about Drug Awareness (ages 4-9), the prevention of Substance Abuse (10-14) and HIV/AIDS (10-14). Call **Joyce Attis**, 636-1656.

SCHOOL OF ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Four scholarships are available from the new performing arts day school for children in Grades 4-6 opening in September. The non-profit Randolph School of Arts has a new pilot program for 12 children that will combine an academic curriculum with training in acting, dancing and singing. Artistic director is **Ron Singer**, professor of drama at York University, 586-0288.

PARENTS AND PRESCHOOLERS

The Continuing Education Department of North York Board of Education is holding advance registration for the fall session of the Parent and Preschooler Program. This is a program where you and your children will meet other parents and caregivers and their young children. You will enjoy informal discussions, puzzles, toys, arts and crafts, physical activities and music circles. Learn more about child development and child management skills. Fall session begins the week of Sept. 19 and ends the week of Dec. 5. For registration dates and information, 395-5042.

LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE

A ladies 10-pin bowling league is looking for bowlers for Wednesday evenings at Playtime Bowl (Dufferin and Lawrence). For information, **Charlene Garten**, 221-9328.

ARTISANS AND CRAFTERS

AND Canada, the Association for the Neurologically Disabled of Canada, is recruiting artisans and crafters for Something Special, AND's annual craft and gift sale. Proceeds to help children and adults with neurological disabilities. For information or an application, 244-1992 or 1-800-561-1497.

SECULAR JEWISH ASSOCIATION

The Secular Jewish Association programs —

Children's Education — Sunday morning children's classes emphasizing humanistic Jewish ethics and Jewish history and culture taught from a non-religious viewpoint, starts Sept. 11 at 131 Fenn Ave. Information, (905) 731-7066.

Secular Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur — Observe Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur with music and poetry that explore humanistic Jewish values. Programs for the entire family. Reservations required (905) 731-7066.

CUMMER LODGE HOLIDAY SERVICE

The annual High Holiday service at Cummer Lodge will take place in the sanctuary of Kehilat Beit Avot of Cummer Lodge 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11. Organized by the Mitzvah Volunteers, the service will be led by **Carl Rees** with **Cantor Ephraim Sapir** of Beth Tikvah Congregation and **Victor Blackmman** of Temple Emanu-El to sound the shofar.

BETH SHOLOM LECTURES

Beth Sholom Adult Education Academy fall semester lectures include —

Break the Fast (Gedalia) with **Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg** speaking on Israel's Quest, Thursday, Sept. 8, 8 p.m.

Shabbat Shuva Drasha, Saturday, Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m. hear a lecture in classical Yiddish by **Rabbi Gershon Winer**.

THE COUNTRY SHUL

The Country Shul, corner Bathurst and Carville, Richmond Hill, will be having High Holy Day services in a relaxed atmosphere and an informative alternative minyan. No one will be turned away due to lack of funds. Babysitting provided. For information, **Lisa Marcus**, (905) 764-6400.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering the following groups —

Successful Step-Parenting: Learning to Step Together — for couples living with other people's children to discuss myths about step-families, building a solid couple relationship, guidelines and strategies for step-parents and helping children adjust to step-family life. Begins Oct. 4 for six weeks.

Looking Ahead — discuss anger, loneliness and looking ahead. Begins Oct. 4.

Widows/Widowers — discuss coping with grief, living alone, changing relationships and new beginnings. Begins Oct. 5.

For details, **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215.

CAMP WALDEN, CANADA

Some 1200 former staff members of Camp Walden, Canada, are invited to the 25th anniversary reunion taking place at the camp Sept. 10-11. Camp was founded in 1970 by **Ted Cole**, who is director along with his wife **Elaine** as co-director. For information, 635-0049 or (613) 758-2365.

WALK FOR THE CURE

The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Canada, Toronto chapter, and Shoppers Drug Mart Limited are introducing the first Shoppers Walk for the Cure event. On Sunday, Sept. 25, a parade of teams including families, children, friends, clubs and organizations, will meet at Coronation Park at 11 a.m. From there participants can enjoy music and entertainment while completing either the 5 or 10 km route along Toronto's waterfront streets. All proceeds go towards finding a cure for diabetes. For information and to register your team, 510-1350.

for seniors

Hungarian 60 Plus Friendship Circle writing groups and cultural programs (in Hungarian) are held bi-weekly, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 2-4 p.m., Barbara Frum Library, 20 Covington Rd., third floor. For information, 785-8456, or 784-1378.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events — a concert Tuesday, August 30, 7 p.m. at the clubhouse (members $1, non-members $2); *Pyjama Tops*, Stage West, Wednesday, Oct. 12 (members $34 includes transportation, all-you-can-eat buffet); *Show Boat*, North York Performing Arts Centre, Wednesday, Oct. 19 (members $50, buy tickets early); Atlantic City casino trip, Oct. 17-20 ($325 Canadian, deluxe rooms); don't forget Saturday night dances in the clubhouse, 7-10 p.m.; ladies take note — you can now have your hair cut by hairdresser Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to noon, reasonable price. For information, **Espie**, 395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Also, a day trip to Georgian Bay area and Wasaga Beach, Sunday, August 28, members $20, non-members $22. For information, 661-4689 or 783-9453.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is taking reservations for the Israel trip Oct. 31-Nov. 21. Registration is still open for two Stratford trips, Sept. 29 to see *Twelfth Night* and Oct. 18 for *Cyrano de Bergerac*. For information on programs and trips, **Lena**, 785-5773, or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Young at Heart Seniors has arranged a trip to the Washington Holocaust Memorial and tour with professional guides Oct. 16 for five days. Package deal $484 Canadian double occupancy, includes medical. **Doreen** or **Helen**, 635-6343.

LZA Seniors Club continues taking registration for the Miami trips every Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon, Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Rooms are booked at Di Lido Hotel. For information, **Belle**, 633-5841 or **Libby**, 782-2059. A few seats are still available for the *Pirates of Penzance* in Stratford, Wednesday, Oct. 12. A trip to Washington D.C. is coming up Oct. 30-Nov. 3.

It's Never Too Late to Quit Smoking is a quit smoking program designed for those over 55. For information, **Kim Badovinac** at North York Public Health Department, 395-7601.

Sunrise Group trips — Pines Hotel in the Catskills, Oct. 31-Nov. 4, $495; *Show Boat*, Oct. 12, $70 with lunch, $60 without; Washington D.C, Holocaust Memorial and city tour, Oct. 2-6, $450. **Esther**, 223-9165, or **Ida**, 636-8696.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) presents Looking at Life Through the Strings of a Harp with classical harpist **Jeanette Goldhar**, Monday, August 29, 1 p.m. Members $1, non-members $2. For information, **Bookie Kwart**, 225-2112.

September is Arthritis Month and La'Briyut Wellness Centre health lecture series invites you to come and enjoy The Joys of Keeping Fit and Active presented by the Arthritis Society, Thursday, Sept. 1, 1:30 p.m. Admission free and everyone is welcome.

A High Holiday lunch is set for noon Wednesday, August 31, with entertainment by **Marshal Reiss** accompanied by **Michael Khinkis**. Members $7. Concert at 1:30 p.m. Members $2, non-members $3. Tickets at Information Desk.

A trip to Washington D.C. is planned Oct. 16-20 (members only) with visit to Holocaust Memorial, city tour, dinner and show, $475 Canadian double occupancy, $655 single. Registration Mondays, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. until Sept. 8. **Barbara Zigler**, 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets every Wednesday 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. A fifth anniversary party with full dinner and entertainment takes place Oct. 5, 7 p.m. Members $14, non-members $16. Tickets at the Centre. Call **Anna**, 225-2112.

The movie *Yankee Doodle Dandy* will be screened Sunday, August 28, 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members $1.

Also Sunday, August 28, dance to the music of the Creative Band 7:30-10:30 p.m. Members $3.50, non-members $4.50.

BONDS RECEPTION

A State of Israel Bonds reception was held recently in tribute to Cedric Ritchie (right), chairman of the board of the Bank of Nova Scotia. Pictured with the honoree are his wife Barbara Ritchie and Alex Grossman, chairman of the board, State of Israel Bonds.

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Organizations and People

New day care centre offers program in Hebrew

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

VAUGHAN — Most parents would scramble to make alternative arrangements if their child's day care centre were closed down. Few, however, would come up with as unusual an arrangement as a group of Toronto parents did last year.

Rachel's Day Care, a non-profit Israeli-style "gan" for 1½- to 5-year-olds, was forced to close last September after it was discovered that the Centre Street enterprise wasn't licensed. The location had to be abandoned because of zoning difficulties.

Rachel Loiter, 45, a special education teacher in her native Israel, had "put her heart into" her new endeavor, unwittingly bypassing the necessary licensing procedures, she said.

The centre, now licensed, re-opened in a new location in Vaughan on March 29. Remarkably, none of the 26 children went elsewhere for day care in the intervening six months.

Instead, parents offered their homes on a rotating basis, and a team of five teachers worked independently, each running an in-home program for a small group of children.

"I saw the care Sari got in a month, and I became one of the [defenders] of the cause," said Dara Nathanson, a board member whose 4-year-old daughter attends the centre.

Rachel's Day Care, known in Hebrew as Gan Rachel, is the only one of its kind in Canada. It is the only licensed Israeli day care offering a program entirely in Hebrew.

Even the kosher breakfasts have an Israeli taam, with cucumbers and tomatoes forming part of the daily menu. On Fridays the centre is filled with the aroma of challot which the children prepare and take home.

Every morning each child is greeted by Loiter with a hug and kiss. Her staff includes Rivka Marants, a Russian-born teacher who spent two years in Israel, and supervisor Cheryl Solomon, an early childhood education teacher and ex-Montrealer, who will be teaching the children English starting in September.

The caring atmosphere was extended to an Israeli girl who came to Canada for brain surgery earlier this year. The children made cards for her, and she later visited the centre, where they served cake in her honor.

Loiter began offering day care in her home a few years ago to meet the needs of Israeli shlichim who were in Canada on a temporary basis. She had previously worked at Holy Blossom Religious School and at Bialik Hebrew Day School, following her immigration here seven years ago.

A typical day at the centre (which ends at 1:00 for some children, and 6:00 for others) includes up to an hour of circle time, when the children sit enraptured on small plastic chairs as an animated Loiter leads them through a series of songs, games and discussions. She ensures that each child participates equally.

The year-end party, attended by parents, was the year's highlight, planned around a Children of the World theme. Decorations, food and dancing were all reflective of the eight countries about which the children had learned. Even the youngest children knew the flags of countries such as Brazil, China and, of course, Israel.

Children at Rachel's Day Care posed in cardboard mortarboards for their end-of-year party. Each mortarboard was made by their teacher, Rachel Loiter.

"There's a different feeling here," says Solomon, who has also worked at day cares in Montreal. "There's no pushing the kids. It's very laid-back, in a positive way."

"It's a family kind of place," said Nathanson. "There are lots of celebrations."

"This day care is my life," said Loiter.

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Tues. Eve.	Sept. 6	7:15 p.m.
Wed. Morn.	Sept. 7	9:30 a.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Wed. Eve.	*Kol Nidre*	Sept. 14	7:00 p.m.
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Wednesday, September 7	Shacharit (Morning) Service	10:00 a.m.
Yom Kippur		
Wednesday, September 14	Kol Nidre	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 15	Shacharit (Morning) Service	10:00 a.m.
	Study Session	1:00 p.m.
	Experiential Workshop	2:15 p.m.
	Mincha (Afternoon) Service	3:30 p.m.
	Yizkor (Memorial) Service	*5:00 p.m.
	Ni'ilah (Concluding) Service	*6:00 p.m.

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SINGLES EVENTS

Singles events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. **Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m. , 10 days preceding issue date.** For rates or to place an ad,please call Joe at 422-2528.

The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

End of Summer Bash! Metro Toronto Singles presents our 5th annual Labour Day Weekend Party at **Berlin** 2335 Yonge St. (North of Eglinton). Sunday September 4th from 8 p.m. Door prize copy of the movie **Schindler's List. No work the next day.** Cover $12. For info 222-7111. Shana Tova to all our customers.

R.S.V.P. (Relationships Seen Through Varied Perspectives) THURSDAY AUGUST 25, 1994 Jewish Community Centre North Y Branch, 4588 Bathrust St. JCC New Leadership Divison in association with Aish HaTorah presents its **6th** informative, round table discussion for Singles 28-45. **SPEAKER MITCH MANDEL, Topic: Is Guilt A Jewish Invention?!!!** Room 206, Doors open 7:30 p.m. Program 8 p.m. sharp. Apples &. Honey/ Refreshments served. $10. RSVP 636-1880 ext. 358 **First 50 people to RSVP receive a JCC Health Club Pass.**

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ROSH HASHANAH FOODS

Rosh Hashanah is the easiest holiday to prepare food for

By EILEEN GOLTZ
Special to The CJN

I can't believe it's Rosh Hashanah already. It seems like just yesterday I was putting away my Passover dishes. Of course, the holidays are really early this year, as opposed to being late which is what happens when they're not early. I still haven't figured out what would constitute them being on time.

Rosh Hashanah, in my opinion, has got to be the easiest of the holidays to cook for. All the summer produce is still available and the fall squashes, vegetables and apples have just started to arrive in the markets. I try to use as much of the fresh fruits as I can to create something special.

Every New Year I try to introduce a variety of new dishes into my family's eating repertoire. With two days of meals to prepare this is a great opportunity to be ingenious.

However, be warned, 10-year-olds do not appreciate creativity in any form (neither do their younger brothers). If I hear "a mushroom is not a vegetable, it's a FUNGUS" one more time I'll scream. I'm ignoring their pleas for a dinner where peanut butter, macaroni and Coca-Cola are the prominent ingredients.

Here is a recipe cornucopia of different tastes to help you really celebrate. May your New Year be as sweet as honey with just the right amount of spice to keep it interesting.

TURKEY ALMONDINE

1 medium boned turkey breast, cut into filets
5 tbsp. flour
2 eggs beaten
4 to 6 oz. sliced almonds
4 to 6 tbsp. margarine
2 oranges, cut into wedges

Coat turkey with flour. Dip one side of the turkey fillet into egg and then press the almonds into the egg-dipped side of the fillet. Melt margarine in skillet. Add turkey, almond side down. Cook at medium temperature for 6 to 7 minutes and turn. Cook 8 to 10 minutes more. Squeeze orange wedges over turkey and serve. This can be made ahead by preparing the turkey and not squeezing the juice on. To serve, heat in 350 oven until warm, removing from oven and squeezing juice over chicken. Serves 5 to 6.

TWO-GRAIN PILAF WITH WILD MUSHROOMS

½ cup uncooked barley
½ uncooked wild rice, rinsed and drained
¾ cup water
1 can (14½ oz.) chicken broth
1 tsp. dried thyme leaves
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. dried marjoram leaves
¼ tsp. pepper
2 tbsp. margarine
1 medium carrot thinly sliced
1 cup sliced shiitake mushrooms (or regular mushrooms if others are unavailable)
½ cup celery, sliced
1 medium onion sliced

In a three-quart saucepan combine barley, rice, water, chicken broth, thyme, salt, marjoram and pepper. Cook over high heat until mixture comes to full boil. Reduce heat to low and cover. Continue cooking until water is gone and rice is tender (40 to 45 minutes). Meanwhile in a 10-inch skillet melt margarine until sizzling and add carrots. Cook over medium heat stirring occasionally, for about 2 minutes. Add mushrooms, celery and onions. Continue cooking, stirring occasionally, until celery is crispy and tender (2 to 3 minutes). Stir carrot mixture into rice mixture and serve. Serves 8.

SWEET GARLIC WITH CHICKEN PASTA

8 to 9 oz. garlic, minced
5½ tsp. olive oil
1½ lb. mushrooms (any variety), sliced
2 cups fresh plum tomatoes, diced
1 cup chopped green onions
1 tsp. crushed red pepper
2 cups chicken broth
1½ lb. chicken breasts, grilled, skinned, boned and diced
1 pkg. cooked bow tie noodles, rinsed and drained
4 oz. chopped parsley or cilantro

Heat olive oil in skillet, add garlic, and cook until LIGHTLY golden, not browned. Add mushrooms, tomatoes, green onions and crushed red peppers. Cook and stir 2 minutes. Add broth, simmer mixture, reducing slightly. Add chicken, noodles and half the parsley. Heat throughout. Garnish with remaining parsley.

TROPICADO HONEY SALAD

½ cup honey
¼ cup kosher red wine
2 tbsp. lime juice
dash salt
4 grapefruits, peeled and sectioned
1½ c. diced avocado
mint sprigs

Mix together honey, wine, lime juice and salt. Pour mixture over the grapefruit sections. Cover and chill several hours. Just before serving add the avocado to the grapefruit and mix lightly. Spoon into individual dishes and garnish with mint. Serves 6.

EZ APPLE PIEZ

1 ready made pie shell, uncooked

Filling

7 large tart apples, peeled, cored and quartered, then sliced thinly
½ cup brown sugar
3 tbsp. flour
½ tsp. ground nutmeg
¼ cup finely chopped pecans

Topping

1 cup flour
½ cup light brown sugar
½ cup sugar
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1 stick margarine, cut into small pieces

Preheat oven to 450. Place oven rack at lowest position. Topping: Mix flour, sugars and cinnamon together in a bowl. Cut in margarine until mixture forms moist, coarse crumbs that clump together easily. Filling: Place apples in a large bowl. Toss with lemon juice to coat. In another bowl, mix together sugar, flour, cinnamon and nutmeg and nuts. Sprinkle over the apples and toss until evenly coated. Layer apple slices in pie shell, mounding them higher in the centre. Pat topping evenly over the apples to form a crust. Place pie on cookie sheet to catch the drips. Bake 15 minutes at 450 then reduce heat to 350. Bake 45 minutes until topping is golden brown (apples will continue to cook after the pie is removed.) If the topping browns too quickly drape a piece of foil over pie. Cool completely before serving. This is great with parve ice cream or parve whipped topping. Serves 8.

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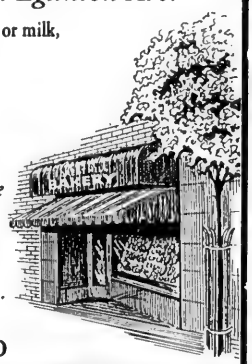

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Jerusalem Dateline

When Mark Twain visited Jerusalem, Jaffa and the Judean Mountains at the turn of the century he was surprised to learn that "nearly everyone, regardless of whether they live in the cities or the mountains, owns at least one goat."

Twain need not have been surprised, for the milk and cheese of goats have been valued in the region since the days of antiquity. All around the Mediterranean, from the Holy Land to Greece, the southern Balkans, parts of Italy, Spain and France, mountainous and stony land makes ideal conditions for raising goats.

So old is the art of making goat cheese that Pharoah Tutankhamen, who ruled Egypt 3,350 years ago, commanded his servants to place 22 tubs of his favorite goat in his burial chamber, some for him to eat while he waited to ascend to heaven and some as gifts for the gods who would welcome him to paradise.

As is seen in Homer's *Odyssey*, such cheeses also had their place in ancient Greece. Polyphemus, the one-eyed Cyclops, enjoyed nothing more than milking his ewes, thickening the milk and then making "rich and tangy cheese which he stored in straw baskets." Usually an even-tempered character, there was no reason to consider Polyphemus a monster. Only when he discovered that Odysseus and his crew members had eaten most of his precious cheese did Polyphemus decide to make Greek sailors a regular part of his diet.

In more modern times such cheeses have been particularly popular among Israeli Bedouins, nearly all of whom keep goats. As Israel became more and more modernized, however, such cheeses lost favor with the increasingly sophisticated urban population. Cheeses made from cow's milk became so widely accepted that nearly 40 years ago the large dairies of Israel made the decision not to produce goat cheeses.

Several years ago, however, to the great joy of gastronomes, a mini-revolution occurred and several small dairies, mostly located on kibbutzim and moshavim, decided to specialize in cheeses made from the milk of goats and sheep. Within a few short years, those cheeses have become the culinary rage of the nation and several of these dairies are now producing goat cheeses that rival the very best of France, Italy and the Balkan nations.

Depending on the season, the region and the process, goat and sheep's milk cheeses are now being made in such numbers that no list could hope to be complete. Among the most popular are cheeses similar to Greek feta and kasseri, Turkish kashkeval and brinza and French chevre. There are even gruyere and brie style cheeses made from creamy goat's milk.

In keeping with tradition, goat-milk cheeses are small in size, have a relatively high fat content and range from soft to medium-soft. Because goat's milk is vastly different from cow's milk, most people should not be put off by the high fat content (up to 45 per cent) of these cheeses, for goat-milk cheeses are easily digestible and contain high levels of the type of cholesterol that nutritionists tell us is good for us. They are also rich in protein, mineral salts and Vitamins A, B_1, B_2 and C.

If your guests ask, as many will, whether they should cut away and discard the rind of these cheeses, let them know that even though this is their privilege, it is unnecessary, for the rind is no less full of flavor than the cheeses themselves.

In addition to serving goat cheeses on their own (accompanied ideally by crackers, butter and, if desired, red wine), many of these cheeses are ideal for cooking. Unless otherwise indicated each of the following recipes is designed to serve 4 to 6.

FRIED GOAT CHEESE

¼ cup olive oil
4-5 cloves garlic, sliced
225 gr hard, salty kosher goats' cheese
Lemon wedges for garnish

Heat the oil in a heavy skillet and saute garlic until it is lightly browned. Remove the garlic with a slotted spoon and discard.

Cut the cheese into squares about 5 cms on each side and about 1 cm thick. Place the slices in the hot oil and cook, turning once, until the exterior of the cheese is almost but not fully melted. Remove with a slotted spoon and serve hot with the lemon wedges.

SPINACH SALAD WITH FETA CHEESE

1 clove garlic, halved
1 lb. spinach, washed and picked over well
2 hard boiled eggs, sliced
1 medium onion, thinly sliced
1 tomato, cut in wedges
½ cup kosher feta cheese, crumbled
6 tbsp. olive oil
2 tbsp. kosher red wine vinegar
½ tsp. each oregano, salt and pepper
¼ tsp. mustard powder

Run the garlic clove over the inside of the salad bowl well. Tear the spinach leaves by hand and drop into the bowl. Add the eggs, tomatoes, onion and cheese. Toss gently.

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Proper diet stressed for healthy living

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
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And God said "Behold, I have given you every herb yielding seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed — to you it shall be for food. (Gen. 1:29)

Gerald Hoffman, a certified Wellness and Lifestyle Educator specializing in nutrition knows that weight reduction can be very frustrating.

"People are told to do something about their problem, but they have no idea how to go about doing so, and they often receive no support or motivational help. This does not have to be the case, however, and with the right motivational techniques and nutritional education people can be on their way to leaner, healthier bodies," says Hoffman, founder of Weigh to Go, a wellness and lifestyle management program.

Hoffman says that diseases prevalent in North America such as cancer, diabetes, heart disease and arthritis, are diet related.

"We consider them as normal in the aging process, but medical evidence shows that other populations with a different diet have less evidence of these diseases, and studies show that the main culprit in the North American diet is fat. Whereas westerners have an approximately 45 per cent fat diet, other populations only have a 10 per cent fat diet and the main contributor of fat is animal products."

Hoffman changed his way of life five years ago after listening to a tape by Dr. Michael Klaper, who said, "If it had a face on it or came from anything that had a face on it, don't eat it."

"I decided to take responsibility for my own health," says Hoffman, "stopped eating all animal products, and wonderful things began to happen. After two weeks, I could pass the famous toe test — I could look down and see them — and my cholesterol and weight continued to decline. This happened without dieting or taking any supplements or special foods of any kind."

After a total weight loss of about 65 pounds and a significant drop in his cholesterol level, Hoffman says that he eats probably 50 per cent more than he did before, but in a different product mix. His diet now centres around the complex carbohydrates, vegetables, fruits, nuts and seeds.

"The bottom line is taking responsibility for your own health and the first thing we have to understand is the problem with nutrition — good food is not necessarily good for us."

Citing statistics from Dr. William Castelli at Harvard University, Hoffman says that Castelli has not seen any heart attacks in anyone who had a total cholesterol level of 3.9, regardless of other risk factors, such as smoking, obesity, age, hypertension, family history, or diabetes.

"A healthy diet consists of 80 per cent carbohydrates, 10 per cent fat and 10 per cent protein and to get to those figures, animal products can only be included on special occasions.

"Just prior to Rosh Hashanah is a good time to do something about a diet. Do not wait until after the holidays, but rather, serve good volumes of live, fresh foods at the yom tov dinner table. A large vegetable salad can be smothered with good tasting, low fat, low salt dressing and main dishes do not have to contain meat or eggs."

Hoffman suggests these vegetarian dishes, suitable for a yom tov dinner, supplied by the Jewish Vegetarian Association.

Vegetarian diet

VEGETARIAN KISHKE

2 stalks celery, chopped
¼ cup wheat germ
1 carrot, grated
2 tsps. paprika
1 large onion, chopped well
Dash of pepper
½ cup oil
2 tbsp. kosher tamari
1¼ cup whole wheat flour

Blend all ingredients together. Spoon half on aluminium foil and roll into a cylinder. Do the same with remaining half of the mixture. Place on baking pan and put in oven for 45 minutes at 350 degrees. Turn gently. Cook 45 more minutes.

PASTA AND BEAN STEW

1 large carrot
1 large onion
1 large leek
1 large potato
3 oz. haricot beans, well cooked
3 oz. pasta shells
2 tsp. tomato puree
2 tsp. mixed herbs
1 tbsp. oil
1 cup water

Peel and slice onion and carrot, peel and cube potato and chop leek into ½ inch sections. Heat oil in pan and saute vegetables gently for a few minutes. Add water, herbs and tomato puree. Bring to boil, cover and simmer for up to 10 minutes. Add pasta, beans, and cook for another 20 minutes or until vegetables are just tender. Season to taste.

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THE PURSUIT OF NAZI WAR CRIMINALS – A SYMPOSIUM

Is It Too Late To Pursue War Criminals?

by Milton Harris

Why prosecute old men for war crimes committed in a war that ended before most living Canadians were born? That is the question that persistently dogs all advocates of war crimes trials.

Because Canada's War Crimes legislation covers not only the Second World War but also present day war crimes or crimes against humanity, this same question will also have to be dealt with by future generations of Canadians.

The "leave the poor old fellows alone to die in peace" proponents attack from several angles:

Why Pursue Old Men Who Probably Have Not Harmed Anyone for Half a Century?

Under the 1987 amendments to Canada's Criminal Code, alleged war criminals can be prosecuted only for "underlying offences" such as murder, manslaughter, or kidnapping, enhanced by the further quality of being war crimes or crimes against humanity.

Contrary to long-settled principles of English law, does anyone believe in a statute of limitations for serious crimes like murder? Should a murderer who has eluded capture for 50 years not be made to face responsibility for his crime?

What if, instead of killing himself, the murderer of 14 women at the University of Montreal in 1992 had escaped? Suppose he had eluded capture for 50 years. Should we then let him go scot free as a reward for successfully evading capture until he was 75 years old?

When Helmut Rauca was 74 years old, in 1982, he faced an extradition hearing in a Canadian court, accused of causing the murder of more than 3,000 women, as well as almost 5,000 children. Why should the passage of time exculpate this crime? Upon confirmation that the evidence of his guilt was persuasive, and a denial of his appeal, Rauca was extradited to West Germany where he died in prison awaiting trial for these monstrous crimes.

After so Many Years, Should We Not Forgive Crimes That, After All, Were Committed in the Passion of War?

Unfortunately, the public often thinks of a "war criminal" as someone who is incited by the fervour of war to shoot captured soldiers or machine gun seamen escaping from a torpedoed ship. But the Nazis' merciless program to murder all the Jews had nothing to do with winning the war against the Allied armies. Indeed, the Germans' relentless pursuit of the "final solution of the Jewish problem" often interfered with the successful conduct of the war. As the Germans' long retreat on the Russian front progressed, the supply of railroad cars to provision the retreating troops became crucial. Nothing, however, restrained Adolph Eichmann's power to commandeer scarce railroad cars away from the German war effort so he could transport Jews to their death.

Today, extremist Hutus are hacking defenceless men, women and children to death in Rwanda in a civil war of purposeful extermination. If, after the war ends, some of these perpetrators were to be found in Canada, should we excuse these repulsive murders because they were committed in the heat of war? Can any country that considers itself part of the Community of Nations accept such a defence?

Why do We Insist on Wreaking Vengeance on Those Who Were Only Doing Their Duty by Following National Law or Superior Orders When Their Country Was at War?

The defence of "only following orders", or obeying the law in place at the time can hardly excuse crimes that are obviously beyond the limits of lawful behaviour in any civilized society. What kind of world order will ever be created if we allow criminal governments to murder, at will, groups of their own citizens or those of conquered territories?

In early 1993 a Bosnian Serb confessed that he had raped and murdered several Moslem women in obedience to an order from the Serb leadership to "ethnically cleanse" disputed territory by terrorizing the Moslems. If tried in a Canadian court, no jury would accept his defence that he did not know he was committing a crime because he was only obeying *de facto* law or following orders.

Should we exonerate a machine gunner who was one of those murderers of 35,000 men, women and small children at Babi Yar because he was following orders from his Einsatz Group commander? Can anyone claim that he did not know he was committing a crime when he murdered a two-year old girl with a pistol shot to the back of the head? In law, this is called "manifest illegality", and every reasonable person knows, or ought to know, this is a heinous crime.

What Canadian Court Could Ever Believe Eye-Witnesses Who Are Digging Into Their Memories to Recall Details of Events That Happened a Half Century Ago?

Without careful thought it would seem incredible that someone could remember, and bear witness to small details of events that happened a half century before. Yet, in the denaturalization hearing in Vancouver against Jacob Luitjens in 1992, Mr. Justice Collier of the Federal Court believed testimony from eight eye-witnesses who recounted memories from events in Holland 50 years before. He concluded that events sufficiently traumatic are retained for life. This is an easy proposition to test on ourselves: anyone of us who was 10 years old or more at the time, can remember every detail of the news report, and what we were doing, when we first heard about the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, or President Roosevelt's death in 1945, or the assassination of John F. Kennedy in 1963. Judges and juries will believe witnesses recounting the smallest details from 50 year old memories of seeing a friend deported, an elderly woman shot, or a son murdered.

Despite the passage of so many years – despite the failure, so far, to convict anyone charged under the new section – War Crimes or Crimes Against Humanity that are so "manifestly illegal" that they will offend the conscience of a Canadian jury will still result in convictions of the perpetrators. That will be the ultimate answer to the question: "why pursue these criminals for their crimes committed a half century ago?"

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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

The pursuit of Nazi war criminals who found refuge in Canada has proven to be a frustrating experience for the Jewish community. In the first place, there has been only sporadic coverage by the media of whatever efforts the Canadian Government has actually expended to find and prosecute these criminals. Secondly, the fact that it has taken almost half of a century for the government to come to grips with the problem has led to the suspicion that the efforts have themselves only been half-hearted, despite persistent prodding by the Canadian Jewish Congress and others. Lastly, the legal issues which arose in this area have led to redefining the issues in which Canada has had very little experience.

The result of all this is that many Canadian Jews are confused about what actually has transpired and what still needs to be done if the issue is finally to be laid to rest. We present in this issue a symposium: The Pursuit of Nazi War Criminals. Milton Harris, one of the leaders of CJC's efforts to prod our Government to keep the issue on the front burner, despite the difficulties involved, directly confronts this question and its various ramifications. He argues strongly for the need to continue the pursuit as energetically as possible.

Jack Silverstone National Executive Director of CJC, has been immersed in the problem on almost a daily basis. He outlines this involvement and gives us a summary of its history. He also points out how these efforts which have succeeded in only one actual case thus far – that of Jacob Luitjens who was deported – have nonetheless had an important effect in that the Supreme Court of Canada has made short shrift of all the constitutional arguments that have been thrown up against our efforts to prosecute these criminals.

Arnold Fradkin has been involved specifically in the technical legal aspects of the question, and has reviewed the developments in this area over almost the last half century. He also offers a comparison between the American and Canadian approaches to the issue. He concludes that revocation of citizenship and deportation proceedings have thus far proven to be a successful way to proceed.

Jim Torczyner and Shari Brotman have made an exhaustive analysis of the 1991 census which has recently been made public. We are fortunate that in Canada the census includes statistics on Canadian Jews, an area not included in the American census. These figures and the light they throw on the future of the Canadian Jewish community are an indispensable element in the planning of our community leadership. As we know, Jewish "continuity" has become the most recent buzzword in these discussions and the authors explain in some detail how this is a reflection of the view that a serious decline in the number of Jews in Canada is imminent, a view with which they disagree. Their reasons for this stance raises questions on the relative importance of ethnicity and religion in the Jewish psyche, an issue that has seldom been raised but is both interesting and important.

The tremendous implications for world Jewry of the now irreversible drive toward peace between Israel and the Arab world are just beginning to be digested by Jewish leaders. One thing is certain: the relationship between Israeli and Diaspora Jews will henceforth be dramatically different.

Varying predictions on this question are already being advanced. Some are saying that the major Jewish concern of this century heretofore has been whether Israel will survive the concerted onslaught from the Arab world; now that Israel's survival is ensured, the major Jewish concern will be whether the Diaspora will survive. A second question is the one Professor Bauer analyses in his article *Diaspora and Israeli Jews: One People or Two?*; now that Israel can look forward to even more financial support from the USA, a drastic reduction in military expenditures and increased trade with all the Middle East countries, it will need to rely less and less on financial support from Diaspora Jews. It will tend therefore to set its own priorities as a State which may differ drastically from the Zionist impulse and the religious principles in which Zionism is embedded.

Assuming therefore that both Israeli and Diaspora Jews will survive, does this portend that the Jews will gradually become two people rather than one?

Monica Shapiro has sent us a sensitive account of her reaction to a retreat for CJA leadership in which she participated in August 1993. She indicates how important it is for our leaders (and all of us) to take time out from dealing with our crowded community agenda to reflect on our history and our religion. Such an exercise can do much to "illuminate our journey as Jews".

Two poems by Ken Sherman conclude our issue.

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War Crimes Prosecutions: Post-Finta

by Jack Silverstone

Prior to the establishment of the Commission of Inquiry on War Criminals, commonly known as the Deschênes Commission, in 1985 and the production of its report in 1987, it could be fairly said of this country that if Martin Bormann or some other notorious Nazi war criminal were to have been found walking down any main street in Canada, the response of the Federal Justice Department would have been that unless some other non-Soviet country wanted him – and even then, only pursuant to rigorous extradition conditions – there was nothing that could be done to deal with the presence of this person on Canadian soil.

Now, some seven years since the tabling of the Deschênes Commission report and the subsequent implementation of amendments to the Canadian Criminal Code and other relevant legislation that deal with the presence in Canada of suspected war criminals, the question: Has the situation improved? must be answered with an unequivocal yes. Should we then be satisfied with the results? An equally unequivocal no must be the response.

Five cases have been brought forward since 1987. Four of those five have been criminal prosecutions. Two failed even to get to trial despite very serious allegations. Those were the cases of Michael Pawlowski in Ottawa and Stephen Reistetter in St. Catharines, Ontario. One, that of Imre Finta of Toronto, resulted in an acquittal after a lengthy jury trial. That verdict was upheld at the Ontario Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada. Another criminal proceeding, that against Radislav Grujicic, is ongoing in Windsor, Ontario, at the time of writing.

Only One Successful War Crimes Case

The one successful post-Deschênes case thus far involved the denaturalization of Jacob Luitjens, a former botany professor at the University of British Columbia. Mr. Luitjens, who was convicted *in absentia* by the Dutch of collaborating with the Nazis in occupied Holland during the Second World War, was stripped of his Canadian citizenship for the concealment of his war record and deported to Holland, where he was immediately imprisoned. He is set to be released in the spring of next year.

In the Finta matter, the Supreme Court of Canada, in a recent 4-3 decision, rejected the Crown's appeal for a new trial. The judgment has aroused the ire of many students of the war-crimes issue for its apparent move away from the broadly accepted Nuremberg principles of international law. The decision raises the standard of *mens rea* – Latin for "the guilty mind" – an essential element in most Criminal Code offences, to a very high level. It is mooted that this will act as a severe impediment to any possible success in future war-crimes cases, Nazi or otherwise. An obscure provision in the Supreme Court rules of practice has been invoked to try to get the Court to re-hear the matter or at least to produce supplementary reasons that would clarify the position and thereby, hopefully, facilitate, rather than impede, future criminal proceedings. Not unsurprisingly, the Supreme Court of Canada rejected the petition without issuing reasons, as is their custom.

Supreme Court Swept Away Old Bugaboos Against Prosecution

Where does this decision leave us in Canada

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today? For one thing, the Supreme Court made short shrift of all the constitutional arguments that for so long had been thrown up in the faces of those who wanted to bring suspected Nazi war criminals in Canada to trial. Retroactivity, selective unfairness, unreasonable delay – all the old bugaboos that mitigated against prosecution – were swept away by the Supreme Court, as indeed they were in the Ontario Court of Appeal. This is undoubtedly a positive development.

Finta was accused of supervising the holding area and the loading of thousands of Jews from the Szeged ghetto in Hungary onto transport trains to the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp. Without minimizing the gravity of his crime, a Canadian jury could, and apparently did, infer that the manifest illegality of his activity was not sufficient to convict. Had the case involved his parading up and down the holding area with a pistol in hand, shooting people, this would have likely led to a conviction by a Canadian jury. In other words, patently egregious cases should be negatively affected by the Finta judgment.

A gnawing concern, however, is that the negative aspects of the judgment may be put forward by recalcitrant prosecutors – who are all too often too timid to proceed anyway – as a crutch for further inaction.

The criminal prosecution option was the result of the so-called "made-in-Canada" solution, adopted after much pressure from Canadian groups of various European origins who agitated vehemently and vigorously against deportation or extradition to then-Soviet bloc countries. Although holding much initial promise, in Canada the criminal prosecutions remedy for war crimes has not been a stirring success.

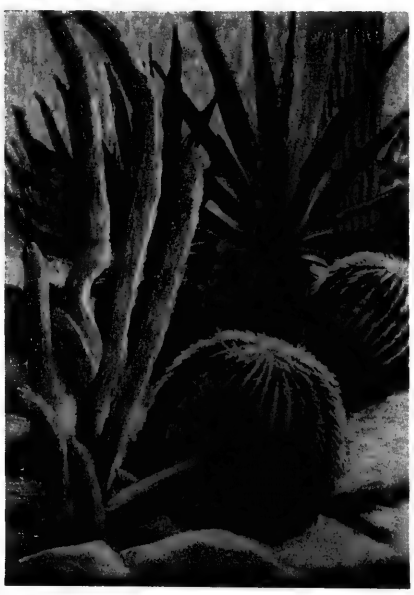
By their nature, these cases will never be easy. Witnesses are hard to come by, as older survivors and eyewitnesses are often reluctant to relive the past or to travel to this jurisdiction to give evidence. They all require meticulous, determined and aggressive lawyering and police work in order to bring them to a successful conclusion.

A good example of this was a pre-Deschênes proceeding, the 1983 extradition from Canada to then-West Germany of Albert Helmut Rauca, the notorious former commander of the Kaunas ghetto. Rauca died in a jail cell before he could be brought to trial. This case demonstrated what can be accomplished by dedicated, determined and experienced prosecutors. The same was even more true in the Luitjens denaturalization.

Revocation of Citizenship and Deportation Must Be Emphasized

The question that must obviously be posed is: Why, in the face of several unsuccessful criminal efforts, has not the denaturalization remedy, based upon the successful Luitjens precedent, been used with greater alacrity? No satisfactory answer has yet been provided. While perhaps it may have been politically preferable to ensure that individuals were tried in Canada during the Soviet era that is past, and surely the revocation of citizenship and deportation route must be given expanded consideration.

The new justice minister, the Hon. Allan Rock, has made pronouncements on the war-crimes issue, indicating it to be a priority of his government and ministry. He has stated that there are files on his desk that he is reviewing with a view to deciding whether or not to proceed with prosecutions or to turn them over to his ministerial colleague, the Hon. Sergio Marchi, minister of immigration, for denaturalization proceedings. The March 1994 deadline for prioritization of cases set by his predecessors has now come and gone, and the matter remains unresolved. Without entering into a numbers game, the best estimate is that there are some ten to twenty serious cases which are either on the minister's desk or on their way through the Justice Department's war-crimes unit to him now. How these pending cases play out over the next several months will obviously affect the credibility of the Justice Department.



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Canada Still Viewed As a Haven for Nazi Criminals

As a footnote, there remains another outstanding matter: that of Vladimir Sokolov, who was alleged to have been a Nazi propagandist in occupied Russia during the Second World War. While not necessarily accused of war crimes, Sokolov did flee the United States in 1989 ahead of a denaturalization proceeding and chose, of all places, Montreal. This was particularly disturbing in that it was only two years after the report of the Deschênes Commission, which produced startling revelations about Canada as a haven for Nazi war criminals in the post-War period. Sokolov's status and whereabouts are unknown today. Canadian Jewish Congress has made a motion before the Federal Court to have the government reveal just that. The matter is currently being litigated. What resonates is that Canada is still being perceived as a haven by Nazi criminals and collaborators.

For discredited ex-U.S. rocket scientist Arthur Rudolph and his friends in Alabama, that perception proved to be an error. Accused of using slave labour in the German missile program during the war, Rudolph voluntarily gave up his American residency and returned to Germany. When he tried to return to the U.S. via Canada in 1992, he was barred and ordered deported from this country.

Not Enough Lessons Have Been Learned

One of the saddest truths that emanates from this whole process is that not enough lessons have been learned. In our contemporary society, war crimes and crimes against humanity continue at a disturbing pace. One need only look at Rwanda, the former Yugoslavia, and other trouble spots in the world. It is interesting to note that Mr. Justice Deschênes, who headed up the Canadian commission of inquiry, is now one of the judges on an international panel attempting to formulate a methodology for prosecuting suspected war crimes and crimes against humanity in the Bosnian conflict. Whether they will succeed remains to be determined, and what deterrent effect the existence of such a commission has on the contemporary scene will only be determined later.

However, this leads to another crucial question: If Canada will not actively and aggressively seek to bring suspected Nazi war criminals to justice, even after many of them were permitted entry into this country surreptitiously and quite improperly, then what gives us the moral standing and right to judge contemporary war criminals, be they in Europe, Africa or elsewhere? The issue of bringing suspected Nazi war criminals in Canada to the bar of justice must be front and centre on the agenda of everyone interested in human rights, for that is precisely what it is: a human-rights issue, an issue of law, justice and morality.

Dealing With Nazi War Criminals In North America:

A Comparative Review

by Arnold Fradkin

Some time after the Second World War, the governments of Canada and the United States became increasingly aware of the possibility that they had admitted Nazi war criminals and collaborators as immigrants, and had granted them citizenship. By 1971, reports began to appear in the *Toronto Star* and by 1986 revelations of the existence of Nazi persecutors hiding in Canada and evading justice appeared on television and in other newspapers across the nation with some regularity. According to Chief Justice Deschenes, estimates of their numbers ranged from a "handful" according to the Justice Department to 6,000 cited by Simon Wiesenthal. After 1983 estimates from non-government persons never fell below 1,000. In the United States, estimates were in the thousands. The American Government had initiated some legal proceedings but they were only a handful and basically ineffective, and media reports were increasingly critical. Eventually both countries made a commitment to resolve the problem. They went about it in different ways.

The Canadian Experience

By Order in Council approved February 7, 1985, the Government of Canada referred the matter to a Royal Commission of Inquiry chaired by Chief Justice Deschenes. It stated (in part), that the Government

> "wishes to adopt all appropriate measures necessary to ensure that any such war criminals currently resident in Canada, or hereafter found in Canada, are brought to justice."

And it found as a fact that after 1948:

> "whether by coincidence or by design, in the third of a century which followed, Canada devoted not the slightest energy to the search and prosecution of war criminals."

For Jews, especially for survivors of the Holocaust, and for Canadians generally, the possibility that such persons continue to live, unhindered, unrepentant and unpunished in our country is a continuing perversion of our sense of justice. It is an obscenity compounded by our awareness of reports that Canadian immigration policy after the Second World War had the effect of making it easier for Nazis to enter this country than for Jewish survivors. The need to effectively remove this shadow on Canada's integrity is a moral imperative of the highest order.

A special litigation unit within the Department of Justice was set up in the spring of 1987 under the auspices of Bill Hobson, Q.C., who was at that time Assistant Deputy Attorney General of Canada, and an investigation unit was organized within the RCMP.

Since the spring of 1987 proceedings have been instituted against five alleged Nazi was criminals living in Canada. Four of these proceedings were by way of criminal proceedings, and one by revocation of citizenship and deportation. Only the latter proceeding has, to date been successful, in the case of Jacob Luitjens. **Continued on page 4**

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Jewish Continuity in Canada

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Of all the dimensions of collective life, survival as a people remains the overarching and paramount Jewish communal concern. The five thousand year saga of Jewish history has unfolded in a distinct and often perilous fashion. From pogroms to the Holocaust and national rebirth in the State of Israel, from forced conversion to voluntary assimilation, from being Jewish by choice to having no choice but to be Jewish, the global Jewish experience has been one of survival and rebirth in the face of adversity.

The code word for Jewish survival is continuity. In North America where Jews have not experienced physical persecution, the threat to "continuity" has been one of assimilation, weakened identity, intermarriage and a negative birth rate. From time to time, one hears sounds of alarm concerning the imminent decline of the Jewish community and its impending, self-imposed oblivion. Over the past few years, the theme of "continuity" has re-emerged as the central agenda item of Jewish communal organizations in North America. In Canada both nationally and across the country, conferences, commissions, councils and committees have been established by Jewish communal organizations in an attempt to combat this "imminent threat" to Jewish life.

Continuity refers to two aspects of the Jewish experience. The first concerns the ability of the Jewish community to increase or at least maintain its numbers. This is achieved through births, immigration, and conversions to Judaism. It is counteracted by emigration, deaths, and assimilation through the marriage of Jews to non-Jews. The second aspect of continuity concerns the strength of Jewish identity. The cohesion of the Jewish community is achieved through involvement in communal life, religious practice, links to Israel and communal identification.

The impetus for this shift in community priorities has much to do with research findings published in the United States based on the Council of Jewish Federations 1990 National Jewish Population Survey. Among its findings,the study reported that 28% of

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all currently married born Jews are married to non-Jews. Even more alarming, the study determined a 52% intermarriage rate for all born Jews who married since 1985. Combined with findings about low birth rates and varied and weakened forms of identity, the study rang the alarm bells about the threat to Jewish survival, and "continuity" became the clarion call of the U.S. Jewish federations.

It has often been assumed that Canadian Jewry is almost indistinguishable demographically from its counterpart in the United States. Gary Tobin, a leading demographic scholar based at Brandeis university, claims that to the extent that Canadian Jews are different from American Jews it is a function of being a newer community with higher rates of immigration. Tobin argues that these differences will disappear within a generation, and that Canadian Jews will follow the American pattern of assimilation within a few years. Such assertions are echoed by some Canadian academics who claim that high rates of intermarriage coupled with declining birthrates and questions about changing patterns of Jewish identification and affiliation, have led them to a view that the decline of the Jewish people in Canada is imminent.(Davids, 1989; Brym, 1993). Canada, however, is not the United States, and Canadian Jews have distinctive characteristics which set them apart from their American counterparts. Our analyses of the 1991 Canadian census demonstrate that these fashionably grim assessments of the decline of Canadian Jewry are inaccurate. Rather, the Jewish community in Canada is larger, stronger and has more children than it did in 1981, and rates of intermarriage remain substantially lower than those in the United States. We base this assessment on overall growth rates, patterns of identification and rates of intermarriage as dimensions of continuity which we explore in the 1991 Census and compare them to findings from the 1981 Census and from the CJF 1990 population study in the United States.

We do not suggest, however, that there is no cause for concern. Indeed, Canadian Jewish life is demographically similar to the United States in many ways. The data indicate that there are significant threats in Canadian life to the continuity of the Jewish community, and that these threats tend to pattern the American experience. These threats, however, are more modest, less sweeping, and more regional in nature than they are in the United States. In sum, the threats themselves are more Canadian. This article identifies the communities and populations at risk to better pinpoint the nature of the problem and its possible solutions.

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A COMPARATIVE REVIEW

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The judgment delivered by the Court in the Luitjens case was of immense precedential value. The court expressly accepted witnesses' testimony concerning facts which occurred more than 40 years ago, accepted and utilized expert evidence to assist in its findings, characterized the Holocaust as "accepted historical fact" and accepted circumstantial evidence of immigration fraud which was extremely important.

The United States Experience

The past history of Nazi war criminals in the United States is, in some ways, similar to that of Canada. Suspected Nazi war criminals entered that country in considerable numbers and for thirty years little if anything was done. Alan Ryan Jr., former Director of the Office of Special Investigation (OSI) in his book *Quiet Neighbours, Prosecuting Nazi War Criminals in America*, put it this way:

> For nearly thirty years, we ignored the evidence that Nazi war criminals were in America, and we allowed the Government's enforcers to look the other way as well. We simply were not interested in the possibility that those who had killed innocent people might have found sanctuary among us.
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> This indifference persisted well into the 1970's when at last a few determined men and women in Congress insisted that the Justice Department investigate these criminals and take legal action against them.

Finally in 1979 the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) set up the office of Special Investigation headed by Assistant Attorney General Philip Heymann, a Harvard Law School professor on leave to the Government. Alan Ryan, Director of the OSI has stated:

> "The prosecution of Nazi criminals in America was not exclusively a Jewish issue. What was needed was tough, fair, vigorous prosecution. Still, the complaint of the American Jewish representatives was that the INS had not been committed to the prosecution of Nazis, and that it was insensitive to the jarring injustice that the murderers of eleven million people – six million of them Jews – should find haven in the United States."

In its fourteen years of existence, the OSI has achieved an admirable record of success. Forty-seven Nazi persecutors in the United States have had their citizenship revoked, thirty-five have been deported, extradited, or have left the country voluntarily, and seventeen cases are presently pending in the courts.

The Canadian and United States Experience Compared

In many ways Canada's legislation permitting criminal prosecution of alleged war criminals is the most advanced and noble of the means adopted by countries to deal with this issue. Unlike the situation in the United States, persons in Canada accused of war crimes will stand trial in Canada for those crimes, wherever committed, in accordance with our judicial values and practices. And if convicted, they would face imprisonment in our jails rather than have their citizenship revoked and/or be deported. Unlike the recent legislation in Australia and the United Kingdom, the Canadian legislation applies not only to Nazis but to all war criminals, past, present and future, and to all war crimes. In effect, Canada has put itself in the position of an international war crimes court since it has jurisdiction to try any war criminals found here for crimes committed anywhere in the world.

On the other hand, the skillful use of revocation of citizenship, deportation and extradition employed by the United States to deal with and/or rid the country of Nazi war criminals has been highly effective.

The programs dealing with Nazi war criminals adopted by Canada and the United States will, no doubt, be minutely scrutinized and judged by lawyers, historians, politicians, academics and others in the years to come. What is clear at the moment is that both countries have expressed their will to deal with Nazi war criminals and that in both countries revocation of citizenship and deportation proceedings have, so far, proven to be a successful way of doing so.

Understanding the Definition of Jewish in the Canadian Census:

The Canadian Census represents the largest data base of any Jewish population outside of the state of Israel. Its 20% sample reflects responses of 71,200 Jews along an extensive range of socio-economic demographic variables. Unlike the US Census, which does not ask questions on religious affiliation, the Canadian Census asks respondents questions on both Religious Affiliation and Ethnic Ancestry. These questions are: "To which ethnic or cultural group(s) did your ancestors belong?" "To which religion or denomination do you belong?"

Respondents to the census are permitted to choose only one religion. They may choose up to four ethnic affiliations. These ethnic responses, however, are not reported in order of priority, and, consequently, one cannot make any inferences regarding the strength of identity based on multiple ethnicity alone.

Both in 1981 and in 1991, the Council of Jewish Federations and the McGill Consortium for Ethnicity and Strategic Social Planning, developed a core definition of Jewishness according to the census as follows:

"A Jew is someone who identifies him/herself as being 'Jewish by religion', or 'Jewish by religion and Jewish by ethnic origin' (i.e. Jewish Religion and Polish by Ethnic Origin) or 'Jewish by ethnic origin with no religion".

Thus, the only group excluded from this core definition of Jewishness are those persons who identified themselves as Jewish ethnically but with a religion other than Jewish (i.e. Catholic by religion and Jewish by Ethnic Origin). Jews by religion, ethnic Jews, and secular Jews with no religious affiliation are all included in this definition.

Various theories have been put forward regarding what the different components of Jewishness measured by the Census (i.e. religion alone, religion and ethnicity, ethnicity and no religion) mean in terms of the strength of Jewish identity. Views on this matter are also related to important ideological preferences. We do not seek to advance ideological positions but hope to inform them with data and analysis. The issue of Jewish Identification will be discussed further on in this article.

Growth of the Jewish Community

The Jewish population in Canada reached 356,315 persons in 1991. This represents an actual growth rate of 14.2% and in increase of 44,215 Jews in the last decade. This substantial growth of the Jewish community is not uniform. Vancouver experienced the largest percentage increase in its Jewish population (31%) while Toronto outdistanced all other Jewish communities in terms of its actual gain in numbers. The Toronto Jewish community increased by more than 33,000 persons and this represents a growth rate of 26.4%. Clearly, Toronto has become the demographic centre of Canadian Jewry. Almost half of all Jews in Canada (45.6%) lived in Toronto in 1991. Very few Jewish communities experienced a net loss in population in the past ten years (Montreal, Winnipeg and Windsor), and the losses for Montreal and Winnipeg (2.1% and 6.2% respectively), were far less than what had been expected or previously reported.

Generally speaking, changes in the size of Jewish communities patterned overall changes in Canadian cities as a whole. Urban centres such as Toronto, Vancouver and Ottawa which experienced growth rates of between 28 and 31% in the past ten years also experienced comparable increases within their Jewish communities. Cities which had relatively small growth rates – Montreal, Windsor and Winnipeg – lost Jewish population in the last decade.

Changes in the overall size of Jewish communities are functions of complex and often competing processes. Immigrants, migrants from other parts of Canada, births, converts and persons who renew their identification as Jews account for most increases in population size. Out-migration, emigration, deaths, marrying out, or ceasing one's identification account for most population losses. Some of these factors are measured by the census. Immigration and increased numbers of children are two such factors and they account for most of the increased size in the Jewish community in Canada.

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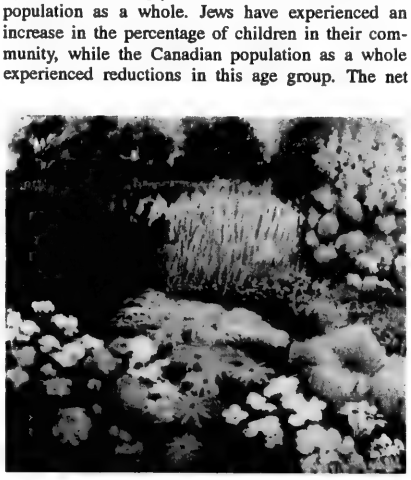
More than 30,000 Jews immigrated to Canada in the past ten years, and these persons account for 70% of the increase in the size of the Jewish community. Close to one out of ten Canadian Jews immigrated to Canada in the last ten years, and more than 15% of all Jews in Canada today arrived in the past 20 years. This is almost twice the percentage of immigrants in the past 20 years in the Canadian population as a whole (8.9%).

The impact of immigrants on Jewish communal life is profound. Immigrants are less likely to intermarry. They are more likely to live more traditional Jewish lifestyles, have larger families, and live in cities with well developed Jewish institutional networks. 80% of Jewish immigrants to Canada in the last ten years settled in Toronto or Montreal.

In relation to continuity, immigration has a positive effect, and on this dimension alone there are substantial differences between the Canadian and U.S. experiences. In Canada, 70% of all Jews were born in Canada. In the United States, 92% of the CJF National Population Study sample were born in the United States.

The nature of Jewish immigration, however, is changing. Almost half of all Jewish immigrants to Canada in the past ten years were born either in the former Soviet Union or in Israel (25%; 20%). One in four was born in South Africa or in the United States. The demographic characteristics which these groups develop may or may not be similar to those of previous immigrants.

A second factor which both contributes to the overall growth of the Jewish community as well as confounds popular conception is the increase of the number of children 0-14 years of age in the last ten years. This population increased from 72,115 persons to 74,345 persons. This 3% change helps to balance out the age structure of the Jewish community which increasingly resembles that of the Canadian population as a whole. Jews have experienced an increase in the percentage of children in their community, while the Canadian population as a whole experienced reductions in this age group. The net effect, however, was that in 1991, 21% of all persons in both the Jewish and Canadian populations as a whole were in the 0 – 14 age range.



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As previously mentioned, our standard Jewish definition is composed of the interplay of the ethnicity and religion variables. Approximately 90% of the Jewish community identifies Jewishly by religion. Of this group 88% stated that they were also Jewish by Ethnic Origin, while 12% of this group identify with Jewish Religion alone or with some other Ethnic Origin (like Polish). Only 10% of the entire Jewish community said they had no religion and were Jewish by Ethnic Origin. Clearly, most Jews define themselves by religion.

Patterns of Jewish Identification

Of particular interest to Jewish communal planning are the percentage of Jews who identify only on the dimension of ethnicity. Overall, approximately 1 out of 10 Jews identifies only ethnically. There is, however, very great variation in this pattern. Montreal has the lowest rate of "nonreligious identification" at 4.5% and is followed closely by Toronto at 6.3%. Vancouver's rates, on the other hand, are close to 26%, and is followed by Halifax and Ottawa at 16% and 14% respectively.

A general argument has been put forward by various scholars and planners that ethnic identification connotes a weaker communal bond than religious identification. One way of testing this hypothesis is to examine the relationship between the percentage of Jews who identified only ethnically with the percentage of persons who we have not included in our Jewish definition – those who identify ethnically as Jews while identifying with a religion other than Jewish. The hypothesis would be that those communities which have higher percentages of "ethnic identifiers with no religion" would also have higher percentages of persons who identify ethnically as Jews **"with another religion"**. This relationship could be seen as a continuum with religion representing the strongest Jewish bond and ethnic Jews with another religion indicating the weakest.

To test this relationship and for the purposes of this analysis alone, we added those persons who identify as Jews ethnically and with a religion other than Jewish to our total Jewish population. Remember that these individuals are not included in the basic Jewish definition. However, when we add these people in to the sample, we produce a national population with any form of Jewish identification of 405,955. Close to 50,000 persons identified with a religion other than Jewish while indicating at least part of their ethnicity to be Jewish.

We find a very direct relationship which supports this hypothesis: the greater the percentage of Jews who identify only along the ethnicity dimension, the higher the percentage of persons who identify ethnically as Jews with some other religion. Within this expanded concept, 12.2% identified ethnically as Jews with some other religion, and almost another 10% responded ethnically as Jews with no religion. The combined effect of these two weaker forms of identification is highest in Halifax and Vancouver (48% and 44% respectively) and lowest in Montreal and Toronto (9% and 13%). There is also a very strong correlation with intermarriage rates.

Intermarriage

Information on intermarriage was retrieved from the census by counting and analyzing the characteristics of the number of Jewish persons who lived in families where at least one parent was not Jewish by the standard definition utilized throughout this study. This definition is based on self reporting, and it is not possible in the census to distinguish between Jews by birth and those who became Jews by choice. Preliminary findings from the 1991 census indicate that intermarriage rates have gone up in every major Jewish centre. Nationally, 13% of all Jews lived in intermarried families, and they accounted for 46,000 persons. This represents an increase of 33% in the last ten years in relation to this important dimension of continuity.

If one looks at intermarriage rates only in relation

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to all persons in husband-wife families (as opposed to examining intermarriage as a percentage of the entire Jewish population – including persons living alone) the rates are not substantially higher. 16.4% of all Jewish persons living in husband-wife families, lived in a household where one spouse was not Jewish. The 1990 National Jewish Population Survey conducted by the Council of Jewish Federations found intermarriage rates much higher in the United States (28%).

These rates of intermarriage varied widely. Once again, Montreal had the lowest intermarriage rates at 6.8% and Vancouver had the highest rates at 24.5%. There is an inverse relationship between religious identification and intermarriage. That is, those communities where a higher percentage of Jews identified as Jews without religious affiliation also had higher rates of intermarriage.

What accounts for the dramatic differences and percentage change in intermarriage rates across Canada? It appears that size, institutional completeness, and population shifts have an important effect on these rates. The two largest Jewish centres have the lowest rates of intermarriage (Montreal, Toronto). Generally speaking, smaller Jewish population centres have higher rates of intermarriage.

It is difficult to reconcile two competing phenomena in relation to smaller Jewish communities. On the one hand, young Jews who wish to find Jewish partners leave small communities and move to bigger centres – leaving behind those persons who are more assimilated and less concerned about this issue. Simultaneously, in addition to Toronto, it has been the smaller communities which have experienced rapid growth. It is often young people who move to these centres, and they too may be less concerned about marrying another Jew. Sometimes the smallest of samples permits us to observe more clearly larger phenomena. Our data on communities with less than one hundred Jews point to intermarriage rates so high that often there is not a single family wherein both husband and wife are Jewish.

Institutional completeness refers to the number, variety and nature of institutions which a community has. Such institutions as schools, synagogues, community centres and the like serve as important communal reference points and provide opportunities for persons to meet and interact. The size of the community has an important impact on institutional completeness. Larger communities have more people and greater resources with which to support institutional life. Communities with a longer history are likely to have a greater repertoire of institutions. This helps to explain the low levels of intermarriage in Winnipeg – despite the fact that it has fewer Jews than Vancouver.

Rapidly developing communities have fewer institutional resources. Existing resources become strained in attempting to identify new members and to respond to their needs. Often persons who move to cities with small Jewish populations and few institutional resources do not prioritize their communal affiliation. At best, there is a considerable time lag before rapidly expanding communities can establish a more elaborate institutional framework. Thus, Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton have very high rates of intermarriage and have experienced rapid growth within a relatively short historical period.

Those communities which have lost population (Montreal, Windsor and Winnipeg) have a higher percentage of elderly persons. Intermarriage rates are lower at the upper age ranges, and this also helps to explain lower rates of intermarriage in these cities.

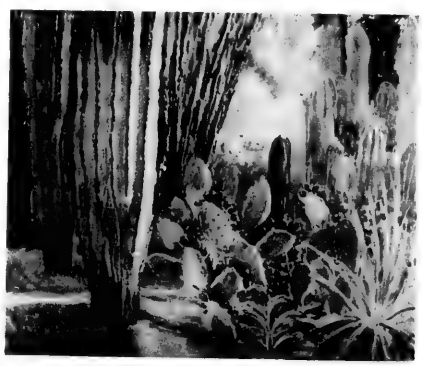
These regional differences are one distinguishing factor regarding continuity. Another difference worth noting concerns higher intermarriage rates among those persons currently between the ages of 25 and 40. Approximately 20% of all Jews in this age group are in intermarried relationships. For the 40 – 64 year old population, the percentage drops although we note interesting differences among men and women. 17% of men between the ages of 40 and 64 and 10% of women in this age group are in a couple where their spouse is not Jewish. We suspect that the higher percentage of men in this age category represent second marriages.

A central factor which reduces intermarriage rates is immigration. The impact of immigration on intermarriage rates is dramatic. Only 8% of all Jews who had immigrated to Canada in the last ten years lived in families where one of the partners was not Jewish.

Understanding the Challenge of Continuity in Canada

Clearly, continuity in Canada, while a serious issue, does not represent the same danger or level of threat to Canadian Jewry as it does to the American Jewish community. Why, then, has continuity been perceived in such draconian terms on the Canadian Jewish scene? We believe three sets of factors account for this.

First, the influence of American Jewry and the United States Federation network on Canadian Jewish life is immense. It is New York – not North York – which sets the Jewish agenda in North America and which frames the terms of reference for Jewish challenges. Canadians are often seen as northern extensions of American Jewish life. Where differences exist, they are quaint ones – bound to be rapidly folded into the patterns of American Jewish experience. When the Council of Jewish Federations in New York determines that there is a continuity crisis, it is immediately assumed that Canadian Jews experience the same.



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Secondly, we believe that there exists a misunderstanding among scholars and researchers as to how to analyze and read Census data as it pertains to the issues of religious and ethnic affiliation. As stated earlier, data collected by Statistics Canada at the beginning of each decade is collected on both religious affiliation and ethnic ancestry. For the Jewish community in Canada, access to the data on religion is a key factor in being able to interpret the demographic characteristics of the Jewish community.

In the five year period between the large Census, Statistics Canada does a mid-Census. On this Census questionnaire, there is no question on religious identification. The only way for people to define their identity is through the variable Ethnic Origin. This poses many problems for a community that is defined for the most part by religion. We cannot assume that when asked only for Ethnic Origin, Jews will respond to the question as Jews. Certainly, it can be hypothesized that older Jews and immigrant Jews (both of whom make up a sizeable portion of our community) are not as familiar with the concept of Ethnicity as others might be. We have found, by analyzing preliminary data from 1991, that younger, Canadian born Jews are more likely to identify single or multiple ethnic origins than are older or immigrant Jews. We have also found many regional differences in patterns of Jewish identification, as explained earlier in this article. Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg, for example, have sizeably lower percentages of Jews who identify solely on an ethnic affiliation basis-what has been called the secular or unaffiliated Jew. So for these communities especially, relying on data on Ethnic Origin alone will create lower total population counts and result in discrepancies in projections of Jewish population growth. This is best described by what occurred in Montreal around the 1986 data. The Montreal Jewish Federation (Federation CJA), based on data from the 1986 Census concluded that the population of Montreal was in serious decline. In fact, on reception of the 1991 data it was found that the total loss in population was only 2% – much less than was previously anticipated. Much fear was generated as a result of this original analysis.

Robert J. Brym in his article entitled "The Rise and Decline of Canadian Jewry? A Socio-Demographic Profile" (Brym, 1993) makes the same error in analysis. He compares two quite incomparable sets of data: 1981 and 1986 Census data. By comparing this data and looking solely at Ethnically identified Jews, he concludes that the community is in decline. If we compare 1981 and 1991 alone, without considering 1986 data we find the increase of the Jewish community at 14% overall. And if we look solely at Jews who identify by the Religion variable (an identifier which is considered strong by all) we find the community has increased from 296,425 to 318,070; this represents an increase of 6.8%! We believe that without having access to comparable data (i.e. 1981-1991), Brym's predictions as to the future of the Jewish community are inaccurate.

Leo Davids fell into the same well when comparing 1981 with 1986 data. In his article entitled "The Canadian Jewish Population: Today and Tomorrow" (Davids, 1989), Davids makes the prediction that Canada's ethnic Jewish population will be under 100,000 in the year 2050. There is no support for this proposition from a comparison of the 1981 – 1991 data.

Thirdly, the number of Jewish immigrants may have been underestimated and their contribution to the vitality of Canadian Jewish life may not have been properly assessed. The loss of people who leave a community is felt more immediately than the arrival of immigrants to a community. The former involves separating from persons with whom we have had relationships. The latter concerns establishing new ones. We, as a community, tend to be less aware of the significant role that immigrants play in the Jewish community and the extent to which Jews remain a community of immigrants. Immigration has had a strong counteractive impact on intermarriage as well as contributed to the increased number of Jewish children being raised in Canada. Clearly immigration continues to have a profound impact on the growth rate of the Canadian Jewish community and must be more seriously considered when making predictions of future population trends in the Jewish community in Canada.

Conclusion

To paraphrase Mark Twain, reports of the Jewish community's imminent demise have been greatly exaggerated. Clearly, the Jewish community in Canada is robust and vigorous and its drama of continuity continues to unfold – reshaping the demographic portfolio of Canadian Jewry.

Continuity, however, is a serious issue, and one which Jewish communal decision makers are geared up to confront. We make three specific recommendations to assist communal decision makers in responding to this challenge and to deal with, support and reach out to an increasingly diverse population.

First, national attention ought to be directed toward the rapidly expanding communities which have the highest rates of intermarriage as well as a significant influx of unaffiliated young persons. Assisting outreach efforts and institution building in these communities can be seen as a national Jewish imperative because it is in these communities that rates of intermarriage and disaffiliation are the highest.

Second, specific attention ought to be directed toward university campuses. It is here that marriage partners are often discovered, and it is at this age range where intermarriage rates begin to rise sharply. The extent to which Jewish institutional interventions on campus effect these relationships is not known, but there is sufficient evidence to suggest that these efforts should be critically reexamined.

Third, Jewish immigration is good for the Jews. Their demographic contributions are enormous. Efforts should be made to increase Jewish immigration to Canada from many places in the diaspora and to accelerate their integration into Jewish life.

Diaspora and Israeli Jews: One People or Two?

by Julien Bauer

Every decade or so, a major book emphasizes a question of importance for Jews. In the 60's it was *La fin du people juif?* (1965, *The End of the Jewish People?* 1967), by Georges Friedman, a French sociologist. For him, Diaspora Jews and Israelis were becoming more and more separate, the former going towards oblivion due to the decline of Orthodoxy and the growth of assimilation in the Diaspora, the latter becoming more and more nationalist, citizens of a State and less part of the Jewish People. Without being a Zionist, Friedman took for granted the inevitable erosion of the Diaspora and the normalization of Israel as a conventional State. He was cautious enough to maintain an interrogation mark on the title of his book.

Nearly thirty years later, we have to recognize that Friedman was basically right when he anticipated an increase in assimilation, a decrease in the number of Diaspora Jews (without taking *alyah* as a factor, more Jews are buried than born every day, except in Israel) but did not foresee the strength of Orthodoxy, which not only did not disappear but has become the only segment of Diaspora Jewry to experience a natural demographic growth.

The Waning of the Jewish People

In 1990, *The Future of Jews* by David Vital appeared. Compared to this book, Friedman is quite upbeat. The last words of Vital speak for themselves: "What is now before us is the waning of the Jewish nation".

According to Vital, the changes brought by emancipation, specifically assimilation and secularization, and by two more recent events, Holocaust and Israel, have led to a situation where "different communities of Jews have tended increasingly to inhabit different mental and philosophical worlds" (p. 39) and eventually to form "two classes of collectivities" (p. 115). Israelis live in a sovereign State, with all the attributes of power, including the "military card" (p. 31). Their leaders are elected and may be rejected, they will profit from or suffer the consequences of their political choices. On the other hand, Diaspora, and particularly U.S. Jewry, is a grouping of voluntary associations, without real political clout (they pressure, they do not decide), without an "ultimate authority" (p. 122), whose leaders are "self-selected" (p. 93), who will not suffer for any misguided policy as does its Israeli counterpart.

The basic difference between a Jewish community with political power through a State in Israel and voluntary organization within a State is compounded by the fact that Israel offers an alternative secular Jewish life (p. 114), whereas in the U.S. "only the firmly orthodox manage at least partly to resist the magnetic draw of the society that surrounds them" (p. 107). With an American Jewry who puts its "peace of mind" (p. 136) above Israel's needs, and an Israel who puts its national interests above Jewish interests, the likely result is the emergence of two Jewish peoples, one "part-time in its Jewish involvements" and one "relatively compact, bound together" in Israel (p. 142). As a result, "The survival of Jewry as a discrete people, its various branches bound to each other by common ties of culture, responsibility, and loyalty, is entirely in doubt" (pp. 146-147).

Friedman was a newcomer to the Jewish scene. Vital, author of books on Zionism, Israeli, involved in Jewish matters, seems to have been disillusioned by his U.S. experience. He finds the moral ground occupied by many Jewish critics of israeli policies ludicrous: They are advocating "moral" policies not followed by any State, potentially dangerous for Israel and its population, but they will not have to pay any price in case of failure. Compared to these Diaspora Jews who cannot differentiate between "private morality" and the "real world" (p. 99), who are at best irrelevant, at worst used by interests antagonistic to Israel, Israel "cannot fail to stand out as a tower of relative strength and political capability" (p. 124). In other words, the old Zionist idea of the ultimate disappearance of Diaspora Jewry is restated by Vital.

World Jewry has survived Friedman's prediction. Will it survive Vital's?

Political Power

Is political power the only major differentiating factor between Israeli and Diaspora Jews? As much as we agree on the differences between a State and voluntary Jewish organizations in the Diaspora, between their respective roles, capacities and duties, between Israeli democracy and Diaspora plutocracy, recent developments seem to have blurred the notion of political power. Another aspect of politics, long forgotten and disdained both here and there, is political ideology, without which no political power can survive for long.

It used to be that Israelis stressed the State as the vanguard of the Jewish People and that Diaspora Jews stressed their management of ethical-communal concerns. The rapprochement between Israel and the PLO flies against the idea of Israel as heir to the Jewish people. The only interests considered by the Rabin government are those of a normal State formulated by its government. There is no discernible connection linking present Israeli positions to Judaism or to the Jewish People. Regardless of the ultimate decision for Judea, Samaria and Gaza, not one official word has been uttered about the rights of the Jewish People on parts of the Land of Israel not included within the 1949 cease-fire lines. The Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron, where the founders of the Jewish People are buried, is not quoted in any agreement. According to Lipper, an official of the Department of Religious Affairs, Israel hopes that the Palestinian Arabs will allow Jews to pray at the Cave but has no guarantee. He even suggested the situation could go back to pre-1967, or rather pre-World War II, when Jews were not allowed further than the seventh step on the outside of the building. Jerusalem is to be negotiated in two years. The Washington text is quite clear: Arabs do have rights on Jerusalem, if not there would not be any planned negotiation on the future of Jerusalem; Jews have no rights on Hebron, if they had any it would have been hinted in the text. Whatever the pros and cons of such a policy, it is an official Israeli position. It can hardly be considered a Jewish position, either in the religious sense, Judaism, or the national one, Jewish People. The debate is raging in israel. So much for the "tower of strength" and the Israeli always increasing "the bounds of political identity" (p. 143).

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Ideology

On the other hand, Diaspora Jews are not as equivocal as Vital describes them to be. They are more polarized than ever, a proof that ideology made a comeback and is alive and well. Many local "potentates", reigning over Jewish institutions in the U.S., Canada, Great Britain etc., those whose Jewish ideological involvement is minimal, be it religious, Zionist, cultural..., are supporting Rabin's initiative. By doing so, they keep a good relationship with both Israeli and local U.S., Canadian or British political leaders. Jews who are obsessed by continuity, many of them Orthodox, who stress Jewish education and knowledge of Jewish history, who are more prone to live eventually in Israel, are either sceptical of or opposed to the Israeli Government's position. They relate to Judaism and Jewish rights more than to State interests. This group, underrepresented at the leadership level, is a growing element in a decreasing Diaspora. They have more children, retain a larger number of them within the Jewish People, are moving from anachronistic marginal groups on the periphery towards the core of Jewish communities. They have no political power but they do have a political ideology: namely, the permanence of the Jewish People as a goal in itself.

Whose Interests?

The dividing line continues to be between those living in a sovereign State and those living as minorities in non-Jewish States. A new line is emerging, or re-emerging, an ideological one. Some, be they Israeli or Diaspora Jews, will stress mostly State interests; others, both in Israel and Diaspora, will emphasize Jewish interests.

This new phenomenon is recognized by people with intricate knowledge of both Jewish peoples(as Vital would have it). For example, Emanuel Rackman (*Jewish Week*, Nov. 12, 1993) has suggested the formation of a Jewish international consultative council, composed of Israeli and Diaspora Jews, to advise the Israeli government who would assume sole responsibility for the decisions.

Power as embodied in the State was prepared by Zionist ideology. Friedman and Vital converge in their views: Only the powerful section of the Jewish People, Israeli Jewry, will remain – the powerless Diaspora Jewry is doomed to erosion and ultimate disappearance. This is the Jewish version of Fukuyamo's idea of "the end of history", of the irrelevance of ideological debates.

I suggest another approach. In a democracy, without a consensus based on ideological agreement, power is fragile. The Jewish People, including its Diaspora element, needs the State as a source of physical power to assure its physical survival; the Jewish People, including its Israeli element, needs ideological commitment to assure keeping a raison d'être. Those who want the history of the Jewish People to continue have no choice but to try experimenting with new combinations of power and ideology, of Statism and Jewishness. Could it be that in twenty years another book will explain why the anticipated end of the Jewish People did not come to pass?

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Reflections On A Retreat

by Monica Shapiro

At the end of the CJA Leadership Retreat in August 1993 we were invited to talk about our thoughts and feelings of the four days we had spent together. What follows are the reflections I shared with the people on our retreat.

Retreat '93

Our retreat began Wednesday night after sunset. It was to be a weekend of Jewish identity and leadership training. As we stood on the beach at Camp B'nai Brith, Rabbi Shoham explained how fitting a beginning it was. "According to Bereshit," he said, "the world for Jews begins at night." As he spoke, torches were lit in four canoes out on the lake, and our young people paddled to shore. Bringing light to the beach. Symbolizing the waves of immigration just before the State of Israel was created. "First there was darkness, and then there was light," he continued, "because only after hardship comes light... not vice versa." In many ways, I feel that I have been in the dark for much of my life. This retreat weekend has done much to illuminate my journey as a Jew.

Later that same night Rabbi Poupko talked to us about the importance of our history. Of our communal stories as well as our individual stories. Because they tell us where we are coming from so that we can know where we are going. This theme was repeated by our other speakers, Frank Hegelberg, Malcom Hoenlein and Rony Medzini during the weekend. I would like to continue it by sharing with you a story that belongs to all of us. A story that happened in the years before Israel was born. And then I'd like to offer to you a personal story of mine to add to our joint stories of who we are as Jews. Because all our stories become our heritage. Standing behind us, giving us strength.

My first story is about boats. As we stood on the beach on Wednesday night, with our beautiful young people coming ashore in lighted canoes, an image from our collective past came to me. On the road to Haifa there is a monument consisting of the battered bow of a ship reaching out to the sea. The story it tells is that in 1939 and 1940, many illegal boats came to Palestine bringing refugees fleeing from Hitler. When a ship was spotted on the horizon, a bell was sounded on land and all the members of the nearby Kibbutzim would rush down to the beach to mingle with the newcomers as soon as they waded ashore, so that the British would not be able to tell who were kibbutzniks and who were refugees, and therefore could not arrest the illegal immigrants. On Wednesday night I felt as if I was similarly being welcomed into a community of Jews – all of you – who would make me feel one with them. And I thank you deeply for that.

My second story is also about a boat. A personal memory that also came to me on the beach Wednesday night. My uncle, my mother's only surviving relative, came to Palestine on one of those illegal ships. It was called the Patria. And it sank before the passengers could reach the shore. But my uncle survived because there was a small pocket of air that became trapped at the ceiling of his cabin. He managed to stay alive by breathing this air until he was rescued. In some ways I feel as if I have been breathing a small pocket of air, and have missed out on the richness of my Jewish heritage. In some ways the cabin of my life has been small. I too have survived, but it is experiences like this retreat that help me reclaim my Jewish soul.

Listening and learning from Frank, Malcom, Rony, Arna, Rabbi Shoham and Rabbi Poupko, as well as from all of you, younger ones and older ones alike, has been a truly expanding experience for me. For my Jewish mind and my Jewish spirit. I thank my husband Barry for always being with me when I grow. And I thank you all for helping me become a proud Lion of Judah.

Epilogue

The morning after I told my stories, Rony our resident scholar from Israel, approached me. "You know, Monica," he said gently, "I remember those boats. I was a boy of eight in 1939, and I would lie in the dunes above the beach watching those boats arrive, and the people wading ashore. It was so exciting for us all. I still remember seeing people jump from the deck into the sea. One day I heard that a boat had arrived, and that it sank and 257 people drowned. I asked my parents what happened, but none of the adults would talk about it. I learned much later, when I grew up, that it was called the Patria and it had been sunk by the Hagganah because they knew that the British planned to sent it on to Mauritius. But the Hagganah leaders didn't realize it was such an old ship and they overestimated the amount of dynamite needed to sink it. Instead they blew it up, killing most of the passengers. Your uncle was one of the very few survivors."

I started to tremble as he told me his story. This stranger I only met for the first time this weekend. "You were there the day my uncle survived," I said, "before I was even born, you knew what I would one day be told. In a way you were closer to it, even though I thought it was only my story."

At that moment I knew that Rony is part of my history. He witnessed what I only heard as words, and he completed my story by giving me details about my uncle that I never knew. Because his story is mine, and my story is ours. Because we as Jews have a thread that binds us together. Our history. And Rony and I are a living example of that.

"MAÏLA'S GARDEN" BY PAUL ROSENBAUM, MONTREAL

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POETRY

Gaberdine

Sabbath-breaker, I pass them in my car
as they walk beneath a sweet suburban sun.
Aside from storefront English
one might think that this is Lublin,
circa 1936, before the grave events
burned in us those questions
that seem to make their dress irrelevant:

the aristocrat's fur hat
proclaiming man-in-God is noble;
the earlocks reaching out
like a stem's believing tendril;
knee-high, page white stockings
and the shining gaberdine –
deep beyond the darkest ink.

I love that student in the tale,
the one desiring grace,
who sought his Master not for Torah
but to watch him tie his shoelace!
Gesture. Nuance. Revelation
in the movement of a hand.
Layers in the simplest narrative.

That world has vanished,
and these, the remnant,
anachronistic yet ecstatic,
carry the word upon their lips
while we who have been given
the illusion of direction
stay lost in the flow of traffic.

The Cold

In this country
the cold drives people inside.
Their houses swallow them.
The furnace churns
and they sit in the warm belly
of the great house bear,
filled with a private odour.
When they venture out
they wear strange hats
or ear muffs and resemble
ridiculous animals.
They flap their arms to keep warm
like people-sized birds.

In summer they emerge
but you can see the winter
has not left them. You see it
in their faces, their movements,
in the way they greet one another,
tentatively, as if there may not be
another summer and winter will last and last
like a condition that is chronic.

But they don't walk to the clinic.
They accept it
the way their ancestors once accepted God –
without singing, without celebration

and in August, in the wilderness,
they stare in amazement
at the profusion of green
and accept the naked silence as a hymn.

Kenneth Sherman

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ROSH HASHANAH FOODS

Ontario fruit adds zest to a number of recipes

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CHICKEN, PEACH AND SNOW PEA STIR-FRY
Serves 4

In this recipe, teriyaki sauce and Ontario peaches team up with chicken and snow peas for a colorful and nutritious stir-fry.

Be sure to have all ingredients sliced, diced or minced in advance. Stir-frying is such a fast method of cooking that once it begins, there is no time to do anything else. In addition to saving time, stir-frying preserves the nutrients, flavors, textures and colors of all the ingredients.

¼ cup cornstarch
1 tbsp. kosher teriyaki sauce
1 clove garlic, minced
2 chicken breasts (about 1 lb.) skinned, boned and cut into strips
1 can chicken broth
⅓ cup kosher teriyaki sauce
3 tbsp. vegetable oil
1 tbsp. minced fresh gingerroot
1 medium onion, cut in chunks and separated
4 oz. snow peas, halved lengthwise
4 medium peaches, peeled, pitted and sliced
toasted sliced almonds
hot cooked rice or Oriental noodles

In medium bowl, combine 1 tbsp. of the cornstarch, 1 tbsp. teriyaki sauce, garlic and chicken; let stand 15 min. Meanwhile, combine remaining cornstarch, chicken broth and ⅓ cup teriyaki sauce; set aside.

Heat 2 tbsp. of the oil in hot wok or large skillet over high heat; stir-fry chicken 3 min., remove. Heat remaining oil in same pan; stir-fry ginger and onion for 3 min. Add snow peas and stir-fry 3 min. Add chicken, teriyaki sauce mixture and peaches to pan. Cook, stirring, until sauce boils and thickens and peaches are heated through.

Garnish with sliced almonds. Serve with hot cooked rice or noodles.

COCONUTTY PEACH CREME BRULEE
Serves 6

A classic dessert is simplified in this delicious cocunutty peach version of creme brulee. Prepare the peaches and pudding earlier in the day if you like (or even the night before), then combine the topping and broil just before serving. it's a real treat.

1 pkg. kosher vanilla pudding mix
2½ cups milk
6 medium peaches, peeled, halved and pitted
½ cup kosher peach schnapps
¾ cup flaked coconut
¼ cup packed brown sugar
2 tbsp. butter, softened
¼ tsp. cinnamon

Cook pudding according to package directions, using 2½ cups milk. Place plastic wrap directly on surface; set aside.

In large frypan, bring peaches and peach schnapps to boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 15 min. Drain, reserving liquid. Place peaches in 9 in. fluted quiche dish. Stir reserved peach liquid into pudding; pour over peaches. Cover and chill.

Just before serving, combine coconut, brown sugar, butter and cinnamon; sprinkle evenly over pudding. Broil 4 in. from heat for 1 or 2 min., or until topping is crisp and golden brown. Serve immediately.

FRESH FRUIT SORBETS

Combine the luscious taste of Ontario fruits in these easy frozen sorbets. Start with the individual fruit variations listed below, then try mixing and matching fruits to create your own unique combinations. Be sure to taste the fruit mixture before freezing and adjust the sweetness level to suit your family's preference.

Pureed fruit (see amounts below)
½ cup liquid honey
¼ cup white corn syrup

Combine pureed fruit, honey and corn syrup; chill until very cold. Stir well and pour into ice-cream maker. Freeze according to manufacturer's directions. Makes about 2⅔ cups.

Peach Sorbet: 3½ cups halved, pitted peaches (about 8 medium), pureed

Raspberry Sorbet: 2½ cups raspberries, pureed and sieved

Red Currant Sorbet: 3½ cups red currants, pureed and sieved

Plum Sorbet: 3 cups halved, pitted blue or prune plums (about 8 blue or 15 prune), cooked and pureed

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Esther Schwartz, founder and director of the Jewish Diabetes group of the Canadian Diabetic Association, prepared these recipes for the organization. They are delicious and festive, while adhering to dietary requirements.

Come to think of it, they are great for anyone watching their diet and who isn't these days?

RATATOUILLE
Serves 10

Delicious either hot or cold. Freezes well. Best if made day before. Garnish with chopped parsley.

3 tbsp. drained liquid from can tomatoes (see below)
2 large garlic cloves, crushed
2 large onions, thinly sliced
2 medium zucchini, sliced
1 medium egg plant, cut into cubes
3 tbsp. flour
1 green pepper, 1 red pepper (seeded and cut into strips)
19 oz. can kosher stewed tomatoes drained (see above)
¼ tsp. each oregano, basil, marjoram and rosemary

Heat liquid from tomatoes in large frying pan. Saute garlic and onions until soft and transparent. Sprinkle flour over remaining vegetables; add to frying pan. Add tomatoes and seasonings. Cover and cook over low heat for 1 hour. Uncover and cook until mixture is thick. Garnish with chopped parsley.

Each serving: ½ cup. One fruits and vegetables exchange: 11 g. carbohydrate, 2 g. protein, 52 calories.

LO-CAL FRENCH DRESSING

Use with any fresh salad.

½ cup tomato juice
½ cup vinegar
¼ tsp. dry mustard
1/8 tsp. oregano
1 small garlic clove, crushed
6 drops liquid sweetener, kosher
¼ tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper

Combine all ingredients in a jar, blender or food processor. Keep refrigerated in a jar.

Makes 1 cup. Each serving: 1 tablespoon 1 + + extra 1 g. carbohydrate, 0 g. protein, 0 g. fat, 4 calories.

SWEET AND SOUR HOLISHKES

Makes 30

Part 1 - Cabbage

5 lbs cabbage (1 loose head)
2 lbs ground chuck (lean)
1 onion, medium
1 garlic clove, pressed
1 tsp salt
½ tsp pepper
½ cup stock or water
2 tsp prepared mustard
¼ cup ketchup
1 tsp H.P. Sauce
½ cup long grain rice (raw)

Sauce:

1 can (28oz) tomatoes
2 cans tomato-mushroom sauce (11 oz)
½ cup brown sugar replacement, kosher*
¼ cup juice of 1 lemon

* If you can't find kosher brown sugar replacement, use white sugar replacement.

Place cabbage in a plastic bag in freezer at least 2 days before preparing cabbage rolls. Remove cabbage from freezer the night before you intend to make the cabbage rolls. Remove from bag and sit in colander in sink. In the morning, core the cabbage. The leaves will separate easily. Dry with paper towels to remove excess moisture.

Combine all ingredients for stuffing, mixing well. Place a heaping tablespoon of mixture near the stem end on each leaf. Fold the stem end over the meat, then the two sides. Roll up firmly.

Combine sauce ingredients.

Shred the core and any leftover cabbage. In a Dutch oven, place a layer of shredded cabbage, a layer of the rolls, seam side down, side by side, tightly packed, and a layer of sauce. Repeat until all is used. Simmer gently for 2 hours on top of stove, tightly covered.

Preheat oven to 275ºF. Sprinkle with paprika. Place in oven, uncovered. Bake 2 hours. Freezes well.

Each serving: 1 cabbage roll: 1 protein choice

½ starchy choice 8 g. carb. 8 g. protein 3 g. fat 91 calories

APPLE CRUNCH
(12 Servings)

6 medium cooking apples, peeled and sliced
1 tbsp. kosher brown sugar replacement
1 tsp. cinnamon
½ cup flour (all purpose)
¼ cup brown sugar replacement
½ cup oatmeal (quick rolled oats)
½ cup pareve diet margarine

Preheat oven to 425ºF. Spray a 20 x 5 cm (8"x8") baking pan with non-stick spray. Layer apples around bottom of pan. Mix 1 tbsp. brown sugar replacement with cinnamon. Sprinkle over apples. Mix together the flour, brown sugar replacement and oatmeal. Cut in margarine with knife or pastry cutter. Rub with finger tips. Spread over apples. Bake 30 minutes. Cut into 12 squares.

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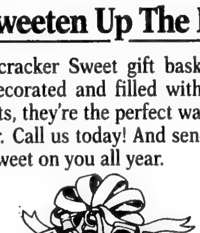

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Rosh Hashanah Next Week in The Canadian Jewish news

One-pot casseroles are easy for Sukkot

By LESLYE MICHLIN BORDEN
Special to The CJN

Tradition advises that the appropriate observance of Sukkot includes eating as many meals as possible in the sukkah.

Since carrying meals outside is inconvenient, Jewish homemaking somewhere along the way decided to serve one-pot meals and casseroles in the sukkah. Stuffed cabbage is a longstanding favorite one-pot meal.

As most Jews in the United States came from East Europe, Eastern European style sweet and sour stuffed cabbage has become identified with Sukkot. Yet Jews have lived almost everywhere on Earth and there is no reason to confine stuffed cabbage recipes to only one small area.

Wherever Jews have lived, they have adapted their cooking style to local conditions and ingredients. This makes Middle Eastern, Italian, and even Chinese recipes just as appropriate.

The original recipes called for ground beef fillings. In the interest of lowering fat and cholesterol, use ground 100 per cent white meat turkey instead of lean ground beef. There is a dramatic difference between the two. Only 1 to 3 per cent of total calories come from fat when you fill the cabbage with 100 per cent ground white meat. When you use lean ground beef, 33 to 49 per cent of total calories come from fat.

Even though ground turkey is naturally less tasty than ground beef, the fillings are all seasoned so well you won't consider any version bland.

Prepare stuffed cabbage this Sukkot. Your friends and family will enjoy it whether you make the traditional East European, or the more exotic Middle Eastern, Italian, or even Chinese cabbage rolls.

The idea that Jews have lived in so many places throughout the world may spark interesting conversations about Jewish history. This is an awesome responsibility for the lowly cabbage, but with these recipes, it can handle it with ease.

EASTERN EUROPEAN STUFFED CABBAGE

15 large cabbage leaves, wilted
Filling:
1 pound ground 100% white meat turkey breast
OR 1 pound lean ground beef
1 small onion
1 clove garlic
¼ cup uncooked rice
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
Sauce:
¼ cup fresh lemon juice
½ cup brown sugar, loosely packed
8-ounce can (low-sodium) tomato sauce

Drain the cabbage from the water.

Place meat, onion, and garlic in food processor bowl. Process briefly. Add the rice, salt and pepper and process again, just until ingredients combine well.

Divide the meat mixture into 15. Place a portion of the meat mixture in the centre of one leaf. Fold the bottom of the leaf over the meat, then fold in the sides. Turn once more to complete the package. Do the same with the rest of the leaves.

Arrange the filled cabbage rolls in a wide, shallow pot that has a tightly fitting lid.

Combine the sauce ingredients. Pour the sauce over the cabbage rolls in the pot. Add water, almost to the top of the rolls. Cover and bring to a boil, then simmer, covered, for 30 minutes.

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Remove the lid from the pot on the stove. Place the pot in the oven. Bake for 30-40 minutes, until the rolls look brown on the top. Turn them and bake another 30-40 minutes, or until the cabbage is tender.

Makes 15 large rolls.

MIDDLE EASTERN STUFFED CABBAGE

15 large cabbage leaves, wilted
Filling:
1 pound ground 100% white meat turkey breast
OR 1 pound lean ground beef
4 tbsp, fresh parsley, chopped
½ cup uncooked rice
1 8-ounce can (low-sodium) tomato sauce
1 tsp. salt
freshly ground black pepper to taste
½ tsp. ground cinnamon
Topping:
juice of 1 lemon
salt
water
pinch of kosher saffron

Drain the cabbage from the water.

Place meat and parsley in food processor. Process briefly. Add the rice, tomato sauce, salt, pepper and cinnamon and process until well blended.

Line a large pot with torn cabbage leaves.

Divide the meat mixture into 15. Place a portion of the filling in the centre of a cabbage leaf. Fold the sides in toward the centre, and then roll over to close. Continue until you fill all the leaves.

Lay the cabbage rolls in the prepared pot, in layers, if necessary. Pour the lemon juice over them. Add water, almost to cover, and a little salt. Dissolve a pinch of saffron in ½ cup water and pour it over the rolls. Cover and cook at the simmer for 30 minutes.

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Remove lid from the pot. Place in oven and bake for 30 minutes. Turn the roll and continue baking 30 more minutes, or until cabbage is tender.

Makes 15 large rolls.

Italian stuffed cabbage

ITALIAN STUFFED CABBAGE

15 large cabbage leaves, wilted
Filling:
1 lb. ground 100% white meat turkey breast
OR 1 lb. lean ground beef
1 small garlic clove
2 tbsp. fresh (Italian) parsley
½ cup no fat egg substitute (equal tol 2 eggs)
¼ cup unseasoned bread crumbs
¼ cup no-fat chicken stock
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. ground black pepper
Sauce:
¼ cup no-fat chicken stock
1 garlic clove, peeled and sliced
1 16-ounce can ripe tomatoes, chopped
1 8-ounce can (low-sodium) tomato sauce
water
salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
additional fresh (Italian) parsley, chopped, for garnish

Drain the cabbage from the water

Place the meat, garlic, and parsley in food processor bowl. Process briefly. Add the egg substitute, bread crumbs, stock, salt and pepper and process again, just until ingredients combine.

Divide the meat mixture into 15 parts. Place a portion of the meat in the centre of a cabbage leaf. Fold in the sides and turn, like wrapping a package. Repeat this process with the rest of the meat and leaves.

Line a pot with a tightly fitting lid with some of the torn or too small cabbage leaves. Sprinkle with sliced garlic and ½ cup no-fat stock. Arrange the prepared rolls in the prepared pot. Combine the tomatoes, tomato sauce, water, salt, and pepper. Pour this over the rolls. Simmer, covered, for 30 minutes.

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Remove the lid. Bake, uncovered, for 30 minutes. Turn and bake 15 minutes longer. Sprinkle with parsley and continue cooking about 15 more minutes, or until the cabbage is tender.

Makes 15 large rolls.

CHINESE CABBAGE ROLLS

15 large cabbage leaves, wilted
OR 24 (2 heads) Chinese cabbage

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Innovative chicken dish

Tired of roasts? Try this innovative chicken dish from Foodland Ontario.

BISTRO CHICKEN WITH FRESH TOMATOES

9 medium tomatoes, about 3 lb.
3 tbsp. olive oil
1 chicken, about 4 lb. cut into serving pieces
4 medium onions, about 1½ lb.
6 large cloves garlic
1¼ cups kosher red wine
1/3 cup tomato paste
1 tbsp. brown sugar
2 tsp. dried tarragon
¾ tsp. each dried leaf thyme and salt
¼ tsp. each cayenne and white or black pepper
3 stalks celery, finely chopped

Core tomatoes; cut shallow "X" on bottoms. Plunge into boiling water 1 or 2 mins.; drain and cool in cold water. Peel and set aside.

In wide deep saucepan, heat oil over medium-high heat; cook chicken in batches until golden, about 5 mins. per side. Remove and set aside.

Meanwhile, peel onions and cut into eighths. Peel and coarsely chop garlic, to make about ¼ cup (50 mL). Add onions to pan; stir over low heat about 1 min., scraping up any brown bits. Add garlic and cook, stirring, 1 min. Add 1 cup (250 mL) of the wine and increase heat to medium; boil gently, stirring often, until reduced by half.

Meanwhile, coarsely chop tomatoes; add to pan along with tomato paste, sugar, tarragon, thyme, salt, cayenne and pepper. Add chicken, submerging in sauce. Cover tightly and simmer over low heat, stirring occasionally, 35 mins. Add celery; cook 10 min. or until chicken is tender and celery is still crunchy. Taste and add remaining wine, if desired. Serves 4 to 6.

Lowfat vegetarian cooking is anything but boring

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

So you think that vegetarian cooking is boring? That vegetarian food is yucky? That low-fat vegetarian cooking must be both boring *and* yucky?

Just dip into *The Lowfat Jewish Vegetarian Cookbook; healthy traditions from around the world*, by Debra Wasserman (Vegetarian Resource Group, 1994).

Salads, stews, desserts, soups — you can find something delicious here for any meal. Wasserman has even put in a section with suggested menus for Jewish holidays. A broccoli and lemon dish or Russian charoset with pears, apricots and almonds do a lot to take some of the unpleasantness out of Pesach. And in a healthy way, too.

There are also suggested ideas for breakfasts, lunches, and away-from-home meals.

Another feature is suggested recipes high in calcium, such as Israeli beans with apples or Greek okra stew; and in iron, like Moroccan chickpea and lentil soup.

A chapter on dealing with fat in your diet is especially interesting; it offers a simple yet understandable way of figuring out your diet.

Recipes are by and large easy to prepare, and use readily available ingredients.

The Vegetarian Resource Group has a whole list of terrific publications, including cookbooks, a journal (*Vegetarian Journal*), a computer game, and informational material on vegetarianism and health.

For more information, or to order any of their publications (including *The Lowfat Jewish Vegetarian Cookbook*) write The Vegetarian Resource Group, P.O. Box 1463, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

Here are a few recipes from their suggested Rosh Hashanah menus. It's nice to prepare foods that are not just delicious, but healthy too.

YEMENITE BREAD SALAD
(Serves 10)

6 small whole wheat pita breads (or 3 large)
1 lb. romaine lettuce, torn into bite-sized pieces, and washed very well
2 green onions, finely chopped
1 cucumber, peeled and cubed
2 ripe tomatoes, chopped
½ cup fresh parsley, minced
1 tbsp.dried mint
2 tbsp. lemon juice
¼ cup olive oil
1 chili pepper, finely chopped (opt.)

Cut pita bread into bite-size pieces, and toast in oven or under broiler for a few minutes.

Toss lettuce, green onions, cucumber, tomato, parsley and mint in a large bowl. Add lemon juice and olive oil. Toss again. Add bread right before serving and toss one more time.

NORTH AFRICAN BARLEY PUDDING
Serves 5
A nice change from rice pudding

1 cup barley, uncooked
3½ cups water
1 tbsp. pine nuts
1 tbsp. slivered almonds
1 tbsp. pistachios
1 cup kosher maple syrup

Cook barley in water in a large pot over medium heat for 1 to 1½ hours, until very soft. Stir in remaining ingredients and continue heating for 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Serve warm or chilled.

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Peaches and tomatoes popular for canning

Peaches and tomatoes remain the most popular foods for home canning. So what's so news worthy about these traditional favorites this year? New flavor, says Bernardin of Canada Ltd.

Put some punch in your home canned peaches this year. Juicy, succulent peaches blend well with herbs, spirits or even hot peppers to yield delightful new taste experiences. Putting up a few jars of unique peach preserves now is a great way to enjoy the taste of summer when the snow flies.

"Remember that all home canned peach recipes must be processed in a boiling water canner to prevent spoilage," says Mary Bewick, home economist for Bernardin, Canada's home canning expert. "Processing also helps assure top taste quality and stability at room temperature," she says.

When purchasing peaches, it's best to can them within 12 to 24 hours of buying. If you pick your own peaches, let them stand one to two days at room temperature before canning. To peel peaches, blanch them in boiling water for 30 to 60 seconds, transfer to ice cold water and slip off the skins.

Tomatoes are easy to preserve in jars, according to Bewick. Bewick recommends adding different spice blends to home canned tomatoes. Seasoned tomatoes add new life to favorite recipes and help speed recipe preparation. The tested recipe below provides three unique seasoning options. Make all six or two jars of three different flavors.

The most important factor to remember when canning is that tomatoes must be processed in a boiling water canner, Bewick says. Processing destroys micro-organisms that can cause food spoilage and exhaust air from the jar so that, upon cooling, the lid "snaps" onto the jar forming a strong vacuum seal. Spaghetti sauces and tomato mixtures that include meat must be processed in a pressure canner.

When choosing tomatoes for home canning, select firm ripe tomatoes that are free of surface imperfections. Blemishes, bruises or cracks on the surface may cause spoilage of canned foods. For best results use vine-ripened tomatoes. Do not can tomatoes from dead or frost-killed vines. Tomatoes that are heavy for their size will be the juiciest.

Blanching allows easy peeling of tomatoes. To blanch; submerge tomatoes in boiling water for 30 to 60 seconds, then submerge them in ice cold water for 30 to 60 seconds. Skins will slip off easily.

PERFECT PEACH JAM

5 cups (3½ lbs.) peeled and chopped peaches, (about 21 peaches)
2 tbsp. (30 mL) lemon juice
3½ cups (875 mL) granulated sugar
1 box (49 g) kosher "light" fruit pectin crystals

Fill boiling water canner with water. Place six clean half-pint (250 mL) mason jars in canner over high heat. Cover, bring water to a boil; boil at least 10 minutes to sterilize jars at altitudes up to 1,000 feet.

Place snap lids in boiling water; boil five minutes to soften sealing compound.

Combine peaches and lemon juice in a large stainless steel or enamel saucepan.

Measure sugar and set aside. Combine light fruit pectin crystals with ¼ cup of the sugar; slowly stir into fruit until very well mixed.

Place saucepan over high heat; stir constantly until mixture comes to a boil and crystals are dissolved. Add remaining sugar; continue stirring until mixture returns to a full boil. Boil vigorously one minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; skim off foam with metal spoon.

Ladle jam into a hot sterilized jar to within ¼ inch of top rim. Remove air bubbles by sliding a rubber spatula between glass and jam. Wipe jar rim to remove any stickiness. Centre snap lid on jar; apply screw band just until fingertip tight. Place jar in canner. Repeat for remaining jam.

Cover canner; return water to a boil; process five minutes at altitudes up to 1,000 feet. Remove jars. Cool 24 hours. Check jar seals. Sealed lids curve downward. Remove screw bands; store separately. Wipe jars, label and store in a cool, dark place.

Makes six half-pint (250 mL) jars.

MINTED PEACH BOURBON JAM

With the addition of bourbon and mint, this jam becomes a wonderful gourmet specialty. Prepare Perfect Peach Jam recipe as directed. Just before filling jars, stir in six tablespoons bourbon and one teaspoon mint extract, then return jam to heat. Boil five minutes and remove from heat; ladle into jars as directed. Makes six to seven half-pint jars.

PEACH SALSA

Tired of tomato-based salsas? Try combining the mellow flavor of peaches with hot, spicy ingredients for a unique, colorful condiment. Serve it with nachos or grilled entrees.

6 cups peeled and chopped peaches (about 12 medium)
1¼ cups chopped red onion
1 red pepper, chopped
4 jalapeno peppers*
½ cup chopped fresh cilantro or coriander
1 clove garlic, finely chopped
2 tbsp liquid honey
½ cup vinegar
1½ tsp. ground cumin
½ tsp. cayenne pepper

*Wear rubber gloves when handling jalapeno peppers.

Fill boiling water canner with water. Place eight clean half-pint mason jars in canner over high heat.

Place snap lids in boiling water; boil five minutes to soften sealing compound.

Combine all ingredients in a large, deep stainless steel saucepan. Stirring continuously to prevent scorching, bring to a boil. Reduce heat; boil gently, stirring frequently, five minutes.

Ladle salsa into a hot sterilized jar to within ¼ inch of top rim. Remove air bubbles by sliding a rubber spatula between glass and salsa. Wipe jar rim to remove any stickiness. Centre snap lid on jar; apply screw band just until fingertip tight. Place jar in canner. Repeat for remaining salsa.

Cover canner; return water to a boil; process 10 minutes at altitudes up to 1,000 feet. Remove jars. Cool 24 hours. Check jar seals. Sealed lids curve downward. Remove screw bands; store. Wipe jars, label and store in a cool, dark place.

Makes seven to eight half-pint jars.

SEASONED TOMATOES

12 large ripe tomatoes
Spice blend(s) (recipes below)
Lemon juice
Salt

Fill boiling water canner with water. Place six pint mason jars in canner over high heat.

Dip tomatoes in boiling water for 30 to 60 seconds then plunge into ice cold water. Slip off skins; cut tomatoes in half and place in a large, deep stainless steel or enamel saucepan. Add just enough water to cover tomatoes; bring to a boil. Boil five minutes.

Place snap lids in boiling water; boil five minutes to soften sealing compound.

In a hot jar, place specified quantity of chosen spice blend, 1 tbsp. lemon juice and ¼ tsp. salt. Pack tomatoes snugly into jar to within ¾ inch of top rim. Add boiling water (or tomato cooking liquid) to cover tomatoes to within ½ inch of top rim. Remove air bubbles by sliding a rubber spatula between glass and tomatoes. Wipe jar rim. Centre snap lid on jar; apply screw band just until fingertip tight. Place jar in canner. Repeat for remaining tomatoes.

Cover canner; return water to a boil; process 40 minutes at altitudes up to 1,000 feet. Remove jars. Cool 24 hours. Check jar seals. Sealed lids curve downward. Remove screw bands; store separately. Wipe jars, label and store in a cool, dark place.

Makes six pint jars.

Cajun Spice Blend

For: 2 jars	6 jars	Leaf herbs and spices
¾ tsp.	2¼ tsp.	chili powder
½ tsp.	1½ tsp.	paprika
½ tsp.	1½ tsp.	onion flakes
½ tsp.	1½ tsp.	garlic powder
½ tsp.	1½ tsp.	allspice
½ tsp.	1½ tsp.	thyme leaves
¼ tsp.	¾ tsp.	cayenne pepper

For each pint (500 mL) jar use 1¾ tsp.

Italian Spice Blend

For: 2 jars	6 jars	Leaf herbs and spices
1¼ tsp.	3¾ tsp.	basil
¾ tsp.	2¼ tsp.	thyme
¾ tsp.	2¼ tsp.	oregano
½ tsp.	1½ tsp.	rosemary
½ tsp.	1½ tsp.	sage
¼ tsp.	¾ tsp.	garlic powder
¼ tsp.	¾ tsp.	crushed red pepper*

For each pint (500 mL) jar use 2⅛ tsp.

*Optional — if omitting use only 2 tsp. spice blend per jar.

Mexican Spice Blend

For: 2 Jars	6 jars	Leaf herbs and spices
2 tsp.	6 tsp.	chili powder
¾ tsp.	2¼ tsp.	cumin
¾ tsp.	2¼ tsp.	oregano
¾ tsp.	2¼ tsp.	garlic powder
¾ tsp.	2¼ tsp.	coriander
½ tsp.	1½ tsp.	seasoned salt*

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HONEY ROASTED CAPON with Kasha/Fruit Stuffing
Serves 6

1 capon - 7 to 8 lbs - wash and dry

Honey Mixture:
3 tbsp olive oil
4 tbsp orange juice
4 tbsp honey (buckwheat honey when available)
Grated zest of 1 orange and 1 lemon
1 tbsp paprika

Combine all ingredients and brush capon inside and out. Reserve any leftover mixture.

Stuffing:
1 egg
1½ cups medium kasha
3 cups water or chicken stock
1 tsp salt
¼ tsp pepper
1 apple, peeled & finely chopped
¼ cup finely cut dried apricots
¼ cup finely cut dried prunes (optional)
1 medium onion, finely chopped

Beat egg into dry kasha. Cook on low heat, stirring constantly until mixture dries. Add water or stock. Cover and cook until liquid is absorbed. Add salt, pepper, apple, apricots, prunes and onions. Mix well.

Preheat oven to 350ºF. Lightly stuff capon with kasha mixture. Skewer across the opening and lace with string. Tie the drumsticks together with string and tuck the wings behind the back. Place breast side up on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Roast for approximately 2 hours, basting frequently with reserved honey mixture or until skin is crisp and juices run clear when thigh is pierced. Remove skewers and string. Transfer to serving platter and let stand 10 minutes before carving.

COLORFUL SNOW PEA SALAD
½ lb snow peas or sugar peas, trimmed, strings removed
½ lb mushrooms, thinly sliced
1 large red, yellow or orange pepper, cut into strips

Blanch peas in boiling water for 1 minute or until they turn bright green. Drain and plunge into ice water. Dry well on paper towels. Cool. Cut in half on slight diagonal and place in salad bowl with the mushrooms and peppers. Toss with dressing just before serving.

Dressing:
½ tsp grated orange rind
¼ cup orange juice
¼ cup olive oil
1 clove garlic, crushed
2 tbsp cider or white vinegar
2 tsp sugar
1 tbsp lemon juice
¼ tsp salt
1/8 tsp salt
1/8 tsp pepper

Combine and thoroughly blend all ingredients in food processor. Chill for at least 1 hour and pour over vegetables just before serving.

HONEY FRUIT CAKE
Yield: 1 tube cake or 2 loaf cakes

Preheat oven to 250 F.
½ cup dried prunes
½ cup dried apricots

Cover with boiling water. Let stand 5 minutes. Drain and slice.
½ cup margarine or vegetable shortening
3 eggs
½ cup honey (buckwheat if available)

Cream all ingredients until smooth, about 10 minutes.
1¼ cups all purpose flour
½ tsp baking powder
½ tsp salt
½ tsp cinnamon
1/8 tsp cloves
¼ tsp nutmeg
1/8 tsp allspice
1 cup diced, candied pineapple
¾ cup golden raisins
½ cup toasted chopped walnuts
½ cup toasted slivered almonds

Mix all ingredients together along with the sliced prunes and apricots. Coat the fruit and nuts well. Add to the creamed mixture, mixing well. Pour into a 10" tube pan or 2 greased 9" x 5" loaf pans. Place a pan of water in the oven. Bake for 2 hours or until cake tester comes out clean. Cool. Remove from pans and wrap in aluminum foil to keep fresh.

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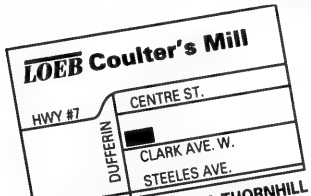

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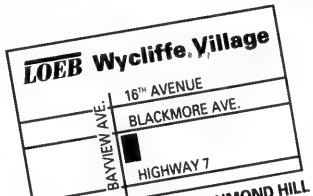

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In depth reading
Rosh Hashanah Next Week in The Canadian Jewish news

Taking stock of our diets

By RICHARD SCHWARTZ
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Rosh Hashanah is the time when we take stock of our lives and consider new beginnings.

Perhaps the most significant and meaningful change that Jews should consider this year is a shift away from diets that have been having devastating effects on human health and the health of our increasingly imperiled planet.

While many Jews seem to feel that the New Year celebration is enhanced by the consumption of chopped liver, gefilte fish, chicken soup and roast chicken, there are many inconsistencies between the values of Rosh Hashanah and the realities of flesh-centred diets:

While Jews ask God on Rosh Hashanah for a healthy year, they are often partaking of holiday meals that may have just the opposite result. Non-vegetarian diets have been linked to heart disease, strokes, several forms of cancer and other illnesses.

While we implore "our Father, our King" on Rosh Hashanah to "keep the plague from thy people," high fat, meat-based diets are causing a plague of degenerative diseases that have resulted in total U.S. medical costs soaring from $80 billion in 1970 to more than $1.1 trillion in 1994.

While Jews pray on the Jewish New Year that God "remove pestilence, sword and famine," over 70 per cent of the grain grown in the United States is fed to animals destined for slaughter, as 20 million people die annually because of hunger and its effect.

Flesh-centered diets, by wasting valuable resources, help to perpetuate the widespread hunger and poverty that often lead to instability and war.

While Jews commemorate the creation of the world on Rosh Hashanah, livestock farming contributes in a large way to many global threats, such as soil erosion and depletion, air and water pollution related to the production and use of pesticides and chemical fertilizer, and the destruction of tropical rain forests and other habitats.

While Rosh Hashanah is a time when we are to "awake from our slumber" and mend our ways, the consumption of meat on Rosh Hashanah means that we are continuing the habits that are so detrimental to our health, to animals, to hungry people and to ecosystems.

While we symbolically cast away our sins at Tashlich during Rosh Hashanah, eating meat means continuing the "sins" associated with our diets, with regard to treatment of animals, protecting our health, polluting the environment and wasting food and other resources.

While Rosh Hashanah is meant to be a time of deep contemplation when we carefully examine our deeds, most meat-eaters ignore the many moral issues related to their diets.

While we speak of God's "delighting in life" on Rosh Hashanah, the standard American diet annually involves the brutal treatment and deaths of billions of animals, as well as many human deaths due to insufficient food in poor countries and too much rich food in the wealthy countries.

While Rosh Hashanah has a universal message and involves the prayer that "all the world's people shall come to serve (God)," many of the world's people suffer from chronic hunger, which denies them the necessary strength and will for devotion, while meat and fish from the choicest land and most bountiful waters of their countries is exported to meet dietary demands in developed countries.

While Rosh Hashanah is a time of joy (along with sincere meditation), millions of people throughout the world are too involved in worrying where their next meal will come from to be able to experience many joyous moments.

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Cooking for Sukkot

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leaves, wilted

Filling:

1 lb. ground 100 per cent white meat turkey breast
OR 1 lb. lean ground beef
1 leek or 1 cup onion, chopped
1 tsp. fresh ginger, peeled and chopped
1 8-ounce can water chestnuts, drained
1 tbsp. kosher dry sherry
1 tsp. salt
1 tbsp. (low-sodium) soy sauce

Sauce:

2 tbsp. (low-sodium) soy sauce
2 cups water
3 tbsp. kosher dry sherry

Drain the leaves from the water.

Place ground meat and leek in food processor. Process briefly. Then add ginger, water chestnuts, sherry, salt and soy sauce. Process again, just until blended. It's all right if the water chestnuts are chunky.

If you are using regular cabbage, line bottom of a large pot with torn cabbage leaves. Divide the filling into 15. Place a portion of filling in centre of cabbage leaf. Fold in the sides, then roll over to close. Repeat until all the leaves are filled.

If you are using Chinese cabbage, line bottom of a large bowl with some of the inside leaves that are too small to stuff. Divide filling into 24. Place a portion at the stem end of each leaf. Roll over twice. Fold the sides in over the filling, if possible. Then roll over to close.

Place the rolls in the prepared pot. Add the sauce. Bring to a boil, cover, and reduce the heat to simmer. Continue cooking until the cabbage is tender, about 1½ hours.

Makes 15 regular cabbage rolls, 24 Chinese cabbage rolls.

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Häagen-Dazs' new Yogourt Ices feature super premium frozen yogourt with a twist — in the form of tangy swirls of fresh fruit ice made from all-natural fruit purée and fruit juice. Three refreshing flavors are available — Orange Tango, Raspberry Rendezvous and Strawberry Duet. A Decima Research survey commissioned by Ault Foods for the introduction of yogourt in Canada, found that strawberry (44 per cent), raspberry (39 pee cent) and orange (36 per cent) are by far the favorite fruit ice flavors of Canadians of all ages and backgrounds.

According to A. C. Neilsen, in 1993, Canadians spent $13.8 million on five million litres of frozen yogourt in grocery stores, compared to $272 million for 173.5 million litres of ice cream.

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The Ault/Decima survey also revealed that while 55 per cent of Canadians eat frozen yogourt regularly, a significant 37 per cent of the population would eat more frozen yogourt if it tasted more like their favorite ice cream.

According to the survey, consumers of frozen yogourt perceive themselves as health-conscious (71 per cent); active (42 per cent); sporty (34 per cent); and fashionable (30 per cent). They tend to associate themselves with physical activities such as aerobics, walking and tennis.

The survey revealed that the image of a "typical" frozen yogourt eater was more likely to be an athlete than other celebrities. Nancy Kerrigan, Myriam Bedard and Wayne Gretzky were more likely to be perceived as frozen yogourt eaters than other stars such as Tom Cruise, Celine Dion or Hilary Clinton.

The survey also revealed that Ontarians, especially those residing in major centres, consume more frozen yogourt than their fellow Canadians. They consider the frozen dessert a universal product with wide appeal. Sixty per cent of Ontario residents say they eat frozen yogourt because "it tastes good."

For your information, the experts at Häagen-Dazs explain the differences between frozen desserts:

Ices and sorbets are the same — it just depends what you prefer to call them. Typically, ices and sorbets are a mixture of frozen fruit puree, water and sugar.

Unlike ices or sorbets, sherbets contain some dairy products. The basic sherbet ingredients are fresh or dried skim milk and milk fat added to a base of syrup and fruit juice. Sherbets have a minimal amount of fat — typically less than two per cent.

Ice milk, as its name suggests is made from milk and contains added milk solids, sugar and flavoring. It is sometimes sold as soft serve ice cream and has approximately four per cent fat.

As the name implies, frozen yogourt is a frozen version of yogourt. The balance between frozen yogourt's ingredients can vary greatly from brand to brand and fat content therefore generally varies between two and five per cent.

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Sweet cakes important part of Israel's past

Jerusalem Dateline

Archeologists and cultural anthropologists have devoted a great deal of effort to explaining precisely why sweet cakes have always enjoyed such vast popularity in Israel and in the neighboring nations of North Africa and Asia.

It is known, for example, that as much as 9,000 years ago, the people of ancient Jericho enjoyed making cakes by dipping unleavened bread into a mixture of honey and herbs.

Later the Pharaohs and citizens of ancient Egypt enjoyed cakes that were filled with dried fruits and spices. There is even evidence that in the city of Ur, located in ancient Sumeria, street vendors sold cakes to passersby and that these cakes were very similar to the modern-day Middle Eastern favorite known as baklava.

So important have cakes been to the everyday and religious life of the region that there are more than 1,700 references to them in the Bible and the Koran.

Many social scientists feel that two factors are primarily responsible for the phenomenon. The first is that bees, and therefore honey, have always been plentiful in the entire region bounded by the Nile and the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers. The second is that this was probably the part of the world where men and women discovered how to make and use ovens.

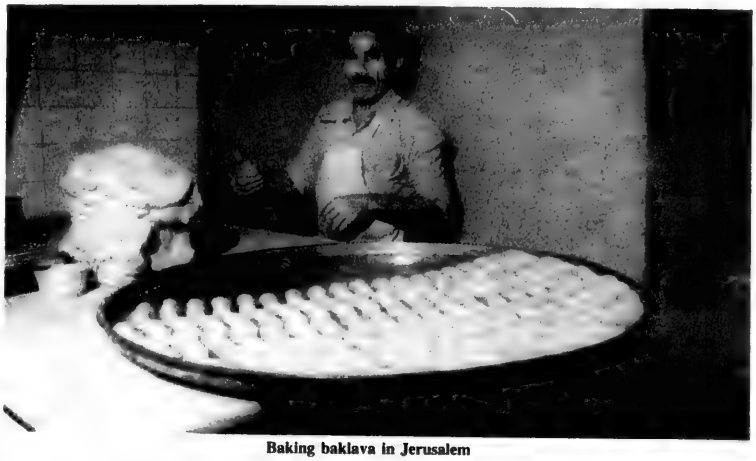
As popular as cakes have been, there is a good chance that no one who ever visited or lived in the Holy Land ever had a greater love of cakes than Queen Helena, the mother of Constantine, Emperor of Byzantia. In 326 CE, Helena visited the Holy Land, and for six to seven years lived in Jerusalem to supervise the construction of churches and chapels above sacred Christian sites. Among her projects were the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem and the basilica at Abraham's Oak near Hebron.

The queen was so enamored of cakes that wherever she travelled she always wore robes with especially large pockets, and those pockets were always filled with cakes and cookies.

Even more, whenever the queen was invited to dinner, a member of her staff would pay a call on her potential hosts a day or two before the meal, to inform the servants there precisely what kind of cakes should be prepared.

According to one of Helena's scribes, on one such occasion, "My lady touched not a morsel of the lamb or the quail or the fish that were served... nor did she partake of the the soups or the roasts or the root vegetables, choosing instead to save her energies for the sweets she had requested."

When it came to the cakes, the scribe continued, "The queen did not restrain herself and ate the entirety of two large cakes, a large cup of pomegranate seeds in sweet wine, a marvelous amount of sweet biscuits, three portions of flavored ice, and a large plate of berries in honeyed cheese."



Baking baklava in Jerusalem

Portraits of Helena may be seen today in many of the Greek and Armenian Orthodox churches of Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth. There is nothing surprising in the fact that she is always portrayed as smiling. What is amazing is that the Queen is invariably portrayed as thin.

Cakes, cookies and sweet biscuits have never gone out of fashion in Israel and many of those that were popular a thousand or more years ago are still in demand today. Then as now, for example, many of the most beloved cakes of the region are based on phylo dough, those large, rectangular paper thin strips of dough sometimes known as strudel pastry.

One of the differences is that because making phylo dough is a process that involves a great deal of mess in the kitchen, and many hours of work, few make it at home today. In Israel, as in nearly all the nations of the world, phylo dough is available either frozen in supermakets or fresh at the shops of professional bakers.

Baklava

- ½ lb. phylo dough leaves
- 2 cups pistachio nuts, chopped coarsely
- ½ cup almonds, chopped
- 2½ cups sugar
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 2 cups unsalted butter, melted
- ¾ cup honey

Juice of one large lemon

- 3 slices each orange and lemon rind
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 4 whole cloves

Remove the phylo leaves from the refrigerator about 2 hours before use. In a mixing bowl combine the pistachio nuts, almonds, 6 tbsps. of the sugar and the ground cinnamon. Mix well.

In a lightly greased baking pan, about the size of the phylo leaves, place sheets of phylo, brushing every other sheet with the melted butter. On this, spread one third of the nut mixture and then lay on 6 more phylo sheets, buttering each. Distribute another third of the nut mixture on this and again cover with 6 phylo sheets, buttering each. On these distribute the final third of the nut mixture. Cover with 8-12 phylo sheets, buttering every other sheet. With a sharp, wet knife, cut the baklava into diamond-shaped pieces.

Heat the remaining butter until it begins to brown and pour over the baklava. Sprinkle the top with a few drops of water and place in an oven that has preheated to 180°C (350°F) for 30 minutes. Reduce the oven heat to 170°C (330°F) and bake for 1 hour longer.

In a large skillet combine the remaining sugar with the honey, lemon juice, fruit rinds, cinnamon sticks and cloves. Add 2 cups of water and then heat over a low flame, stirring constantly until a boil is obtained. Remove immediately from the heat. Allow to cool, remove the cinnamon sticks and cloves and then pour the liquids over the baklava when it is fully baked. Serve warm or at room temperature. (Yields 24-30 portions).

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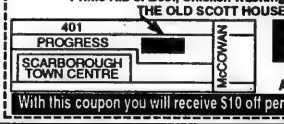

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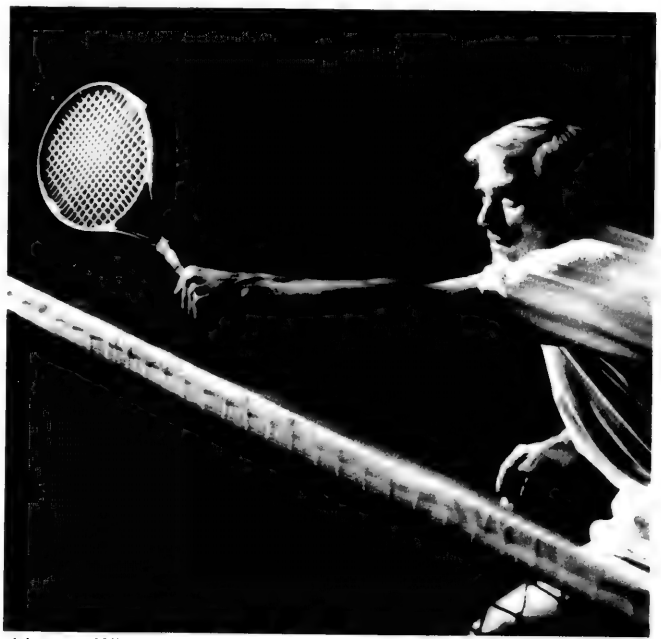

In September 1970, the first Mayfair Racquet Club opened its doors to racquet sports devotees in the Metropolitan Toronto area. At that time, the club was a modest facility with only four indoor tennis courts. What was different about Mayfair, even in its days as a pioneer sports and fitness club, was the vision: the determination to build the best year-round racquet facilities anywhere.

Through 24 years of commitment to quality in equipment, facilities and service, Mayfair has earned the right to be recognized as the leader in racquet sports clubs. There are now 42 indoor tennis courts, 33 squash courts, eight racquetball courts, four badminton courts, and personal instruction programs which are unparallelled anywhere. For those who want to play on a team, there are house leagues and tournaments.

Today, Mayfair is more than just the leader among racquet clubs. Over the years, it has extended its commitment, to offer the public a comprehensive program which encompasses all aspects of fitness.

In August and September 1994, the doors will open onto the future of fitness. Mayfair will be offering you a new, comprehensive Fitness Expansion, with over 45,000 square feet of state-of-the-art exercise equipment, selectorized Resistance weight training, cardio-vascular training equipment stations for complete body conditioning, new aerobics studios, and complete fitness consultation services with certified instructors.

The new Fitness Expansions are opening on August 15 at Mayfair Parkway, with 17,000 square feet of new space; on September 1 at Mayfair West, with another 17,000 square feet; and finally, on September 15 at Mayfair East, with another 11,000 square feet. Only at Mayfair, the complete fitness facility, will you find everything under one roof. It truly is the one stop fitness and raquet club.

Among the special features Mayfair offers are the Cardio Theater, the ultimate synthesis of exercise and entertainment, which is not available at any other club. While you work out on the most up-to-date treadmills, step machines and exercise bicycles, you can enjoy your favorite shows or music. The personal control unit and headset on each cardio machine, which connects you to the Audio Visual Centre, allows you to choose from a selection of compact discs, AM or FM radio, TV and videos. When have you ever enjoyed working out this much?

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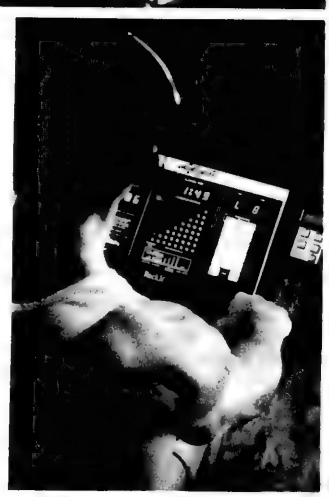

Aerobic training, which includes the step and the slide, may be either high or low intensity. There are certified instructors, convenient class times for people with busy schedules, and new, expanded air-conditioned studios with cushioned floors and surround sound for your comfort and relaxation.

This new, expanded fitness experience comes at no extra cost. It will be included in your monthly membership fee of only $52. There is no extra charge for MicroFit (TM) personal assessments, cardio and resistance training equipment, or aerobics. Also, the hourly tennis court rates of $8 and $20 remain unchanged, except for one time slot: Saturday and Sunday evenings after 5:30 p.m., which are being reduced from $20 to $14.

If you are already a member of Mayfair Racquet & Fitness Clubs, you will continue to enjoy reciprocal privileges at all three Mayfair uptown clubs. If you are not yet a member, and register in August, you will save $450 on the initiation fee of $600; if you register in September, you will save $300. Exercise your right to join the future of fitness today.

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With an extensive background in fashion and costume design (some of it with the National Ballet of Canada), Effie found the world of hats provided a natural outlet for her creative talents. Those talents are now in demand by the entertainment industry; Effie is often asked to create elaborate hats for theatrical and motion picture productions. On a more down-to-earth note, she also designs headware for women suffering from cancer to help them maintain their dignity and elegance during this difficult period.

Surprisingly, Margo's custom work is often less expensive than ready-made hats sold elsewhere. For example, Margo's custom-made bridal veils (noted for their fullness) start at only $69. Her ready-to-wear prices are equally reasonable: winter hats range from $40 to $170, summer hats from $12 to $170. And the selection is endless; you'll find hats in every conceivable fabric and style. Bring in your own fabric (wool, leather, fur, almost anything except the skins of protected species, which Effie won't touch), and she'll custom-make a hat in the style of your choice. If you have a picture of a hat that captures your fancy, Effie can create your hat from the picture.

Weddings, bar mitzvahs, bat mitzvahs, and the high holidays provide much of Margo's business. Bridal headpieces are a specialty, and anything from the simple to the ornate can be designed to match your wedding dress.

Buying a hat at Margo's means receiving the kind of expert service and advice you won't get in a department store. The hat needs to compliment the shape of your face, your bone structure, and other features; if it doesn't, Effie will tell you and advise an alternative. The hat needs to fit perfectly; if it doesn't, Effie will alter it as needed. You can bring in your old hats for expert repair or retrimming, and she'll advise you whether it's worthwhile to do so.

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Rhonda Maternity says look good, feel good during pregnancy

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According to Rhonda Flomen, owner of Rhonda Maternity wear, a woman's attitude during pregnancy may be the single most important factor in how she dresses. Many women consider shopping for maternity wear a chore, when in fact they should be taking precisely the opposite approach. "You're having a baby. The bulge in your midsection signifies the arrival of a new life and should be celebrated, not lamented. If you look good, you feel good, and this adage applies even more during pregnancy – not less." The tendency to wear whatever you can get away with during pregnancy is particularly counter-productive, says Flomen, and only reinforces the negative associations.

With twenty-four years at 110 Cumberland behind her (plus seven years in Thornhill and five in Mississauga), Flomen has obviously communicated this message quite nicely to two generations of mothers. The remedy for success, of course, is built on more than just attitude: quality clothing with an emphasis on natural fibres (pure cotton, linen, and wool) is a Rhonda keynote. The shop carries a wonderful variety of outfits for every occasion in sizes 6 to 16, and most of them are Rhonda's own private label, ensuring her clients exclusivity at a lower price than they'd pay elsewhere for similar quality.

Starting with casual, buying a T-shirt at Rhonda's doesn't mean dressing down; she has some lovely styled fashion T's now at $49 (reg. $69). Slip into some cotton casual pants and cotton/lycra leggings and you'll have an outfit. Moving into career wear, there are print and solid dresses (from $129) in cotton and wool, and beautifully structured wool suits. Wool blazers start at $199. In cocktail and evening wear, there's a striking selection of dresses in pure silk. Style-wise, long skirts and jumpers are strong, as are knit coordinates. "All the natural colours" are big now, says Rhonda, especially black, taupe, and green. Burgundy is also prominent.

Rhonda recommends you shop for maternity wear in your fourth month of pregnancy. "At that point whatever you buy will carry you through to the term of your pregnancy," she says.

Her obsession with quality has been a mixed blessing, she jokes. Her merchandise lasts so well that a single outfit often carries a customer through several years (and pregnancies). And, because you've purchased a quality fashion garment, once the pregnancy is over your maternity outfits can take their rightful place in your regular wardrobe.

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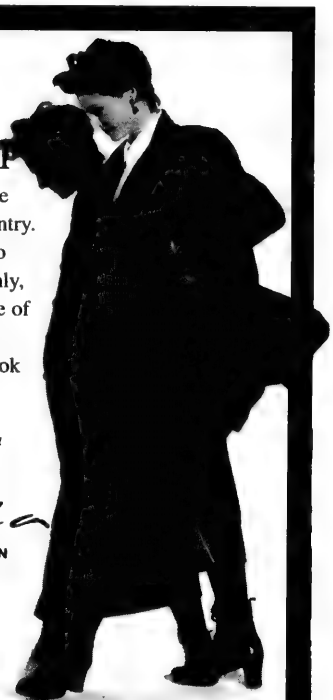

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"If the shoe fits, wear it." **Mephisto** takes this old adage one step further by offering a range of shoes so form-fitting and comfortable that their proponents (many of them world-famous celebrities) insist on wearing them everywhere, even in the unlikeliest of places. At a board meeting – at a ribbon-cutting ceremony – like a "little rascal", this lovable shoe keeps turning up everywhere it shouldn't, with no apologies from the wearers. As for the feet that are "clothed" in them, listen closely and you can almost hear them breathe a sigh of relief. Walk a few steps in them, and you may find it impossible to don another pair of shoes again.

Most shoe manufacturers design their shoes in isolation of the foot, then hope that enough feet can be shoehorned into them to make the cash register ring. **Mephisto** (under still-active founder Martin Michaeli) has taken the opposite approach by analyzing the physiological needs of the human foot and then developing a shoe to meet those needs. Thirty years after the first pair were fashioned in Alsace, France, they're still made by hand; no fewer than 98 different artisans are involved in the fabrication of each pair of all-natural, all-resoleable shoes. You'll pay a little more for a pair of Mephistos, but you'll get a shoe (or boot, or sandal) that will redefine your idea of comfort.

This is especially true if you have back problems or any foot-related disorders. Mephistos are designed with a myriad of features that can correct or alleviate almost any such deficiency, making them an ideal walking shoe. Indeed, they've helped many people "rediscover" walking as a form of exercise and recreation.

Even though many famous people wear the shoes, **Mephisto** avoids the celebrity endorsement route taken by many athletic shoe companies. Their market penetration has been so rapid, so "underground" in nature, that they have acquired a cult following of sorts. And Mephisto serves their followers well: according to Canadian director Ralph Benisty, they "need to spend a minimum of 20 minutes with each customer to explain all the comfort features and value they're getting with each shoe."

Benisty points to a fourfold increase in sales over the past year as evidence of the shoe's popularity. The Mephisto line includes a wide variety of walking shoes as well as sandals and boots. It's available at two **Mephisto** boutiques downtown and at better shoe stores nationwide.

You won't find Michael Jordan advertising them, but you **will** find Margaret Thatcher wearing them – as well as Professor Barnard, Luciano Pavarotti, Queen Sofia of Spain, and other notables. But you don't have to run a country or conduct an orchestra to wear Mephistos; you just have to love your feet. If they don't love you back, maybe it's time to get the relationship back on the right foot.

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"The New Très Cher" an old favourite for up-to-the-minute children's fashions

If you've ever had children – or if you're going to have them – chances are you've heard of Très Cher (French for "very dear"). If you haven't, you're probably "très new" in town; this store, a Toronto landmark, has been the shopping destination of Toronto mothers for generations.

Stretching a full half-block with its five windows and five awnings, Très Cher has every imaginable outfit for boys and girls aged zero to sixteen years. Casual wear, dressy wear, outerwear, it's all here in a range of sizes and selection unmatched by almost any children's wear store anywhere. Couple this with a full-time staff of six that offers a level of service and expertise far above the norm, and it's easy to see why Très Cher is a perennial favourite.

Owners Gerry and Myrna Cohen have a forty-year history in the children's wear business. They opened Togs & Toys in Lawrence Plaza in 1953 and were married three months later. (Prospective store owners/newlyweds take note). They parlayed this store into a six-store chain with a flagship store in Yorkdale. Twenty-seven hectic years later, they "downscaled" to Très Cher, whose already enviable reputation they have maintained and enhanced. In recognition of their efforts, the Cohens recently received the 1994 CAMA Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Retailing.

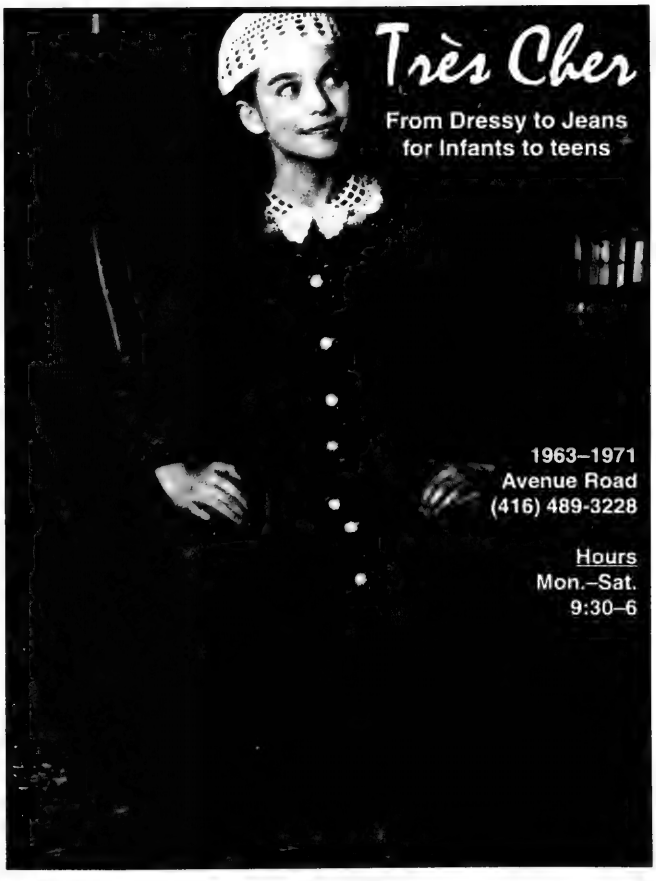
"The New Très Cher" has 4,400 square feet of fashion and features five separate yet interlocked stores, all accessible from the same entrance. There's a boys' 2-16 shop, an infants' boutique, a girls' 2-6x store, a girls' 7 to teen store and an outerwear store. In addition, the store custom makes special occasion wear under their own label.

For back to school and the high holidays, you'll find all the quality name-brand merchandise you've come to expect. This fall your outerwear needs will be addressed as never before: Très Cher promises "aggressive pricing" on a number of popular outerwear lines.

For weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs, and other special occasions, a visit to Très Cher is "de rigueur" (French for "a must"). Many bat mitzvahs could easily be mistaken for a Très Cher fashion show.

The Cohens have clothed three generations and are working on their fourth.

How's that for slowing down?



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Raisins, Almonds and More Under New Management

Roni and Elana Kalef have operated Raisins, Almonds and More since April, 1994. As Roni is an architect, Elana a designer, they each bring to this business their own special talent. Along with many new kosher products, the store has a new personality, clean and neat, with fragrant herbs and spices on the shelves adding to the pleasant atmosphere.

The previous owners had a gift basket and tray department, which the Kalefs have enlarged. Elana has put her knowledge and talent into gift baskets, made to order for each individual. She uses only fresh quality products sold in the store, and can be generous with quantity because she buys in bulk. She also makes baskets for hospital patients and people on special diets. If something smaller is more appropriate, there are gift birds which can be filled with nuts and candies; these cost from $5 up.

A gift basket is a perfect way to wish mazel tov or shabbat shalom; an ideal present for birth or birthday, office opening, moving into a new home, or coming home from hospital. Raisins, Almonds and More has many clients in Baycrest hospital and the seniors' home. Elana also sends baskets to Montreal, Ottawa, Israel and the U.S.

Raisins, Almonds and More has a large bulk and dry foods department, with beans, grains, raisins, dried fruits, candies, chocolates and nuts. All the nuts are dry-roasted (without oil) in a roastery under COR supervision.

People with special diet needs will find vegetarian burgers, schnitzel cutlets, nuggets, hot dogs, cold cuts, and deli slices from Israel, all kosher; sugar-free products, including a line of diabetic candies, chocolates, jello, pudding and icing; lactose-free products like pareve tofu cheesecake; wheat-free, salt-free, and fat-free products; and many other natural foods.

Also, there are ethnic foods like malawah a Yemenite dish, a type of dough that you fry lightly until it fluffs up; then you put in filling, fold the dough over, and you have a whole meal. Finally, just for fun, there are snacks like chocolate yogurt, and gourmet and Israeli candies.

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Owner Marlene Huggett takes special pride in offering personal service, and believes ladies need to feel good about how they look. "We do not try to make them into something they are not," she says. "We treat ladies the way we ourselves like to be treated when we shop."

Here you will find one-of-a-kind accessories by Canadian artisans, who co-ordinate earrings, necklaces, brooches and belts with House of Seasons clothing; beautiful hand-painted silk scarves and cowls to accent your wardrobe; and the wonderful look of Barbara's elegant hand-painted blouses and skirts. "We dress our ladies completely," says Marlene. "We suggest mix-and-match ideas to extend an existing wardrobe, or to give a new outfit different looks."

To meet your individual needs, the House of Seasons keeps records of what you purchase and like, and what styles fit you. Personal fashion consultation and home wardrobe evaluation are available. Each season, the House newsletter informs you about the latest in fashions and their promotion days.

The House of Seasons is expanding its market to include special fittings. As we mature, our bodies change; arthritis can affect the figure, and medical accessories are more common. After coming through bypass surgery with her own mother, Marlene knows how sensitive ladies can be about such changes.

House of Seasons staff are knowledgeable, caring and attentive to these needs. The staff makes appointments to fit your schedule, and home visits for special needs. There is home shopping for shut-ins, and transportation if needed.

Over the past few years, people have come to want better value and service for their money. House of Seasons owes its continued success to personal service; a satisfied customer refers friends, relatives or colleagues.

House of Seasons buys quality, up-to-date Canadian fashions. Marlene works closely with their Canadian designer, Bardocz Classics by Wilma B, whose regular line ranges in size from 4 to 24; her designs are available only in exclusive boutiques. Monthly promotion days feature her each season.

Since opening eight years ago, the House of Seasons has carried up-to-date fashions by Mister Leonard, Gary Petites and Lauren Jeffries. Other popular Canadian manufacturers include London Fog sportswear, Fashion Gallery parachute cloth designs, French Fact dresses, Parkhurst sweaters, Paris Star, Moda Petite, Elite blouses and Gemini outerwear.

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The lighter side of holiday recipes - for the way we live

During the Jewish holidays, we eat traditional foods that are filled with symbolic and spiritual significance. On Rosh Hashanah, for example, a round-shaped challah is served to symbolize the continuity of life. We also dip apples in honey in the hope of a sweet new year.

The foods that we prepare during the holidays have become as important to us as all other time-honoured traditions, especially if the recipes that we use have been passed down from generation to generation. But as times change, so do our tastes and lifestyles, including the way in which we eat and prepare our meals. Gone are the days of fat-laden soups, heavy cream sauces and rich desserts. While our mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers cooked with the best of intentions, our generation's more health-conscious, lower-fat eating habits have inspired us to put our own mark on these recipes that we cherish.

There are many ways to introduce a healthier approach to holiday cooking - without compromising flavour. Here are some helpful tips:

- Choose recipes that require baking, broiling or steaming, instead of frying.
- If you prefer the taste of fried foods, lightly brush the surface with Fleischmann's® SALT FREE margarine, then bake it to get the same flavour.
- If you must fry, prepare the food in advance, freeze, then bake to defrost which will allow the oil to drip off.
- Try substituting Fleischmann's SALT FREE margarine in recipes that call for butter, oil or chicken fat. This will reduce the sodium, the saturated fat, and the cholesterol levels in your cooking.

Remember to use Fleischmann's when preparing all of your favourite dishes during the holidays and throughout the year. In addition to being KOSHER, Fleischmann's SALT FREE is the only national margarine brand that has a PAREVE designation.

Here are three traditional recipes - all with a lighter touch for the way we live today, and made with Fleischmann's SALT FREE margarine, which is KOSHER, PAREVE and a perfect choice when preparing your favourite holiday dishes.

VEAL SHOULDER ROAST

5 lbs	boneless veal shoulder-rolled & tied	2.5 kg
1	envelope dry onion soup mix	1
	paprika garlic powder, pepper to taste	
3 tbsp	**Fleischmann's® SALT FREE margarine**	45 mL
1	large spanish onion - sliced	1
3	cloves fresh garlic - minced	3
1-2 cups	water	250-500 mL

- Rub veal with margarine and mixed dry ingredients.
- Place veal in baking pan, adding fresh garlic and onions on top and bottom of roast.
- Add water, cover, and stew slowly until fork tender at 350°F (180°C) for approximately 2 1/2 hours.
- Remove roast from gravy, and put gravy aside in separate dish.
- Let cool. Keep roast and gravy in refrigerator overnight.
- To reheat, slice veal, and put back into gravy which can be thickened with 2 tbsp. of cornstarch if desired.
- Reheat at 350°F (180°C) for 1/2 hour.

BUBIE HARRIET'S UPSIDE-DOWN NOODLE PUDDING

3/4 cup	brown sugar	175 mL
1/4 cup	corn syrup	60 mL
1/4 cup	**Fleischmann's® SALT FREE margarine**	60 mL
6 oz	egg noodles, medium width	170 g
4	eggs separated and beaten	4
1 tsp	salt	2 mL
1	dash of cinnamon	1
20	dried apricots and prunes (pitted)	20

- Soak apricots and prunes in hot water for 1 hour to soften.
- Mix 1/2 cup (125 mL) brown sugar, corn syrup and margarine and melt mixture in 9" square pyrex (2.5 L) baking dish in oven at 350°F (180°C) for approximately 5-10 minutes.
- Place fruit on bottom of pan in melted mixture; arrange fruit alternately and cut side up.
- Cook noodles in boiling water, lightly salted. Drain.
- In the meantime, mix beaten egg yolks, 1/4 cup (60 mL) brown sugar, salt and cinnamon. Beat egg whites to soft peaks and fold into mixture
- Mix egg mixture with noodles and pour over fruit in pan.
- Bake at 350°F (180°C) for one hour until sides are crisp.
- When baked, run knife along edges of pan and invert onto platter.
- Cut into squares and serve.
- Freezes well.

EASY APPLE DESSERT

8	Spy apples, peeled and cut into eighths	8
	brown sugar cinnamon	
3/4 cup	granulated sugar	175 mL
1 cup	all purpose flour	250 mL
2 tsps	baking powder	10 mL
1/4 cup	**Fleischmann's® SALT FREE margarine**	60 mL
1	egg	1
	orange juice	

- Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C).
- Grease a 2 quart (2.5 L) rectangular ovenproof baking dish with margarine.
- Sprinkle with brown sugar.
- Layer apples in dish and sprinkle them with cinnamon.
- In a mixing bowl, sift together the sugar, flour and baking powder.
- Cut in margarine.
- Break an egg into a measuring cup.
- Add enough orange juice to make 1/2 cup (125 mL) liquid.
- Add to flour mixture and beat with a wooden spoon until blended.
- Spoon mixture over apples.
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Not only are Poultry King's fowl raised right? Conventional white chickens are processed in hot water, opening the pores to remove the feathers more easily; but this waterlogs the chicken, removes the outer layer of yellow skin, and harms the flavor. Poultry King's yellow chickens, on the other hand, are plucked and cleaned in cooler water, opening the pores enough to remove the feathers, but leaving skin and flavor intact. This is how mother and grandmother prepared chicken. Poultry King's methods unite tradition, science and common sense.

The other major part of Poultry King's business is smoking. While many processors use steam convection ovens, then spray the fowl with liquid smoke, Shlass uses a 60-year-old smoking oven in which he burns apple, cherry and beechwood. The wood is chopped to fine sawdust to burn slowly at 165 degrees Fahrenheit. At this low temperature, the smoke flavors the bird through and through, and preserves it naturally.

Poultry King sells to better restaurants like Centro on Yonge St., and has been doing contract work smoking fish, cheese, vegetables, even bones for chicken soup. Shlass also makes pure turkey salami, chicken kelbossa, and a cholesterol- and fat-free smoked breast roll recommended by nutrition and diet centers.

Newcomers find the quality astounding. Regular customers come from as far away as Forest Hill. Poultry King offers service as well, and will barbecue your chicken or custom cut or bone your fowl for you.

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TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

The Lure and Lore of Petra: The recent opening of the Avara border crossing between Eilat, Israel, and Aqaba, Jordan, will likely lead to a dramatic increase in the number of foreign visitors to Petra, the famed ancient city that was lost to the West for many centuries. It's possible to see Petra in as little as a few hours, but archeologically-minded tourists might prefer several days to explore the vast site at leisure. If so, planning and advance reservations are required. Hotels would proliferate here but for the short supply of water. The only major hotel in the vicinity, the 80-room Petra Forum Hotel, often fills up weeks and months in advance, and would-be guests are frequently turned away.

Swiss explorer John Lewis Burckhardt "discovered" Petra while travelling through the region in 1812. He evidently told the suspicious local Bedouin that he wanted to sacrifice a lamb at the alleged tomb of the biblical Aaron, on nearby Mount Hor. In those days, and well into this century, the journeying was perilous for Europeans in the region. Despite his ruse, Burckhardt was threatened with a firearm.

Renowned traveller

As the renowned orientalist-traveller Charles M. Doughty wrote in 1888, many travellers "commonly lament the robber violence" of the villagers. Henry Layard, discoverer of Nineveh and one of the founding fathers of modern archaeology, was robbed by the locals when he visited Petra in 1840.

Apparently, the site was thought to contain vast treasure hordes of gold and silver, and it is on account of this misinformation that the first building one sees, at the end of the deep and narrow canyon known as the Siq, is called El Khaznah Faroun, or the Treasury of the Pharoahs, although it was never meant as a treasury. This most impressive of all Petra's monuments is actually a grand two-story facade carved into the rock, topped by pediments and a kiosk with an urn in the centre. In decades past, many visitors have shot at the ornament with rifles, foolishly hoping to dislodge the rumored stockpiles of gold.

This Treasury building is deceivingly large. Standing as far back as the topography permitted, I found that the wide-angle lens of my camera still would not permit me to photograph both levels of the structure in one shot.

Another obstruction was presented by a Bedouin who was reposing upon his squatting camel, parked roughly midway between myself and the monument. Evidently, he would not tolerate his image being captured on film without adequate compensation.

G. Lankester Harding, author of the excellent *Antiquities of Jordan* (1959), first visited Petra in 1932. He drove there from Gaza via Jerusalem and Amman, recording that "except for a brief stretch near Jerusalem, there was not a yard of surfaced road the whole way." He notes that only since about 1925 has it been possible to visit Petra without encountering unfriendly locals, and that the first members of the Arab Legion Police Post stationed there were massacred by the bloodthirsty local elements.

Work in progress

"Yet," he adds, "in 1956 Miss Diana Kirkbride ... was able to spend six months there on her own in charge of excavations, with no more trouble than an occasional row from someone who thought he ought to be employed on the work and wanted to know why he wasn't."

Owing to the enormity of the site, that work is still in progress today, and may very well be still in progress a century hence. An ancient people called the Nabateans carved thousands of tombs and dwelling-places into the rock at Petra, a Roman name which itself means "rock" — Roman, because that tribe conquered the stronghold in 106 CE, after which it became the hub of a Roman province, Arabia Petrae.

In time the Roman Empire fell, and after the rise of Islam in the seventh century, Petra sank into obscurity, remaining in this more or less tranquil seclusion through the building of a Crusade castle there in the 12th century, until the 19th century, when Burckhardt, disguised as an Arab, reached the lost city.

Considered one of the most accomplished orientalists of his century, the Swiss-born explorer is also remembered for discovering the Pharaonic monuments at Abir Simbul, along the upper reaches of the Nile. It is a sad truth that when he died he had not even begun the expedition for which all his years of study and travel in the East had been mere preparation.

His final expedition had been funded by the Africa Association of England, which wanted him to penetrate the dark continent, determine the proper course of the Niger River and find the remote and legendary city of Timbuktoo. Before any of this could be accomplished, however, Burkhardt died of dysentery in Cairo in 1816, at the age of 33.

Munich is a study in contrasts

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

MUNICH, Germany — Visiting Munich in the 1930s, Tom Wolfe, the illustrious American novelist, gushed: "How can one speak of Munich but to say that it is a kind of German heaven?"

Munich, in fact, is beautiful. But its ugly Nazi past can — and occasionally does — intrude on its earthly pleasures.

With a population of 1.3 million, Munich is a sophisticated, cosmopolitan town, with more sights than a visitor can possibly absorb in one intensive day of touring.

Marienplatz, the heart and soul of old Munich, is best known for the Gothic-style Rathaus, or city hall, which is invariably crowded with tourists.

They all come to see the Glockenspiel on the ornate facade of the Rathaus. Each day at 11 a.m., noon and 5 p.m. during summer, enameled mechanical figures perform a kind of ritualized dance on the carillon, stiffly moving in and out of archways. Audiences love it.

Since the area around Marienplatz is full of cafes, restaurants, pubs and shops, you can happily spend an entire day here.

The Viktualienmarkt, the fabulous open air market, is minutes away from Marienplatz. Here you can browse to your heart's content, sampling excellent sour pickles and Weisswurst, or downing a refreshing glass of beer in the shady beergarden. Minutes away by foot is the finest gourmet food store in all of Munich, Alois Dallmyr, a veritable feast for the eyes.

Arguably, the most interesting neighborhood to be found in Munich is Schwabing, the local equivalent of New York's Greenwich Village.

Starting out as a sleepy village, it was transformed into an artists' quarter in the early part of this century, rendered famous by the likes of Kandinsky and Klee.

People in the know, though, claim that Schwabing's bohemian heyday ended in the 1960s. But to a Canadian visitor, Schwabing, with its cafe society along Leopoldstrasse, remains vital and stimulating.

Close by is Rachel Salamander's bookshop, Literatur Handlung, on 17 Furstenstrasse. It's the only Jewish bookshop in Munich, carrying more than 1,000 titles in a variety of languages, including English and Yiddish.

Bordering Schwabing is the Englischer Garten, a lovely 374-hectares park full of tranquil byways. Head for the Chinese Tower, with its 400-seat beergarden and canopy of mature chestnut trees.

Munich has many museums, but the finest is probably the Alte Pinakothek, with its collection of Old Masters. Unfortunately, it's currently closed for renovations.

Schloss Nymphenburg, the lavish summer residence of the Bavarian monarchy, is not to be missed. Forming one of the most outstanding palace complexes-cum-gardens in Europe, it's an architectural gem.

Look for the Gallery of Beauties, a collection of portraits of Bavaria's loveliest women, including Nanette Kaula, the daughter of court Jews; the Hall of Mirrors; the Marstall Museum, with its splendid assemblage of incredibly fancy coaches, carriages and sleds; and the pink-and-white rococo Amalienburg hunting lodge.

Jewish visitors should leave time for the Olympia Park, scene of the 1972 summer Olympic Games. A memorial to the 11 Israeli athletes who were murdered by Arab terrorists stands in front of their apartment at 31 Connolystrasse.

At Ludwig-Maximilian University, two squares are named after three of the leading members of the anti-Nazi White Rose resistance movement — Kurt Huber, Sophie Scholl and her brother, Hans, who were executed in 1943. A plaque in the main lobby is dedicated to all the White Rose martyrs.

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FINAL OF A FOUR-PART SERIES

When the Canadian economy bit the dust in mid-1990, no one could have forecast how long nor how deep this "economic downturn" would last.

When politicians and economists finally admitted, and perhaps submitted, to the "R" word, things went from bad to worse.

Today, however, these same forecasters are using the "R" word to signify recovery and while many taxpayers wait for that recovery to trickle down, it seems to be the perfect time to address the health of personal finances.

Mired in recession for close to four years, personal finances have taken a beating and now, perhaps more than ever, it is important to talk to financial advisors, investors and tax specialists to ensure maximum results.

The CJN has enlisted the services of four professionals who hail from the world of finance to assess the finances of several families that represent a cross-section of the public.

This is the last of a four-part series. The people featured in the articles are real but their names have been changed to protect their identities.

As well, the advice given pertains only to the individuals addressed in this letter and readers are cautioned to obtain specific professional advice prior to the implementation of any of these suggestions.

By JACK POLLACK AND GORDON BERGER
Special to The CJN

Dear Gloria:

Thank you for taking the time from your busy schedule to meet with us. It was a great pleasure. Based upon the information provided to us at the meeting, here are our recommendations for your consideration.

Generally speaking we have no "quick fixes" for our clients. We implement a three-step process: meet our clients and develop a preliminary report; at a second meeting review the report with the client and attempt to reach some decisions as well as solidify their needs; and lastly, compile our final report.

Your annual balance sheet of income vs. expenses is as follows:

Income	$43,732 (26 times $1,682)
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	Total $50,932

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11.	Car Insurance (12 x 100)	1,200
12.	Home Insurance (12 x 21)	252
13.	Daycare (12 x 500)	6,000
14.	Auto Gas (12 x 100)	1,200
15.	Food (12 x 350)	4,200
16.	Cable (12 x 50)	600
17.	Telephone (12 x 100)	1,200
18.	Cleaning (12 x 150)	1,800
19.	Gardening (12 x 50)	600
	Subtotal	$24,852
	Total	$41,971.90
	Misc.	$ 8,960.10

You are currently a single mother, and your two-year-old son is in daycare. Your assets include: RRSP savings of $3,000, $2,000 in the bank and a debt-free home with a value of $350,000. To the best of our knowledge you have no other assets or outstanding loans.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Estate Planning

Currently you have a "hand shake" informal agreement with your son's father as to what happens to his assets should he pass on, and what happens to your son should you pass on. This particular matter is of utmost importance for many reasons. In order for your son to be taken care of immediately, in case of your being involved in an accident, a will is of prime importance.

In addition, as you are currently the only legal guardian of your son and there have been changes in the law, you should consider an enduring power of attorney letter so that if you become incapacitated your son will be taken care of financially as well as emotionally by someone whom you choose.

As we understand your personal situation with your son's father, it is always prudent to commit these obligations in the form of a legal, written will. As such, our first and most important recommendation is to see a lawyer and have this matter addressed immediately.

2. Life Insurance

Following the estate planning issues, it is of extreme importance that your son have the funds necessary to secure his future held in a trust for him should you pass on prematurely. You presently have $5,000 of group life insurance through your company's benefit plan. Although you have a verbal arrangement with your son's father, you indicated that his cash flow is not enough to support the additional expenses of a dependant.

We have estimated that approximately $600,000 of capital should generate enough money in order for your son continue with the program you had planned for him. This program includes daycare, followed by (preferably) private school and then a university/college education. This capital need may be funded by purchasing a life insurance policy.

Term insurance provides a death benefit for a set term premium of one year up to 20 years. At the end of the term the premium is increased for the next term period. This type of insurance is generally cost effective for short-term goals, i.e. 15 years or less. For long-term requirements, such as income replacement, different products may be more appropriate.

Term to 100 insurance provides is a contract term to age 100. The premium is payable to age 100. This type of policy can have a level, guaranteed death benefit and premium.

Whole Life policies are a derivative of simple term policies. They provide for insurance combined with investment. These investments are tax sheltered, but whole life provides little if any accountability as to the cost of insurance, administrative expenses, death benefits and or future cash values. Although these types of policies have proven beneficial in the past, in today's economic environments more accountable policies are required such as Universal Life.

Universal Life is a combination of term insurance and investment. A well-structured Universal Life product guarantees term to 100 rates of insurance with accountable, tax sheltered investment funds. Universal Life guarantees the client insurance costs (as described in the contract), minimum returns and accountability on future cash values. The diversification may be anywhere from interest-sensitive investments to mutual funds, and since returns are tax sheltered, this can prove to be extremely advantageous.

3. Tax Planning

Given that the government is our partner in life (the partnership ranges between 29.3 per cent to 53.2 per cent), it is important we keep our partnership honest. That is to say, individuals should pay as much tax as the Income Tax Act requires, but not more. We work with tax specialists to ensure our clients are provided with up-to-date solutions for their own specific situations.

Since you purchased your home within the last year and given your status as a single mother, we had an inclination that your taxes may be higher than they should be. On a no-name basis we forwarded your circumstances to one of our specialists for review. He estimated that you may have a tax savings available of approximately $1,600 to $8,000 this year, and possibly in subsequent years as well. Should these figures become true your cash flow may increase significantly. In order to facilitate and/or clarify how these savings can be achieved you should get tax advice as soon as possible.

4. Retirement Planning

Before adjustments are made, we recommend you consider a Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) to meet your goal of retiring as soon of possible. You currently have $3,000 in an RRSP.

Retirement planning is necessary. As your current expenses after income tax are approximately $33,000, we can estimate that at age 65 these expenses may rise $75,200 (using 4 per cent inflation factor). Generally speaking retirement expenditures are approximately 75 per cent of pre-retirement income, so your retirement needs are reduced to $56,400.

With Old Age Security and Canada Pension Plans providing a portion of your living expenses, the rest will need to be funded by you. There is an RRSP carry forward provision which may enable you to contribute a large amount this year and at the same time reduce your taxable income. We would like to work with you to develop an investment plan to provide retirement income.

5. Disability Insurance

You said you are currently covered by your company's disability program. This plan may suit your needs adequately, but we need to review the douments, which you are obtaining for us.

6. Education Savings Plans

One of the important issues you raised was that of creating a savings account for your son's future education plans. There are a number of different options available. These types of investments range from Registered Education Savings Plans (RESP) to Mutual Fund Investments and or Tax Sheltered Life Insurance plans.

The RESP are primarily interest driven. Funds are invested in Canada Bonds and government backed mortgages, and other interest sensitive investments. This type of plan can be advantageous as the growth within the plan is tax sheltered, and is paid to the child directly during his/her post-secondary education.

The disadvantages of these plans are that they are solely dependant on your child attending a credited university or college. In addition the investors do not know what the actual payout will be until the child has made his/her request for the funds.

A mutual fund approach to investment has a number of advantages. First of all, unlike the RESPs, the growth is accountable each and every year, and the investment is controlled by the depositor and can be used for any purpose deemed appropriate by the depositor and at any time. In addition, a well-balanced portfolio can achieve higher returns than the RESP. The disadvantages may be poor investment advice and returns, as well as the tax implications which may develop.

Tax Sheltered Life Insurance Plans have a number of benefits which combine the RESP and mutual fund strategies. First and most importantly there is a life insuance component. Depending on the structure of the policy the insurance face amount may be substantial. Given today's health issues, it may be good to provide life insurance for your child while at the same time providing a tax sheltered plan for your child's education. Using an extremely accountable, well-structured life insurance product will allow you to meet your education funding goals while maintaining control of the policy.

In closing we feel that in your situation a number of improvements may be achieved by hard work, diligence, and a devotion to a carefully constructed strategic plan.

We look forward to our next meeting.

Yours truly,

Gordon Berger Jack Pollack

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This article was prepared by PanFinancial president Gordon Berger and senior vice-president Jack Pollack. Specific tax recommendations provided by Steven Silverberg of Miller Bernstein & Partners, Chartered Accountants.

Single mother welcomes financial, estate advice

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

In order to determine Gloria's assessment of their financial planning experience, **The CJN** *conducted a follow-up interview with her.*

TORONTO — Gloria said she was eager to be involved in the series because, as a single mother, she was aware of the importance of providing financial security for her child's future.

"From a reality point of view, it gave me a good overview of my current situation," she said.

As far as Jack's and Gordon's recommendations are concerned, Gloria said she is currently looking into obtaining a lawyer to draw up a Will. As well, PanFinancial may well be her choice to investigate a life insurance policy, she said.

"I had been looking but, so far, I hadn't found anything satisfactory. I'm willing to pursue them," Gloria said, adding that she found the interview session with Jack and Gordon comfortable and personable.

Gloria said the planning session exposed her to the financial marketplace. "The experience has shown me how to manage with what I have — to be more effective.

Gloria added that she would try to implement Jack's and Gordon's advice but that she would need to be guided to ensure her finances remain on track.

"It was a good personal experience."

Businessman to improve Israel's economic image

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Bureaucrats and political appointees: take a back seat. Leave this job to a businessman.

That was what the government did a year ago when it tapped Gadot Petrochemical Industries' Giora Meyuhas to run its Economic Mission for North America.

He is the first CEO of a major firm to fill the New York post, and his work promises to bear fruit.

"Our old image, of a very bureaucratic country, plagued by excessive government involvement in the business sector and political instability, is no longer true, but it still lingers in the minds of American business leaders," Meyuhas says.

"We've gone through great improvements recently, especially with increased privatization. My job is to bring that to the attention of the business community."

Beside improving the country's image as a good place to do business, Meyuhas says the mission aims to enhance trade and create joint ventures between Israel and North America.

The mission was created by combining the North American offices of the Israeli Finance Ministry and the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

The unification has enabled Meyuhas since August to streamline and coordinate operations at the six North American branches under his control.

The appointment of a businessman to head the mission signaled a new focus for government economic activity abroad. It also adds a corporate flavor to what has essentially been a political position.

Meyuhas' business credentials are top-notch. Under his leadership, Gadot sales grew from $65 million to $100 million annually. He was awarded the 1993 Israel Industry Prize for his managerial skills and his leadership role in the chemicals industry.

Just as relevant is the fact that his political and business philosophies are in line with current government policies.

"A true dove," as he describes himself, Meyuhas has for years been promoting the "invest, don't give charity" approach now so popular in Zionist circles.

"In my opinion, the Zionism of today is economic development," he says.

Five years ago, he brokered a revolutionary partnership between Haifa Municipality and the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Boston, by which the philanthropies earmark more than $2 million of their $15-million annual Operation Exodus campaign to fund four development projects in Haifa.

The Haifa-Boston partnership has since become a model for other North American Jewish communities in a process of "economic twinning" that Meyuhas believes should be encouraged.

One of Meyuhas's priorities is to more aggressively court multinational companies, which he believes could be tempted to establish research-and-development centers in Israel that might blossom into subsidiary branches.

Many of these companies have traditionally avoided Israeli involvement because of regional instability, the Arab boycott, and the feeling that the Israeli market is too small.

Giora Meyuhas

The peace process will, Meyuhas tells prospective investors, bring political stability to the region "sooner than we think." The Arab boycott is no longer a serious deterrent, he believes.

"The companies see Israel in Oman, Qatar and Tunisia, they see Rabin in Jordan, they see Japanese companies falling over each other to come to Israel," he points out.

And the economic cooperation that may result from the multilateral negotiations will create a market not of Israel's five million, but of the region's 200 million consumers.

Part of enhancing Israel's image as a good place to do business is improving the country's longstanding reputation for abrupt or lackadaisical service. Since Meyuhas's appointment, the economic mission has hired a high-powered New York firm, Edelman's Public Relations. Brochures highlight what Meyuhas believes is the country's major asset: a highly skilled, intelligent, dependable workforce.

Multinational companies impressed

He believes this factor is more of an inducement to foreign companies than any government incentives or free trade agreements.

Service is the byword in all dealings with foreign companies, Meyuhas emphasizes. It's not enough to rely on native Israeli chutzpah.

"We are creating a service-oriented mission, so when an American company interested in doing business in Israel approaches us for information, it will receive the best service possible," he says.

Under his stewardship, the North American Economic Mission has aggressively organized visiting delegations of multinational companies interested in exploring the Israeli option. This, he stresses, is the mission's "target audience."

Three months ago, the top management of General Motors took a look at several proposed investment sites. In June, a delegation representing heavy-hitters from several organizations — including the KKR financial advisory firm, Salomon Bros., and Washington attorney Vernon Jordan — toured the country on a trip organized by Wall Street consultant Jim Wolfensohn.

The chairman of Westinghouse visited the following week; Baxter International was nosing around in mid-July; American Home Products has scheduled visit in the very near future; and Pfizer pharmaceuticals may send a delegation in October.

Cargil, a Minnesota-based agricultural trading company, is involved in several R&D projects in Israel and is considering establishing its own R&D centre.

Although Israel is a traditional favorite for high-tech industries looking for foreign investment, Meyuhas is actively trying to encourage a wider diversity of business investment, particularly in the food and agricultural fields.

He points out that the Arab countries import more than $20 billion a year in food products, between 60 and 80 percent of their total consumption.

With the advent of a regional Middle Eastern economic entity, Meyuhas believes this will present foreign companies with a huge, virtually untapped consumer market.

"All of them are checking it out. They're waiting to see what will develop politically, but they already see the potential."

Meyuhas says from September through early spring, calls to his offices from interested American companies had doubled.

"Since Hebron, interest has stabilized somewhat, but it's still there. Even though it was the action of one lunatic, it had an effect that cannot be denied. But the overall process of moving forward is irreversible, and is continuing to develop more rapidly than we all anticipated."

Early this year, Meyuhas was asked to be the economic liaison for Builders for Peace, a consortium of American Jewish and Arab business leaders seeking to invest in joint ventures in Israel and in the territories.

As a government representative, Meyuhas is constrained from actually working with foreign companies that wish to invest in territories that will fall within the Palestinian autonomous zones.

"In a way, we encourage it, because it's in our interest that these regions develop economically," he says. "But we cannot be formally involved. This must be done by the Palestinian National Authority."

How does this former CEO enjoy his first foray into the government sector? Well, he says with a smile, he won't make a career out of it.

"I was ready to contribute what I could, because this is a real personal mission for me, but I'll probably return to my business when I finish here [in 1995]," he says. But the practice of government encouraging business leaders to enter public service temporarily and add their expertise is one that should be encouraged, he says.

"If businessmen and women would be willing to serve abroad for a year or two or three, it would be a very important thing for the country," he says. "This is done much more in the US, where the president calls upon business leaders for their expertise. We should do more of it, too."

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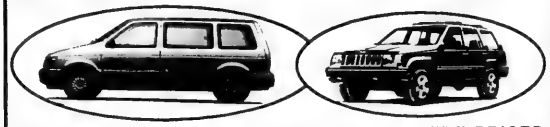

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Peace benefits to flow like water

By ELMER WINTER
Special to The CJN

MILWAUKEE — Significant economic benefits will flow to Israel and Jordan following the signing of the Washington Declaration by King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

High on the agenda of items to be discussed by the two countries are the promotion of tourism in the Dead Sea region, development plans for the Jordan Rift Valley and the possible building of a canal from the Red Sea to the Dead Sea.

The Red-Dead canal would generate electricity to light homes and desalinate water. Israel and Jordan will also begin joint seismic exploration of the Dead Sea's oil potential.

Jordan particularly stands to benefit from peace with Israel. Israeli technology, particularly in the area of agriculture, can be a tremendous boon to Jordanian farmers.

But Israel will benefit as well. If the Jordanians receive loans and grants from foreign countries — like those promised to the Palestinians — they can buy Israeli materials to develop their infrastructure, particularly in the areas of electric power and telecommunications. Israeli companies will also derive benefits from supplying the Jordanians with factory-built housing, power stations and water purification systems.

Joint manufacturing ventures are likely to be established between Israeli and Jordanian companies in such fields as textiles, food, pharmaceuticals, electronics and computers.

Joint free-export processing zones may be established to attract companies. Moreover, Israel's free trade agreements with the United States and the European Economic Community could be utilized by Jordanian companies operating joint ventures with Iraeli firms.

Jordan is plagued by high unemployment. Jobs are needed now — jobs that can best be created by foreign investors.

If the Jordanians wish to attract American companies to open factories in their country, they would be well advised to show leadership in getting their fellow Arabs to do what they themselves have done -- eliminate the economic boycott of Israel.

Partnerships between American, Jordanian and Israeli firms would allow the Israeli component to provide R&D capability, technical know-how and Western-style management. The Jordanians would provide the labor force, and the American company would provide marketing skills vital to sales in the American and European markets.

How soon will joint Israeli-Jordanian projects be set in motion? The Jordanian government will not make deals until the final border with Israel is resolved.

There has been considerable discussion over the years about a Mideast Common Market. The accord between Jordan and Israel is one giant step towards its realization.

Elmer Winter is chair of the Committee for Economic Growth in Israel.

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This week The CJN features . . . Sheppard Celebrity Travel

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN

TORONTO — Renata Eisen, co-owner of **Sheppard Celebrity Travel** at Finch and Bathurst, has been working in the travel industry since 1952.

She told *The CJN* she still finds the travel business exciting. "It's so varied even after 43 years. Every single day I'm doing something I haven't done before."

She said the travel industry has changed a lot since the '50s: travel was expensive and not readily affordable for the general population. There were no packaged tours or charters then, she said. Overseas trips were customized with travel agents taking care of all the details from booking flights and hotels to arranging transportation from the airports.

Charters and package trips revolutionized the travel industry when they were introduced 22 years ago, Eisen said.

While package tours have made travel more affordable, sightseeing became expendable, she said. "Its easier to plunk a person on a beach and pick them up one week later."

She illustrated this point by explaining the impact of packaged tours on travel to Mexico. Most tourists to that country used to visit the museums of Mexico City before heading to a beach destination for a few days in the sun, she said. But now most tourists skip them and head directly to a beach.

"The one week holiday was born with the package," she said, because a week of beach relaxation, particularly in the Caribbean is enough time.

While Sheppard Celebrity Travel is an all purpose agency — it covers the gamut of travel for all age groups from business flights and weekend getaways to group tours, cruises and package vacations, Eisen has developed her own niche.

She's a specialist in customized travel, drawing on her years of training, to plan trips for those people who don't like group and package tours. Eisen said she also developed an expertise in health and fitness travel because there was a big demand from her clients for these kinds of vacations.

Recently she planned a walking trip in Scotland for a mother and daughter. But bicycle tours are more common, with a number of companies offering tours with varying degrees of difficulty and cost, Eisen said.

For example, one tour company has an eight-day trip through Vermont priced at $900 (U.S.), while another has a two-week trip through China for $5,500, and neither price includes transportation costs, she said.

The cost of spa vacations also vary. Well-known spas such as the Canyon Ranch in Arizona and the Golden Door in California are pricey, at $3,000 (U.S.) a week, she said. But there are also many mid-priced spas for $1,500 (U.S.) a week, as well as some very nice places in Mexico at $500 (U.S.) a week, she said.

Eisen explained that North American style spas cater to physical fitness and weight loss while European health spas offer treatments like mud baths and hot springs for chronic conditions like arthritis. The spas in Hungary and Italy are affordable for North Americans, she said. Hungarian spas are in the $500 a week range, while Italian ones cost about $120 (U.S.) a day.

Eisen recommended American-style spas for people travelling alone because the atmosphere is conducive to meeting people. She said cruises, all-inclusive resorts like Club Med and group tours can also provide single travellers with some companionship.

Florida offers families affordable vacations in both winter and summer, although prices peak at Christmas and during March break, Eisen said. She suggested that budget-conscious families heading to Disney World stay in hotels outside of the theme park to save money.

Resort holidays are good family vacations in the summer, but the success of a holiday is too dependent on the weather at resorts in Ontario, Eisen said. She prefers the resorts in the Catskills which have many more in-door activities including swimming and tennis.

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CPI Jumps 1.1 %

JERUSALEM — Inflation pushed ahead in July, as the Consumer Price Index jumped 1.1 per cent on a continued increase in housing prices.

Rahamim Ozama, head of the Central Bureau of Statistics' price division, estimated that inflation is running at 14.5 per cent annually.

Housing prices have continued their upward course, despite the government's attempts at curbing them. During May and June housing prices rose 3.2 per cent, while in the previous two months, they went up 2.1 per cent.

Apartment prices rose 2.6 per cent last month, pushing overall housing prices up 2.1 per cent. Since July 1993, housing prices have shot up 27.8 per cent.

Reacting to July's high index, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said the government may have to consider going back to public sector building to arrest climbing inflation.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat reiterated that despite the continued rise in inflation, there is no need to devalue the shekel.

Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel said "the index is undoubtedly high and we will need to study its consequences on the economy." Most economists predict the central bank will raise interest rates next month to curb inflation.

The Producer Price Index also is rising at a higher rate of 7.8 per cent, while only a few months ago it was increasing at an annual rate of 6.8 per cent.

July's rise brought the index to 113.1 points on a baseline averaging 100 in 1993, compared with 111.9 points in June.

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Job Seekers Drop

JERUSALEM — Nearly 107,000 jobseekers applied at the country's regular and academic labor exchanges last month, which after seasonal adjustment reflects a drop of about 1.4 per cent in the number of those looking for work.

Jobseekers with academic degrees rose slightly last month to 14,600; up 1.2 per cent from June.

July saw a deepening of existing unemployment, however. The proportion of jobseekers who had been out of work for six days or more rose to 74 per cent compared to 72.3 per cent in June; or 68,800 compared to 63,800.

The number of new immigrants seeking jobs rose by 1.8 per cent last month (11,000 compared to 10,800).

Women constituted 56.7 per cent of jobseekers last month, compared to 56 per cent in June.

The Employment Service found jobs for 38,900 applicants last month, compared to 17,500 in June.

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Deal Signed With Firms

JERUSALEM — Africa Israel, Bank Leumi's real estate, tourism and insurance subsidiary, has signed a memorandum of understanding with a consortium of Jordanian and Palestinian companies.

Jordanian businessman Dawud Qutub, head of investment group Triangle International, said the group was "trying to make the peace machine active" through operation of this "golden-triangle."

The new company, to be registered in another country, will initially deal with the development of tourism projects in Jordan and the Palestinian autonomous areas.

The group is already examining possible hotel and tourist centers in Akaba, Petra, the northern Dead Sea area and other locations in Jordan.

Chairmanship of the venture will be a bi-annual rotation between the Israeli and Jordanian-Palestinian representatives, with the first chairman being from Africa Israel.

The group intends to expand activity into other areas, particularly real estate, with construction of office and industrial parks a possibility.

Contact between the Africa Israel and the Jordanian-Palestinian group was initiated a year ago.

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Pioneer UAV Wins $20 M Contract

JERUSALEM — Pioneer UAV Inc., a joint venture between Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI) and AAI Corporation of the United States, has been awarded a $20.2 million firm fixed price contract by the U.S. Department of Defence.

The contract is for 20 Pioneer Unmanned Air Vehicles with payloads, nine fuselages and applicable data which will support the Pioneer UAV units of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps by replacing air vehicles lost during operations and training. The Pioneer is the only UAV system in its class in ths US inventory and operates on land and on board ships.

Fifty-two percent of the work will be carried out in Israel.

BOOKS

By BERNARD BASKIN

A Talent For Genius: The Life & Times of Oscar Levant by Sam Kashner & Nancy Schoenberger (Random House of Canada, $32.50).

In his heyday — the tumultuous '30s — Oscar Levant (1905-1972) was a famous personality. His brilliance and talent were widely recognized and admired.

He was ranked among the world's top concert pianists, made hundreds of classical recordings, scintillated as a member of the *Information Please* quiz team, acted in 13 Hollywood movies and wrote three best selling books.

The entertainment community always held its breath whenever Levant opened his mouth. What witty or acerbic comment would emerge? What outrageous witticism or wisecrack would come forth? Asked what he wanted to be as a kid, he answered, "An orphan."

Levant was born in 1906 to an immigrant Orthodox family in Pittsburgh. His Jewish background provided him with a love of music coupled with the status of an outsider. "That status gave him the boldness, the chutzpah, and the irony to attack the cultural mainstream; it also provided him with a lifelong sense of inadequacy and resentment against the status quo."

Attended Hebrew school

As a youngster he faithfully attended Hebrew school and responded positively to Jewish ritual. "He was fascinated by Kaddish, the Jewish prayer for the dead, a fascination that would take another form in adulthood: a phobic dread of any mention or thought of death. When, at the suggestion of his psychiatrist, he finally gave up the ritual of reciting Kaddish, he felt he was betraying not God but his mother, at whose knee he had first learned to observe all the Jewish rituals."

Leaving school as a teenager, the eager and gifted Levant quickly found work as a pianist in restaurants and nightclubs. Before long he was rubbing shoulders with the great and near great of Broadway. Walter Winchell, the gossip columnist, was quick to recount his wicked quips to a large and appreciative audience. Levant, fascinated by George Gershwin with whom he had a strange love-hate relationship, became the premier interpreter of his music. He said of *Porgy and Bess* that it was a right step in the wrong direction.

Levant's great problem was that his multi-talented personality never became focused. He was beset by conflicting goals and constantly shifting interests.

Addicted to variety of drugs

Moreover in his middle years he began to suffer severe mental and emotional deterioration. He fell victim to a series of obsessions and phobias. Addicted to a variety of drugs, four packs of cigarettes a day and over twenty cups of coffee, he became increasingly doubtful about his abilities and revelled in self-depreciating humor.

Once on a TV show he was asked where he lived. He answered, "On the periphery." He also confided to his audience that there was a fine line between genius and insanity and that he had erased that line.

In search of relief from his bouts of manic depressive illness, he went through a number of well known psychiatrists, and was hospitalized on five occasions.

"In an era when every television talk show casually offers up the confessions of reformed substance abusers, it is hard to realize how shocking that information was in the mid-1950s, when Levant went on the Jack Paar *Tonight Show* and talked candidly about the shock treatments, drug withdrawal, and group therapy he had undergone."

This, the first-full length biography of Levant, brings to life a fascinating personality, as well as numerous figures from a star-studded era: Fred Astaire, Judy Garland, Elizabeth Taylor, Lauren Bacall, Charlie Chaplin, Dorothy Parker, Arturo Toscanini, Candice Bergen, Joan Collins, Vincente Minneli, Harpo Marx and Gene Kelly.

I once heard Levant play at New York's Lewisohn Stadium almost a half century ago. It was a memorable evening. He deserves to be remembered — America's favorite enfant terrible.

Alexi Fateyeu, Andrei Vinogradov and Dimitry Frid perform.

Russian artists a hit in revue

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Russian Jewish dancers, singers and musicians stranded in Toronto when *Russians on Broadway* went belly up, scored their own triumph at Skylight Theatre in Earl Bales Park recently at the annual Yiddish concert produced by Nathan Garnick and Richard Bassett.

Alexei Fateyev with the Kalinka Dancers, singer-pianist Nina Shapilsky and tenor Igor Portnoi were such hits at the afternoon and evening performances that they were called back to the stage time and again for encores. This concert should have been billed *Russians on North Bathurst Street*, so pervading were the haunting Russian airs and the spirited leaps of the Kalinka Dancers.

Every good show leaves you wanting more and in this case it was to capture more of that incredible dancer Fateyev. When performing with the others in three dances, Fateyev kept his artistry in rein, as suited the ensemble spirit. But the audience of 1,200 got a glimpse of the real Fateyev when in the final seconds of *Otchi Chornia* he literally flew across the stage in a blur.

Those dancing with him were Natasha Ocheredco, Volody Guodacov, Evalina Gamina, Andrei Vinogradov, Elena Fried, Dimitri Fried and Natusha Travinski.

Michael Ziskind on violin, Igor Ziskind on flute and Eduard Kagasnky on accordian were the Musical Legend Ensemble which opened the concert.

If the Russians served the appetizer and dessert, the entree came in the form of the solid performances in Yiddish of Nathan Garnick, the master story teller, and Gloria Valentine, who sang up a storm of audience participation with *Yossel Ber*, *Shvigaro* and *Rumania, Rumania*, suitably attired for each, including the role of Gittel the Matchmaker.

Sporting a mortar board and an academic gown, Garnick, as his alter ego Naphtoli Gimel, gave a Yiddish lesson, a case of art imitating life since Garnick is a Yiddish teacher in real life. All his painful and pleasurable experiences with students over the years were compressed into his act, a piece of theatre as inspired as the Broadway play *The English Lesson* by Israel Horowitz.

It is Garnick's sense of timing and an instinctive knowledge of when to turn to the audience for help which make him the actor he is. Sidekick Richard Bassett is developing well as his foil.

When in English you want comparative forms, Garnick lectured, you say high, higher and highest. In Yiddish you say hoich, hoicher and a 'lunger lux' (flagpole). Paul Mathews was his accompanist.

Thanks were extended to Anne Mirvish and Herb Stein for their patronage of the Russian troupe. Mary Goldlust was artistic coordinator and Marvin Schiff did the artwork.

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Arts

Carousel still great after 50 years

By GERRY MORRIS
Special to The CJN

A scene from Rodgers and Hammerstein's Carousel.

NEW YORK — Lincoln Centre's imported *Carousel* (from Britain's National Theatre) is a cinch to find long-term residency on Vivian Beaumont's revolving stage.

Equally ecstatic reception would await this beautiful production if it were moved to Toronto or, for that matter, to Peoria, Illinois, because this is about as good as a revival can get.

Everyone must know by this time that *Carousel* is one of America's great musicals, and believe it or not, it has been 50 years since it first played on Broadway. How can you help but fall under the spell of its glorious score, which includes such perennial favorites as *If I Loved You; What's The Use Of Wond'rin'?; You'll Never Walk Alone; Mr. Snow* and the ebullient *June Is Bustin' Out All Over*? Of the nine shows Richard Rodgers did with Oscar Hammerstein II (They were the pre-eminent Jewish composer-lyricist team of their generation.), *Carousel* remained their personal favorite. It is based on Ferenc Molnar's original fantasy *Liliom*.

Carousel is a tragic tale of a confused and troubled carnival barker, Billy Bigelow, and his abusive relationship with a dreamy mill girl, Julie Jordan, who capitulates to whirlwind seduction on a moonlit New England night, back in the 1870s. The relationship builds through a turbulent marriage, although the birth of a daughter adds equilibrium and poignancy to the story line.

Director Nicholas Hytner has underscored the musical's dark side, brilliantly assisted by the sensuous choreography of Kenneth McMillan, and the superb expressionistic settings of designer Bob Crowley. This triumverate are the real stars of the show, mounting a dazzling 1990s stylized staging that is most radical and refreshing.

The leads are for the most part excellent, except for Michael Hayden's (Billy Bigelow) voice, which is not powerful enough, especially for the famous and demanding *Soliloquy*. Sally Murphy is deeply moving as Julie Jordan. Black actress-singer Shirley Verrett plays Julie's cousin and is strong in her treatment of *You'll Never Walk Alone*. The heroine's best pal Carrie is finely portrayed by Audre Ann McDonald (a real find!) who is courted and won by Mr. Snow (Eddie Korbich); both display lustrous voices.

If you're heading into Big Town to see a show or two, this one should go to the top of your list, but be prepared to choke back a tear or two. Take it from me, the story is utterly believable and heart-breakingly genuine.

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E.L. Doctorow, Grace Paley, Mordecai Richler and Nathan Shaham (of Israel) are some of the participating writers of special interest to the Jewish community. Another is biographer Stanley Weintraub, who is scheduled to discuss the literary contributions of 19th-century British politician-author Benjamin Disraeli.

When faced with an embarrassment of literary riches of this sort, it would seem depressingly provincial for *Eye On Arts* to restrict itself to mentioning only Jewish authors or only writers that explore Judaic themes. Julian Barnes, Nadine Gordimer, Katherine Govier, W.P. Kinsella, Ursula K. Le Guin, Alison Lurie and Joyce Carol Oates are among many other literary luminaries on the roster.

Evening readings are $16. Harbourfront Centre Box Office, (416) 973-4000.

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North York Poet Receives Literary Doctorate: Congratulations to Donia Blumenfeld Clenman, who leaves this week for Taipei, Taiwan, to attend the 15th World Congress of Arts and Culture, which is conferring upon her a Litt.D — an honorary literary degree. A Polish-born Holocaust survivor, Clenman has written many books of poetry and books for children, including *I Dream In English Too*, the work for which she is perhaps best known. Last year she came in second for the Israeli Poetry Peace Prize. She adopted the name Blumenfeld, her mother's maiden name, in commemoration of family members lost in the Holocaust.

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Toronto Artist Wins More Recognition: Leon Zernitsky, a Belarus-born artist who came to Canada four years ago, received news last week that he has won two awards from the graphics magazine, *Applied Arts*. The magazine ran an international competition for illustrations in numerous categories and Zernitsky, who draws illustrations for business magazines, won in the categories of self-promotion and finest unpublished illustration. As a prize, his name is published in a special edition of the magazine which goes out to art buyers.

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New *Parchment* Released: The third annual issue of *Parchment*, Canada's national anthology of Jewish writing, recently appeared. It features 124 pages of the fiction and poetry of Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, Robyn Sarah, Simcha Simchovitch, J.J. Steinfeld and other writers. Available for $12 ($20 for two years) from *Parchment*, 445 Hamilton Road, London, Ont., N5Z 1S2. Subscribers include Saul Bellow, Irving Layton, Elie Wiesel and Cynthia Ozick.

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Sale & Open House at Leah Posluns: The Leah Posluns Theatre and the North JCC offer theatre lovers a bird's eye view of backstage life with guided theatre tours and plenty of other theatre-oriented events, Sunday Sept. 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Here is a solid day of good family fun. Activities include creative drama workshops, roaming clowns, thespian performers, a petting zoo and face-painting.

As well, a farmers market is planned, offering corn, apples, tomatoes, baked goods and more. A planned Street Sale will offer hand-crafted items, clothing, specialty foods, jewellery. All proceeds go directly to Leah Posluns Theatre's special projects. Admission is free.

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At the Koffler Gallery: Two interesting projects are coming to this gallery at 4588 Bathurst St., Willowdale. The Quilt Project involves the efforts of more than 100 female artists from across Canada, and makes reference to the history of quilting as a "subversive" activity and a means by which women have documented their lives and histories. It is presented in collaboration with the Women's Art Resource Centre of Toronto. The Succah Project is a three-dimensional structure designed by Toronto architects Guela Solow and Susan Spiegel.

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335 UNVEILINGS

Wasserman
The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late Nathan Wasserman will take place Sunday August 28 at 12p.m. at Mount Sinai Memorial Park (986 Wilson Ave.) Tiba Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Cohen
The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late Melvin Roy Cohen will take place at Mount Sinai Cemetery, on Wilson Ave. Canadian Hebrew Benevolent Society Section Sunday Aug. 28th 1:30 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Goldmacher
The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late Pauline Rachel Goldmacher will take place Sunday August 28th at 11:30 a.m. at Mount Sinai Memorial Park, Pride of Israel Section. Relatives and friends are invited

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
PETER LEVINE ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 28th
10:30 a.m.
Roselawn Cemetery
(Roselawn, east of Bathurst)
Shaarei Tzedec Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
David Markovitch ז"ל
loving husband, father & grandfather
will take place
Sunday, August 28th, at 11:00 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
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Stashiver Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late beloved
Helen Skrobacky ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 28th
10:00 a.m.
Dawes Road Cemetery
Hebrew Sick Benefit Society Section 108
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
HELEN STROLL ז"ל
beloved sister of Morris Kornbloom
will take place
Sunday, August 28th
1:00 p.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Adath Israel Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Ernest Gruenwald ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 28th
11:30 a.m.
Pardes Sholom Cemetery
Habonim Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
HERMAN FRIED ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 28th
11:00 a.m.
Lambton Hills Cemetery
(Royal York Rd. between Eglinton & Dundas)
Beth Jacob Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of
Alexander Berger ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 28th
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